

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

*May 9, 2001.*

*Resolved,* That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 428) entitled “An Act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.”, do pass with the following

**AMENDMENT:**

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN***  
2 ***IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION***  
3 ***(WHO).***

4 *(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following*  
5 *findings:*

6 *(1) Good health is important to every citizen of*  
7 *the world and access to the highest standards of health*  
8 *information and services is necessary to improve the*  
9 *public health.*

10 *(2) Direct and unobstructed participation in*  
11 *international health cooperation forums and pro-*

1 *grams is beneficial for all parts of the world, espe-*  
2 *cially with today's greater potential for the cross-bor-*  
3 *der spread of various infectious diseases such as the*  
4 *human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis,*  
5 *and malaria.*

6 *(3) Taiwan's population of 23,500,000 people is*  
7 *larger than that of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the member states already*  
8 *in the World Health Organization (WHO).*

9 *(4) Taiwan's achievements in the field of health*  
10 *are substantial, including one of the highest life ex-*  
11 *pectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mor-*  
12 *tality rates comparable to those of western countries,*  
13 *the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera,*  
14 *smallpox, and the plague, and the first to eradicate*  
15 *polio and provide children with hepatitis B vaccina-*  
16 *tions.*

17 *(5) The United States Centers for Disease Con-*  
18 *trol and Prevention and its Taiwan counterpart*  
19 *agencies have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide*  
20 *range of public health issues.*

21 *(6) In recent years Taiwan has expressed a will-*  
22 *ingness to assist financially and technically in inter-*  
23 *national aid and health activities supported by the*  
24 *WHO.*

1           (7) *On January 14, 2001, an earthquake, reg-*  
2           *istering between 7.6 and 7.9 on the Richter scale,*  
3           *struck El Salvador. In response, the Taiwanese gov-*  
4           *ernment sent 2 rescue teams, consisting of 90 individ-*  
5           *uals specializing in firefighting, medicine, and civil*  
6           *engineering. The Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Af-*  
7           *airs also donated \$200,000 in relief aid to the Salva-*  
8           *doran Government.*

9           (8) *The World Health Assembly has allowed ob-*  
10          *servers to participate in the activities of the organiza-*  
11          *tion, including the Palestine Liberation Organization*  
12          *in 1974, the Order of Malta, and the Holy See in the*  
13          *early 1950's.*

14          (9) *The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Pol-*  
15          *icy Review, declared its intention to support Tai-*  
16          *wan's participation in appropriate international or-*  
17          *ganizations.*

18          (10) *Public Law 106–137 required the Secretary*  
19          *of State to submit a report to the Congress on efforts*  
20          *by the executive branch to support Taiwan's partici-*  
21          *ipation in international organizations, in particular*  
22          *the WHO.*

23          (11) *In light of all benefits that Taiwan's par-*  
24          *ticipation in the WHO can bring to the state of*  
25          *health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and*

1       *globally, Taiwan and its 23,500,000 people should*  
2       *have appropriate and meaningful participation in*  
3       *the WHO.*

4       **(b) PLAN.**—*The Secretary of State is authorized—*

5               *(1) to initiate a United States plan to endorse*  
6       *and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual*  
7       *week-long summit of the World Health Assembly in*  
8       *May 2001 in Geneva, Switzerland; and*

9               *(2) to instruct the United States delegation to*  
10       *Geneva to implement that plan.*

11       **(c) REPORT.**—*Not later than 14 days after the date*  
12       *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall*  
13       *submit a written report to the Congress in unclassified form*  
14       *containing the plan authorized under subsection (b).*

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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**AMENDMENT**