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H. R. 3985

To authorize appropriations for the International Child Pornography Investigation and Coordination Center of the Customs Service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMPSON (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. LOFGREN, Mr. FOLEY, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. FROST, Mr. REYES, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. WYNN, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. CALVERT, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. FURSE, and Mr. ROTHMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To authorize appropriations for the International Child Pornography Investigation and Coordination Center of the Customs Service.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Child pornography, a worldwide industry
6 that was all but eradicated in the 1980's, has resur-

1 faced with a vengeance, because of computer tech-
2 nology.

3 (2) This illegal activity has flourished on the
4 Internet, with child pornography traded freely in
5 chat rooms, news groups, and private e-mail.

6 (3) Pedophiles, child molesters, and other pur-
7 veyors of child pornography now have instant access
8 to explicit photos in the privacy of their own homes
9 and offices.

10 (4) Pursuant to the Child Protection Act of
11 1984, the Customs Service created its first anti-child
12 pornography program in 1985, which provides ad-
13 ministrative, programmatic, and operational support
14 to all field offices and attachés of the Customs Serv-
15 ice.

16 (5) Although the efforts of the Customs Service
17 in keeping hard copy print and video child pornog-
18 raphy from entering the United States have been
19 largely successful, the computer has increasingly be-
20 come the venue of choice for pedophiles, child mo-
21 lesters, and other purveyors of child pornography to
22 gain wider, easier, and safer access to child pornog-
23 raphy and to children.

24 (6) To further combat both traditional and
25 computer-based forms of child pornography and ex-

1 exploitation, the Commissioner of Customs established
2 the Customs Service International Child Pornog-
3 raphy Investigation and Coordination Center
4 (ICPICC), the primary objectives of which are to
5 provide guidance and support to the field in the in-
6 vestigation of complex cases involving child pornog-
7 raphy violations and to coordinate the international
8 efforts of the Customs Service to combat child por-
9 nography and train foreign law enforcement officials.
10 The functions of the Center are—

11 (A) to design and maintain computer data
12 bases for the compilation and analysis of intel-
13 ligence related to child pornography;

14 (B) to act as the central processing point
15 for the coordination and dissemination of all do-
16 mestic and foreign intelligence information from
17 the Customs Service and other agencies and en-
18 tities relating to child pornography investiga-
19 tions, including developing and coordinating
20 special projects to obtain intelligence on child
21 pornography;

22 (C) to develop and operate proactive un-
23 dercover operations and provide information
24 and evidence to the field for investigation;

1 (D) to act as the central coordinating point
2 for all child pornography undercover operations
3 and initiatives in the field to maximize use of
4 scarce resources and eliminate duplication of ef-
5 fort;

6 (E) to assist the training academy of the
7 Customs Service in the development of training
8 courses in child pornography investigations; and

9 (F) to conduct an aggressive public aware-
10 ness campaign to educate the public, the press,
11 and the worldwide law enforcement community
12 about the role of the Customs Service in inves-
13 tigating child exploitation and trafficking of
14 child pornography.

15 (7) Additional funding is required for the
16 ICPICC to effectively perform its functions.

17 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR INTER-**
18 **NATIONAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY INVESTIGA-**
19 **TION AND COORDINATION CENTER.**

20 There are authorized to be appropriated for the Inter-
21 national Child Pornography Investigation and Coordina-
22 tion Center of the United States Customs Service, estab-
23 lished in April 1996, \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal
24 years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

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