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H. R. 3737

To provide supplemental security income benefits to needy children.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MINK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Children’s Security Act
5 of 1994”.

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

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

8 (1) 14,300,000, or 1 out of every 5, children in
9 the United States live in poverty;

1 (2) an unprecedented 12,000,000 children in
2 the United States go to sleep hungry every day, un-
3 sure about when they will have their next meal;

4 (3) 100,000 children in the United States go
5 day after day without a roof over their heads;

6 (4) 10,000,000 children in the United States
7 have no health insurance;

8 (5) significant cuts in Federal programs to help
9 the poor over the last decade, coupled with economic
10 setbacks for families with children and increasing
11 child care costs for low income working parents,
12 have pushed child poverty rates back up to 1965
13 levels;

14 (6) crucial income support programs such as
15 Aid to Families with Dependent Children and unem-
16 ployment insurance have been eroded over the last
17 decade beyond their already inadequate levels; and

18 (7) proposals to further reduce support for fam-
19 ilies in poverty are receiving serious consideration at
20 the State and Federal levels.

21 (b) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—The purpose of this
22 Act is to create a safety net for children in the United
23 States, which will provide children in poverty with income
24 support in order to assure that they have adequate shelter,
25 nutrition, clothing, education, and health care.

1 **SEC. 3. SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS FOR**
2 **NEEDY CHILDREN.**

3 (a) **ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS.**—Section 1611(a) of
4 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(a)) is amended
5 in each of paragraphs (1) and (2) by inserting “, and each
6 minor,” after “Each aged, blind, or disabled individual”.

7 (b) **DEFINITION OF NEEDY CHILD.**—Section 1614 of
8 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c) is amended by adding at the
9 end the following:

10 “MINOR

11 “(g) For purposes of this title, the term ‘minor’
12 means an unmarried individual who has not attained 18
13 years of age.”.

14 (c) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section
15 1612(b)(4)(C) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1382a(b)(4)(C)) is
16 amended by inserting “or is a minor,” after “age 65”.

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