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To ensure the transparency of International Monetary Fund operations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. FAIRCLOTH) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To ensure the transparency of International Monetary Fund
operations.

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 “IMF Transparency and
5 Efficiency Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. DENIAL OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE INTER-**
2 **NATIONAL MONETARY FUND IF ITS OPER-**
3 **ATIONS ARE NOT MADE MORE TRANS-**
4 **PARENT.**

5 Title XV of the International Financial Institutions
6 Act (22 U.S.C. 2620–2620–1) is amended by adding at
7 the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 1503. DENIAL OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE INTER-**
9 **NATIONAL MONETARY FUND IF ITS OPER-**
10 **ATIONS ARE NOT MADE MORE TRANS-**
11 **PARENT.**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An officer, employee, or agent
13 of the United States may not, directly or indirectly, pro-
14 vide Federal funds to, or for the benefit of the Inter-
15 national Monetary Fund unless—

16 “(1) there is in effect a written certification,
17 made by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Com-
18 mittee on Banking and Financial Services of the
19 House of Representatives and the Committee on
20 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate,
21 that the International Monetary Fund has met the
22 requirements of subsection (b); and

23 “(2) the Congress has enacted a joint resolution
24 approving the certification.

25 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements of this sub-
26 section are the following:

1 “(1) Within 3 months after any meeting of the
2 Board of Governors or the Executive Board of the
3 International Monetary Fund, an edited copy of the
4 minutes of the meeting shall be made available for
5 public inspection, with the following information re-
6 dacted:

7 “(A) Information which, if released, would
8 adversely affect the national security of a coun-
9 try, and which is of the type that would be clas-
10 sified by the United States Government.

11 “(B) Information which, if released, would
12 disrupt markets.

13 “(C) Proprietary information.

14 “(2) Within 3 months after the staff of the
15 International Monetary Fund makes a loan docu-
16 ment, written review, program document, or assess-
17 ment of any proposed or ongoing loan program of
18 the International Monetary Fund, a copy of the re-
19 view, document, or assessment, and all related and
20 supporting materials, shall be made available for
21 public inspection, with the following information re-
22 dacted:

23 “(A) Information which, if released, would
24 adversely affect the national security of a coun-

1 try, and which is of the type that would be clas-
2 sified by the United States Government.

3 “(B) Information which, if released, would
4 disrupt markets.

5 “(C) Proprietary information.

6 “(3) Not later than 18 months after the date
7 of enactment of this section:

8 “(A) The International Monetary Fund
9 shall establish an independent advisory board to
10 review the research, operations, and loan pro-
11 grams of the International Monetary Fund.

12 “(B) The legislature of each country which
13 is represented on the Executive Board of the
14 International Monetary Fund shall each appoint
15 to the advisory board 1 individual with exper-
16 tise in private sector finance gained in the pri-
17 vate sector or in academia.

18 “(C) The advisory board shall issue annual
19 reports summarizing its activities, which shall
20 be available immediately for public inspection.

21 “(4) The annual rate at which the International
22 Monetary Fund charges interest on loans made after
23 the date of enactment of this section shall be com-
24 parable to the average annual rate of interest in fi-

1 nancial markets for loans of comparable maturity,
2 adjusted for risk.

3 “(c) EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF CERTIFICATION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
5 graph (2), certification made under this section shall
6 cease to be in effect 1 year after the date the certifi-
7 cation is made.

8 “(2) REVOCATION.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A certification made
10 under this section shall cease to be in effect if
11 the Secretary of the Treasury revokes the cer-
12 tification.

13 “(B) CAUSE FOR REVOCATION.—The Sec-
14 retary of the Treasury shall revoke a certifi-
15 cation made under this section if the Secretary
16 of the Treasury is made aware that the Inter-
17 national Monetary Fund has ceased to meet a
18 requirement of subsection (b).”.

19 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20 This Act shall take effect 6 months after the date
21 of enactment of this Act.

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