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H. R. 2998

To authorize the establishment of Radio Free Afghanistan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 2, 2001

Mr. ROYCE (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. LEACH, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. KIRK, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. PITTS, and Mr. HOEFFEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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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 Afghani-
5 stan Act of 2001”.

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

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Broadcasting Board of
8 Governors is authorized to make grants for surrogate
9 radio broadcasting by RFE/RL, Incorporated (formerly
10 known as Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty) to the people

1 of Afghanistan in languages spoken in Afghanistan, such
2 broadcasts to be designated “Radio Free Afghanistan”.

3 (b) SUBMISSION OF PLAN TO BROADCASTING BOARD
4 OF GOVERNORS.—Not later than 15 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, RFE/RL, Incorporated, shall
6 submit to the Broadcasting Board of Governors a detailed
7 plan for the establishment of the surrogate radio broad-
8 casting described in subsection (a).

9 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

10 (1) FISCAL YEARS 2002 AND 2003.—In addition
11 to such sums as are authorized to be appropriated
12 for each of the fiscal years 2002 and 2003 for
13 “International Broadcasting Operations”,
14 \$8,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for the
15 fiscal year 2002 and \$6,000,000 is authorized to be
16 appropriated for the fiscal year 2003 for “Inter-
17 national Broadcasting Operations” to be available
18 only for the surrogate radio broadcasting described
19 in subsection (a).

20 (2) TRANSMITTER.—Of the amounts authorized
21 to be appropriated by paragraph (1) for the fiscal
22 year 2002, \$1,500,000 shall be available only for a
23 new transmitter for the surrogate radio broadcasting
24 described in subsection (a).

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