

***In the Senate of the United States,***

*February 7, 2002.*

*Resolved,* That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2998) entitled “An Act to authorize the establishment of Radio Free Afghanistan.”, do pass with the following

**AMENDMENT:**

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Radio Free Afghanistan*

3 *Act”.*

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF RADIO FREE AFGHANISTAN.**

2 (a) *REQUIREMENT OF A DETAILED PLAN.*—Not later  
3 than 15 days after the date of enactment of this Act, RFE/  
4 RL, Incorporated, shall submit to the Broadcasting Board  
5 of Governors a report setting forth a detailed plan for the  
6 provision by RFE/RL, Incorporated, of surrogate broad-  
7 casting services in the Dari and Pashto languages to Af-  
8 ghanistan. Such broadcasting services shall be known as  
9 “Radio Free Afghanistan”.

10 (b) *GRANT AUTHORITY.*—

11 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Effective 15 days after the  
12 date of enactment of this Act, or the date on which  
13 the report required by subsection (a) is submitted,  
14 whichever is later, the Broadcasting Board of Gov-  
15 ernors is authorized to make grants to support Radio  
16 Free Afghanistan.

17 (2) *SUPERSEDES EXISTING LIMITATION ON*  
18 *TOTAL ANNUAL GRANT AMOUNTS.*—Grants made to  
19 RFE/RL, Incorporated, during the fiscal year 2002  
20 for support of Radio Free Afghanistan may be made  
21 without regard to section 308(c) of the United States  
22 International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C.  
23 6207(c)).

24 (c) *AVAILABLE AUTHORITIES.*—In addition to the au-  
25 thorities in this Act, the authorities applicable to carry out  
26 United States Government broadcasting activities under the

1 *United States Information and Educational Exchange Act*  
2 *of 1948, the United States International Broadcasting Act*  
3 *of 1994, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act*  
4 *of 1998, and other provisions of law consistent with such*  
5 *purpose may be used to carry out the grant authority of*  
6 *subsection (b).*

7 (d) *STANDARDS; OVERSIGHT.—Radio Free Afghani-*  
8 *stan shall adhere to the same standards of professionalism*  
9 *and accountability, and shall be subject to the same over-*  
10 *sight mechanisms, as other services of RFE/RL, Incor-*  
11 *porated.*

12 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 (a) *IN GENERAL.—In addition to such amounts as are*  
14 *otherwise available for such purposes, the following amounts*  
15 *are authorized to be appropriated to carry out United*  
16 *States Government broadcasting activities under the United*  
17 *States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948,*  
18 *the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994,*  
19 *the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998,*  
20 *and this Act, and to carry out other authorities in law con-*  
21 *sistent with such purposes:*

22 (1) *For “International Broadcasting Oper-*  
23 *ations”, \$8,000,000 for the fiscal year 2002.*

24 (2) *For “Broadcasting Capital Improvements”,*  
25 *\$9,000,000 for the fiscal year 2002.*

1       **(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**—*Amounts appropriated*  
2 *pursuant to subsection (a) are authorized to remain avail-*  
3 *able until expended.*

4 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF BAN ON UNITED STATES TRANSMITTER**  
5 **IN KUWAIT.**

6       *Section 226 of the Foreign Relations Authorization*  
7 *Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (Public Law 103–236; 108*  
8 *Stat. 423), is repealed.*

Attest:

*Secretary.*

107TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R. 2998**

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**AMENDMENT**