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House Special Committee Economic Development, Trade & Tourism

SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR HJR 50 A RESOLUTION

"Supporting the participation of Taiwan in the annual summit of the World Health Assembly.

Direct participation in international health cooperation forums and programs is crucial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases.

The United States House of Representatives passed a resolution in December 2001, urging states to push for Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly's annual conference.

Taiwan has made substantial achievements in the field of public health while demonstrating a willingness to provide technical and financial assistance to international aid and health activities supported by the World Health Organization (WHO). During the last seven years, Taiwan has contributed \$100 million to 78 countries. A WHO membership is vital to Taiwan in order to gain access to the latest information on epidemics and diseases. While Taiwan has been able to indirectly acquire health information, it is often a case of "too little, too late." One example of this were the deaths of 80 children in Taiwan in 1998. This may have been prevented with early-warning reports. To prevent such a tragedy from ever recurring, Taiwan should be allowed to participate in the WHO.

Taiwan can play a more active role in the international community by assisting other nations in developing health programs and cooperate to fulfill the WHO goal of promoting the health of mankind and a better future of the world.

Through continued communication and collaboration, participation in the WHO could bring many benefits to the state of health not only in Taiwan but also regionally and globally.

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 428

AN ACT

Concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health
Organization.

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. 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 a basic right for every citizen
7 of the world and access to the highest standards of
8 health information and services is necessary to help
9 guarantee this right.

10 (2) Direct and unobstructed participation in
11 international health cooperation forums and pro-
12 grams is therefore crucial for all parts of the world,
13 especially with today's greater potential for the
14 cross-border spread of various infectious diseases
15 such as AIDS.

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

19 (4) Taiwan's achievements in the field of health
20 are substantial, including one of the highest life ex-
21 pectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mor-
22 tality rates comparable to those of western countries,
23 the eradication of such infectious diseases as chol-
24 era, smallpox, and the plague, and the first to be rid
25 of polio and to provide children with free hepatitis
26 B vaccinations.

1 (5) The United States Centers for Disease Con-
2 trol and its Taiwan counterpart agencies have en-
3 joyed close collaboration on a wide range of public
4 health issues.

5 (6) In recent years Taiwan has expressed a will-
6 ingness to assist financially and technically in inter-
7 national aid and health activities supported by the
8 WHO.

9 (7) On January 14, 2001, an earthquake, reg-
10 istering between 7.6 and 7.9 on the Richter scale,
11 struck El Salvador. In response, the Taiwanese gov-
12 ernment sent 2 rescue teams, consisting of 90 indi-
13 viduals specializing in firefighting, medicine, and
14 civil engineering. The Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign
15 Affairs also donated \$200,000 in relief aid to the
16 Salvadoran Government.

17 (8) The World Health Assembly has allowed ob-
18 servers to participate in the activities of the organi-
19 zation, including the Palestine Liberation Organiza-
20 tion in 1974, the Order of Malta, and the Holy See
21 in the early 1950's.

22 (9) The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Pol-
23 icy Review, declared its intention to support Tai-
24 wan's participation in appropriate international or-
25 ganizations.

1 (10) Public Law 106-137 required the Sec-
2 retary of State to submit a report to the Congress
3 on efforts by the executive branch to support Tai-
4 wan's participation in international organizations, in
5 particular the WHO.

6 (11) In light of all the benefits that Taiwan's
7 participation in the WHO can bring to the state of
8 health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and
9 globally, Taiwan and its 23,500,000 people should
10 have appropriate and meaningful participation in the
11 WHO.

12 (b) PLAN.--The Secretary of State shall initiate a
13 United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status
14 for Taiwan at the annual week-long summit of the World
15 Health Assembly in May 2001 in Geneva, Switzerland,
16 and shall instruct the United States delegation to Geneva
17 to implement that plan.

18 (c) REPORT.--Not later than 14 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall

- 1 submit a written report to the Congress in unclassified
- 2 form containing the plan required under subsection (b).

Passed the House of Representatives April 24, 2001.

Attest:

Clerk.

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DOCUMENT(S)
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S. 1081

A Concurrent Resolution

Introduced by Senator Leventis, *Grise, Verdin*

TO EXPRESS THE BELIEF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEANINGFUL AND APPROPRIATE WAY IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

IN THE SENATE

DATE **FEB 28 2002**

ORDERED
ADOPTED

Introduced	_____	_____
Considered	_____	_____
Considered	_____	_____
Considered	_____	_____
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SENT TO THE HOUSE
By Order of the Senate

Jeffery Bonnett
Clerk

IN THE HOUSE

DATE **MAR 5 2002**

ORDERED
ADOPTED

Introduced	_____	_____
Considered	_____	_____
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Considered	_____	_____

CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED
and RETURNED TO SENATE
By Order of the House

Andrea P. McHenry
Clerk

MAR 6 2002

IN THE SENATE _____

House Amendments agreed to and a message sent accordingly
Concurrence of House RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

Jeffery Bonnett
Clerk

1 Whereas, the United States Centers for Disease Control and
2 Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close
3 collaboration on a wide range of public health issues; and
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5 Whereas, in recent years the Republic of China (ROC) has
6 expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically
7 international aid and health activities supported by the WHO; and
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9 Whereas, ROC's population of twenty-three million is larger than
10 that of seventy-five percent of the WHO member states; and
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12 Whereas, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to
13 participate in the activities of the organization, including the
14 Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974, the Order of Malta, and
15 the Holy See in the early 1950's and;
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17 Whereas, the United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy review,
18 declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in
19 appropriate international organizations; and
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21 Whereas, the State of South Carolina and Taiwan have maintained
22 a friendly and fruitful sister-state relationship since 1981; and
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24 Whereas, Taiwan's participation in the WHO could bring many
25 benefits to the state of health not only in Taiwan, but also
26 regionally and globally. Now, therefore,
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28 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives
29 concurring;
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31 That the members of the General Assembly express their belief
32 that the Republic of China (Taiwan) should be permitted to
33 participate in a meaningful and appropriate way in the World
34 Health Organization.
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36 Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
37 the World Health Organization.
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House of Representatives

House Resolution 1121

By: Representative Murphy of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

Commending the Republic of China (on Taiwan) on its contributions to promote world health; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, good health is essential to every citizen of the world and access to the highest standards of health information and services is necessary to improve public health; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) set forth in the first chapter of its charter the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health for all people; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague, and the first to eradicate polio and provide children with hepatitis B vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues; and

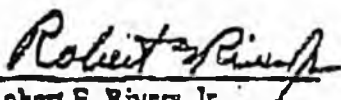
WHEREAS, in recent years the Republic of China has expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international health activities supported by the WHO; and

WHEREAS, direct, unobstructed participation in international health forums and programs is critical to limit the spread of various infectious diseases and achieve world health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the efforts of the Republic of China (on Taiwan) in support of world health are commended and best wishes are extended for its appropriate participation in the World Health Organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Maggie Tien, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.

IN HOUSE
Read and Adopted
February 14, 2002


Robert E. Rivers, Jr.
Clerk



Georgia State Senate



A RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Republic of China has expressed a willingness to assist financially and technically in international health activities supported by the WHO; and

WHEREAS, direct, unobstructed participation in international health forums and programs is critical to limit the spread of various infectious diseases and achieve world health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the efforts of the Republic of China in support of world health are commended and best wishes are extended for its appropriate participation in the World Health Organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Maggie Tien, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta.

Senate Resolution 656
By: Senator Sarr of the 44th

Adopted in the Senate February 26, 2002


PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE


SECRETARY OF THE SENATE


SENATOR, DISTRICT 44



Calendar No. 330

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R. 2739**

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 20 (legislative day, DECEMBER 18), 2001

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

MARCH 19, 2002

Reported by Mr. BIDEN, without amendment

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes.

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. AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC LAW 107-10.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 1(a) of Public Law 107-10
5 (115 Stat. 17) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

1 “(12) On May 11, 2001, President Bush stated
2 in his letter to Senator Murkowski that the United
3 States ‘should find opportunities for Taiwan’s voice
4 to be heard in international organizations in order to
5 make a contribution, even if membership is not pos-
6 sible’, further stating that his Administration ‘has
7 focused on finding concrete ways for Taiwan to ben-
8 efit and contribute to the WHO.’.

9 “(13) On May 16, 2001, as part of the United
10 States delegation to the World Health Assembly
11 meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, Secretary of Health
12 and Human Services Tommy Thompson announced
13 to the American International Club the Administra-
14 tion’s support of Taiwan’s participation in the activi-
15 ties of the WHO.”.

16 (b) PLAN.—Section 1(b)(1) of Public Law 107–10
17 (115 Stat. 17) is amended by striking “May 2001” and
18 inserting “May 2002”.

 Passed the House of Representatives December 19,
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HJR 50
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: N/A
 Title Supporting the participation of Taiwan an in the BRU _____
annual summit of the World Health Assembly Component _____
 Sponsor HRLS by request of HEDT _____
 Requester HHES Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Healt.						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: House Health, Education, and Social Services Committee
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 Approved by: Representative Fred Dyson
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