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H. R. 5081

To provide for a demonstration project by Federal Prison Industries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 1994

Mr. HUGHES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Industries.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SEC. . PRISON INDUSTRIES DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 1761 of

5 title 18, United States Code—

6 (1) Federal Prison Industries shall, not later

7 than December 1, 1995, establish a demonstration

8 project in which prisoners are paid wages at rates,

9 not less than the Federal minimum wage applicable

10 for similar work done by free labor, to engage in the

11 production of goods, of a type currently made pri-

1   marily in foreign countries, which may be sold do-

2   mestically to the general public at market prices;

3   and

4   (2) the Director of the Bureau of Prisons may

5   deduct from any wages paid to a prisoner that is

6   equal to or in excess of the legal minimum wage

7   paid to free laborers engaged in the same sort of

8   work at the place where the prisoner's work is done

9   an amount, not to exceed 80 percent of the wages,

10   the Director determines will defray the costs to the

11   United States associated with the imprisonment of

12   that prisoner.

13   (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than two

14 years after the demonstration project under subsection (a)

15 is begun, Federal Prison Industries and the Director of

16 the Bureau of Prisons shall jointly report to Congress on

17 the demonstration project, including a description of its

18 economic viability, and make recommendations as to

19 whether such project should be continued or expanded.

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