

Murtha	Roemer	Stupak
Nadler	Rothman	Tanner
Neal	Roybal-Allard	Tauscher
Oberstar	Rush	Taylor (MS)
Obey	Sabo	Thompson
Olver	Sanchez	Thurman
Ortiz	Sanders	Tierney
Owens	Sandlin	Torres
Pallone	Sawyer	Towns
Pascarell	Scott	Turner
Pastor	Serrano	Velazquez
Payne	Sherman	Vento
Pelosi	Sisisky	Visclosky
Peterson (MN)	Skaggs	Waters
Pickett	Skelton	Watt (NC)
Pomeroy	Slaughter	Waxman
Poshard	Smith, Adam	Wexler
Price (NC)	Snyder	Weygand
Rahall	Spratt	Wise
Rangel	Stabenow	Woolsey
Reyes	Stark	Wynn
Rivers	Stenholm	
Rodriguez	Strickland	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—20

Ackerman	Gillmor	Schiff
Bono	Gonzalez	Schumer
Condit	Hoekstra	Stearns
Conyers	Klecza	Stokes
Cubin	Klug	Taylor (NC)
Flake	McDermott	Yates
Foglietta	Riley	

So the motion to lay the resolution on the table was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said motion was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

130.8 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES NOTICE

Mr. BEREUTER, pursuant to section 2 of House Resolution 305, at 2:55 p.m. announced the following correction in the bills of the foregoing announcement that the Speaker will recognize Members for motions to suspend the rules under clause 2 of rule XXVII: H.R. 867, instead of H.R. 861.

130.9 INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTS TO CHINA

Mr. ROYCE, pursuant to House Resolution 302, called up the bill (H.R. 2232) to provide for increased international broadcasting activities to China.

When said bill was considered and read twice.

Pursuant to House Resolution 302, the following amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations printed in the bill was considered as agreed to:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Radio Free Asia Act of 1997".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress makes the following findings: (1) The Government of the People's Republic of China systematically controls the flow of information to the Chinese people.

(2) The Government of the People's Republic of China demonstrated that maintaining its monopoly on political power is a higher priority than economic development by announcing in January 1996 that its official news agency Xinhua, will supervise wire services selling economic information, including Dow Jones-Telerate, Bloomberg, and Reuters Business, and in announcing in February of 1996 the "Interim Internet Management Rules", which have the effect of censoring computer networks.

(3) Under the May 30, 1997, order of Premier Li Peng, all organizations that engage in business activities related to international computer networking must now apply for a license, increasing still further government control over access to the internet.

(4) Both Radio Free Asia and the Voice of America, as a surrogate for a free press in the People's Republic of China, provide an invaluable source of uncensored information to the Chinese people, including objective and authoritative news of in-country and regional events, as well as accurate news about the United States and its policies.

(5) Radio Free Asia currently broadcasts only 5 hours a day in the Mandarin dialect and 2 hours a day in Tibetan.

(6) Voice of America currently broadcasts only 10 hours a day in Mandarin and 3½ hours a day in Tibetan.

(7) Radio Free Asia and Voice of America should develop 24-hour-a-day service in Mandarin, Cantonese, and Tibetan, as well as further broadcasting capability in the dialects spoken in the People's Republic of China.

(8) Radio Free Asia and Voice of America, in working toward continuously broadcasting to the People's Republic of China in multiple languages, have the capability to immediately establish 24-hour-a-day Mandarin broadcasting to that nation by staggering the hours of Radio Free Asia and Voice of America.

(9) Simultaneous broadcasting on Voice of America radio and Worldnet television 7 days a week in Mandarin are also important and needed capabilities.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR INCREASED FUNDING FOR RADIO FREE ASIA AND VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTING TO CHINA.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RADIO FREE ASIA—

(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for "Radio Free Asia" \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and \$22,000,000 for fiscal year 1999.

(2) LIMITATIONS.—

(A) Of the funds under paragraph (1) authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1998, \$8,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for one-time capital costs.

(B) Of the funds under paragraph (1), \$700,000 is authorized to be appropriated for each such fiscal year for additional personnel to staff Cantonese language broadcasting.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING TO CHINA AND NORTH KOREA.—In addition to such sums as are otherwise authorized to be appropriated for "International Broadcasting Activities" for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, there are authorized to be appropriated for "International Broadcasting Activities" \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, which shall be available only for enhanced Voice of America broadcasting to China and North Korea.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR RADIO CONSTRUCTION.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to such sums as are otherwise authorized to be appropriated for "Radio Construction" for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, there are authorized to be appropriated for "Radio Construction" \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1998 and \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, which shall be available only for construction in support of enhanced broadcasting to China.

(2) LIMITATION.—Of the funds under paragraph (1) authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1998, \$3,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated to facilitate the timely augmentation of transmitters at Tinian, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(d) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for "International

Broadcasting Activities", the Director of the United States Information Agency and the Board of Broadcasting Governors shall seek to ensure that the amounts made available for broadcasting to nations whose people do not fully enjoy freedom of expression do not decline in proportion to the amounts made available for broadcasting to other nations.

(e) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR NORTH KOREA.—Of the funds under subsection (b), \$2,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year for additional personnel and broadcasting targeted at North Korea.

SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, in consultation with the Board of Broadcasting Governors, the President shall prepare and transmit to Congress a report on a plan to achieve continuous broadcasting of Radio Free Asia and Voice of America to the People's Republic of China in multiple major dialects and languages.

SEC. 5. UTILIZATION OF UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING SERVICES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING FUGITIVES FROM UNITED STATES JUSTICE.

United States international broadcasting services, particularly the Voice of America, shall produce and broadcast public service announcements, by radio, television, and Internet, regarding fugitives from the criminal justice system of the United States, including cases of international child abduction.

After debate,

Pursuant to House Resolution 302, the previous question was ordered.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. ROYCE demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the question of passage of said bill were postponed.

130.10 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 9, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable CONSTANCE A. MORELLA to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions for the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

By unanimous consent, the designation was accepted.

130.11 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. EMERSON, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows: