

103D CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 54

To establish radio broadcasts to the peoples of Asia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BENTLEY (for herself and Mr. PORTER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To establish radio broadcasts to the peoples of Asia.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Radio Free Asia Act
5 of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. RADIO BROADCASTING TO ASIA.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Board for International
8 Broadcasting Act of 1973 (22 U.S.C. 2871, et seq.; here-
9 inafter in this Act referred to as “the Act”) is amended
10 by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

1 “RADIO BROADCASTING TO ASIA

2 “SEC. 15. Funds made available to RFE/RL, Incor-
3 porated, under this Act may be used for radio broadcast-
4 ing to the peoples of Asia, particularly the people of the
5 People’s Republic of China, Burma, Cambodia, Laos,
6 North Korea, Tibet, and Vietnam. Such broadcasts shall
7 be designated ‘Radio Free Asia’.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Act is amend-
9 ed in paragraph (5) of section 2 by inserting “Asia,” after
10 “Eastern Europe,”.

11 **SEC. 3. MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL**
12 **BROADCASTING.**

13 (a) COMPOSITION OF BOARD.—Section 3(b)(1) of the
14 Act is amended—

15 (1) in the first sentence by striking “ten” and
16 inserting “twelve”;

17 (2) in the second sentence by striking “nine”
18 and inserting “eleven”; and

19 (3) in the third sentence by striking “five” and
20 inserting “six”.

21 (b) SELECTION.—Section 3(b)(2) of the Act is
22 amended by adding at the end thereof “The two additional
23 members of the Board who are provided for by the Radio
24 Free Asia Act of 1993 shall be selected by the President.”.

1 (c) TERM OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIALLY AP-
2 POINTED MEMBERS.—Section 3(b)(3) of the Act is
3 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
4 sentence: “The term of office of the individuals initially
5 appointed as the two additional voting members of the
6 Board who are provided for by the Radio Free Asia Act
7 of 1993 shall be two or three years (as designated by the
8 President at the time of their appointment).”.

9 **SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**
10 **TIONS.**

11 Section 8 of the Act is amended by adding at the
12 end thereof the following new subsection:

13 “(d) In addition to such amounts as are authorized
14 to be appropriated under subsection (a), there are author-
15 ized to be appropriated \$30,000,000 to carry out section
16 15 of this Act for fiscal year 1994.”.

17 **SEC. 5. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

18 (a) REPORT REGARDING GEOGRAPHIC EXPANSION
19 OF BROADCASTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Board for International
21 Broadcasting shall prepare and submit to the Congress
22 a report concerning the desirability of the geographic ex-
23 pansion of broadcasts funded through the Board, particu-
24 larly to the peoples of Africa and the Middle East.

1 (b) REPORT REGARDING BROADCASTING TO ASIA.—
2 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
3 of this Act, the Board for International Broadcasting shall
4 prepare and submit to the Congress a comprehensive re-
5 port concerning implementation of authority for broad-
6 casting to Asia under section 15 of the Board for Inter-
7 national Broadcasting Act of 1973. Such report shall con-
8 sider the feasibility of constructing a Radio Free Asia
9 transmitting facility in any State, territory, or possession
10 of the United States, or state in free association with the
11 United States, located in the Pacific Ocean. In considering
12 the feasibility of any such transmitting facility, the Board
13 shall take into account the environmental impact of such
14 potential site.

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