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To provide for the negotiation of bilateral prisoner transfer treaties with foreign countries and to provide for the training in the United States of border patrol and customs service personnel from foreign countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HORN (for himself, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BEILENSON, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, and Mr. SHAYS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations and, in addition, to the Committees on the Judiciary and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for the negotiation of bilateral prisoner transfer treaties with foreign countries and to provide for the training in the United States of border patrol and customs service personnel from foreign countries.

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 “Criminal Alien Trans-
5 fer and Border Enforcement Act of 1995”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to relieve overcrowding in
3 Federal and State prisons and costs borne by American
4 taxpayers by providing for the transfer of aliens unlawfully
5 in the United States who have been convicted of commit-
6 ting crimes in the United States to their native countries
7 to be incarcerated for the duration of their sentences.

8 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

9 The Congress makes the following findings:

10 (1) The cost of incarcerating an alien unlaw-
11 fully in the United States in a Federal or State pris-
12 on averages \$20,803 per year.

13 (2) There are approximately 58,000 aliens con-
14 victed of crimes incarcerated in United States pris-
15 ons, including 41,000 aliens in State prisons and
16 17,000 aliens in Federal prisons.

17 (3) Many of these aliens convicted of crimes are
18 also unlawfully in the United States, but the Immi-
19 gration and Naturalization Service does not have
20 exact data on how many.

21 (4) The combined cost to Federal and State
22 governments for the incarceration of such criminal
23 aliens is approximately \$1,200,000,000, including—

24 (A) for State governments, \$760,000,000;

25 and

1 (B) for the Federal Government,
2 \$440,000,000.

3 **SEC. 4. PRISONER TRANSFER TREATIES.**

4 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
5 of this Act, the President should begin to negotiate and
6 renegotiate bilateral prisoner transfer treaties. The focus
7 of such negotiations shall be to expedite the transfer of
8 aliens unlawfully in the United States who are incarcer-
9 ated in United States prisons, to ensure that a transferred
10 prisoner serves the balance of the sentence imposed by the
11 United States courts, and to eliminate any requirement
12 of prisoner consent to such a transfer.

13 **SEC. 5. CERTIFICATION.**

14 The President shall certify whether each prisoner
15 transfer treaty is effective in returning aliens unlawfully
16 in the United States who are incarcerated in the United
17 States to their country of citizenship.

18 **SEC. 6. TRAINING OF BORDER PATROL AND CUSTOMS PER-**

19 **SONNEL FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

20 Subject to a certification under section 5, the Presi-
21 dent shall direct the Border Patrol Academy and the Cus-
22 toms Service Academy to enroll for training certain for-
23 eign law enforcement personnel. The President shall make
24 appointments of foreign law enforcement personnel to

1 such academies to enhance the following United States law
2 enforcement goals:

3 (1) Drug interdiction and other cross-border
4 criminal activity.

5 (2) Preventing illegal immigration.

6 (3) Preventing the illegal entry of goods into
7 the United States (including goods the sale of which
8 is illegal in the United States, the entry of which
9 would cause a quota to be exceeded, or goods which
10 have not paid the appropriate duty or tariff).

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