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H. R. 3707

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29, 2000

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

AN ACT

To authorize funds for the construction of a facility in Taipei, Taiwan suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “American Institute in
3 Taiwan Facilities Enhancement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds that—

6 (1) in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (22
7 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), the Congress established the
8 American Institute in Taiwan (hereafter in this Act
9 referred to as “AIT”), a nonprofit corporation incor-
10 porated in the District of Columbia, to carry out on
11 behalf of the United States Government any and all
12 programs, transactions, and other relations with
13 Taiwan;

14 (2) the Congress has recognized AIT for the
15 successful role it has played in sustaining and en-
16 hancing United States relations with Taiwan;

17 (3) the Taipei office of AIT is housed in build-
18 ings which were not originally designed for the im-
19 portant functions that AIT performs, whose location
20 does not provide adequate security for its employees,
21 and which, because they are almost 50 years old,
22 have become increasingly expensive to maintain;

23 (4) the aging state of the AIT office building in
24 Taipei is neither conducive to the safety and welfare
25 of AIT’s American and local employees nor commen-

1 surate with the level of contact that exists between
2 the United States and Taiwan;

3 (5) because of the unofficial character of United
4 States relations with Taiwan, the Department of
5 State is not responsible for funding the construction
6 of a new office building for the Taipei office of AIT;

7 (6) AIT has made a good faith effort to set
8 aside funds for the construction of a new office
9 building, but these funds will be insufficient to con-
10 struct a building that is large and secure enough to
11 meet AIT's current and future needs; and

12 (7) because the Congress established AIT and
13 has a strong interest in United States relations with
14 Taiwan, the Congress has a special responsibility to
15 ensure that AIT's requirements for safe and appro-
16 priate office quarters are met.

17 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
19 authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$75,000,000 to
20 AIT—

21 (1) for plans for a new facility and, if nec-
22 essary, residences or other structures located in close
23 physical proximity to such facility, in Taipei, Tai-
24 wan, for AIT to carry out its purposes under the
25 Taiwan Relations Act; and

1 (2) for acquisition by purchase or construction
2 of such facility, residences, or other structures.

3 (b) LIMITATIONS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to
4 subsection (a) may only be used if the new facility de-
5 scribed in that subsection meets all requirements applica-
6 ble to the security of United States diplomatic facilities,
7 including the requirements in the Omnibus Diplomatic Se-
8 curity and Anti-Terrorism Act of 1986 (22 U.S.C. 4801
9 et seq.) and the Secure Embassy Construction and
10 Counterterrorism Act of 1999 (as enacted by section
11 1000(a)(7) of Public Law 106–113; 113 Stat 1501A–
12 451), except for those requirements which the Director of
13 AIT certifies to the Committee on International Relations
14 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
15 Foreign Relations of the Senate are not applicable on ac-
16 count of the special status of AIT.

17 (c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-
18 priated pursuant to subsection (a) are authorized to re-
19 main available until expended.

 Passed the House of Representatives March 28,
2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.