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# H. R. 3715

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for territories of the United States.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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Incorporation for territories of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.**

4 (a) FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.—

5 (1) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

6 (A) the United Nations General Assembly  
7 has declared the 1990's to be the International  
8 Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism;

1 (B) the United States is one of the remain-  
2 ing administering powers responsible for the  
3 evolution of self-government in territories;

4 (C) a territory may be considered  
5 decolonized once incorporated into an admin-  
6 istering power consistent with a freely expressed  
7 act of self-determination of the people of the  
8 territory;

9 (D) nearly 4,000,000 United States citi-  
10 zens live in unincorporated territories in which  
11 the United States Constitution has not been ex-  
12 tended in full; and

13 (E) the citizenship of residents born in the  
14 unincorporated United States territories is of a  
15 subordinated nature without equal protection,  
16 rights, and responsibilities of those born in the  
17 several States.

18 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to  
19 provide for a process to enable the people of any  
20 United States territory to become self-governing  
21 with constitutional rights and responsibilities equal  
22 to those of the citizens in the several States, through  
23 consultation and working with the United States.

24 (b) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Before the period ending  
25 on December 31, 1998, a territory of the United States

1 may develop, in consultation with the United States, and  
2 submit to the Congress proposed Articles of Incorporation,  
3 which shall include measures that lead to the political  
4 empowerment of the United States citizens of the terri-  
5 tory.

6 (c) APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL REPRESENTA-  
7 TIVES.—At the request of a government of a territory of  
8 the United States to discuss incorporation with the United  
9 States of America, the President of the United States and  
10 the Governor of the requesting territory may designate  
11 special representatives to consult and develop in good  
12 faith, Articles of Incorporation, with the United States.

13 (d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The proposed Arti-  
14 cles of Incorporation and accompanying report of the con-  
15 sultations shall be transmitted to the United States Con-  
16 gress within one year after the appointment of the special  
17 representatives, but not later than December 31, 1998.

18 (e) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term  
19 “territory of the United States” includes the Territory of  
20 American Samoa, the Territory of Guam, the Common-  
21 wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Common-  
22 wealth of Puerto Rico, and the Territory of the United  
23 States Virgin Islands.

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