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H. R. 4336

To establish an initiative for food and other assistance for individuals in Indonesia and Southeast Asia who are affected by the Asian financial crisis.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 1998

Mr. BEREUTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF INITIATIVE FOR FOOD**
4 **AND OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS**
5 **IN INDONESIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AF-**
6 **FECTED BY THE ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF INITIATIVE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
9 United States Agency for International Develop-
10 ment, in coordination with the Secretary of Agri-

1 culture, shall establish an initiative for food and
2 other assistance for individuals in Indonesia and
3 Southeast Asia who are affected by the Asian finan-
4 cial crisis.

5 (2) CONDUCT OF FOOD SECURITY ELEMENTS
6 OF INITIATIVE.—In carrying out the food security
7 elements of the initiative described in paragraph (1),
8 the Administrator—

9 (A) shall establish, where appropriate, ag-
10 ricultural commodity distribution technical as-
11 sistance, agricultural research, extension, farm-
12 er-to-farmer, and food assistance programs; and

13 (B) shall provide assistance to nongovern-
14 mental organizations, including private vol-
15 untary organizations and cooperatives, for pro-
16 grams to provide food assistance in accordance
17 with subsection (b).

18 (b) ASSISTANCE TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZA-
19 TIONS.—

20 (1) REQUEST FOR FUNDS.—In order to receive
21 funds made available under subsection (a)(2)(B), a
22 nongovernmental organization, private voluntary or-
23 ganizations, or cooperative shall submit a request for
24 funds in accordance with section 202(e) of the Agri-

1 cultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of
2 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1722(e)).

3 (2) APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL PROCEDURES.—A
4 request for funds submitted by a nongovernmental
5 organization, private voluntary organizations, or co-
6 operative under paragraph (1) shall be approved or
7 disapproved by the Administrator of the United
8 States Agency for International Development in ac-
9 cordance with approval and disapproval procedures
10 applicable to programs under title II of the Agricul-
11 tural Trade Development and Assistance Act of
12 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.).

13 (c) DURATION OF PROGRAMS.—A program described
14 in subsection (a) may be conducted for a period not to
15 exceed 4 years.

16 (d) FUNDING.—

17 (1) OVERALL FUNDING OF INITIATIVE.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made
19 available for fiscal year 1999 for assistance
20 under chapter 1 of part I of the Foreign Assist-
21 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.; re-
22 lating to development assistance) and chapter 4
23 of part II of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.;
24 relating to the economic support fund),

1 \$100,000,000 shall be made available for such
2 fiscal year to carry out subsection (a)(2)(A).

3 (B) SUB-EARMARKS.—Of the amount
4 available under subparagraph (A)—

5 (i) not less than 50 percent shall be
6 made available to address food, medical,
7 fuel, and other shortages in Indonesia and
8 Southeast Asia, and for such other imme-
9 diate and inexpensive actions that can ex-
10 pedite the distribution of items to address
11 such shortages;

12 (ii) not less than 80 percent of the
13 amount of assistance made available for
14 Indonesia shall be made available, adminis-
15 tered, or distributed through indigenous
16 nongovernmental or private voluntary or-
17 ganizations;

18 (iii) not less than \$6,000,000 shall be
19 made available to support the development
20 of political institutions and parties in Indo-
21 nesia and Southeast Asia;

22 (iv) not less than \$8,000,000 shall be
23 made available to improve transparency
24 and regulation of banking, financial, insur-

1 ance, and securities institutions in Indo-
2 nesia and Southeast Asia; and

3 (v) not less than \$8,000,000 shall be
4 made available to support legal and judi-
5 cial reforms in Indonesia and Southeast
6 Asia.

7 (2) ASSISTANCE TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGA-
8 NIZATIONS.—Of the amounts made available for fis-
9 cal year 1999 for assistance under title II of the Ag-
10 ricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of
11 1954, not less than \$60,000,000 shall be made
12 available for such fiscal year to carry out subsection
13 (a)(2)(B).

14 (3) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts
15 made available under paragraphs (1) and (2) are au-
16 thorized to remain available until expended.

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