

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2890

To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to promote recognition of the human rights of people with disabilities and elimination of discrimination against such people.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 1993

Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. FISH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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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 “Disability Rights in  
5 American Foreign Policy Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

1 (1) at least 500 million people throughout the  
2 world have a disability, most of whom live in devel-  
3 oping countries;

4 (2) legal and other forms of discrimination  
5 against people with disabilities are pervasive world-  
6 wide;

7 (3) such discrimination involves not only active  
8 exclusion, but a lack of accommodations and acces-  
9 sibility that would allow participation by people with  
10 disabilities;

11 (4) discrimination against people with disabil-  
12 ities is a violation of their human rights; and

13 (5) discrimination against people with disabil-  
14 ities has not historically been addressed by existing  
15 standards of human rights employed in United  
16 States foreign policy.

17 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to pro-  
18 mote recognition of the human rights of people with dis-  
19 abilities and to promote the elimination of discrimination  
20 against such people.

21 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY.**

22 Section 502B(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of  
23 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(a)(1)) is amended by inserting  
24 “disability,” after “language,”.

1 **SEC. 4. DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WITH DISABIL-**  
2 **ITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN ANNUAL HUMAN**  
3 **RIGHTS REPORT.**

4 Section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
5 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
7 (2);

8 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
9 graph (4); and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the follow-  
11 ing:

12 “(3) discrimination toward people with disabil-  
13 ities in each foreign country which is a member of  
14 the United Nations; and”.

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