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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 1998

Mr. FAIRCLOTH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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 “American Priorities
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) despite many billions of dollars being spent
2 by the Federal, State, and local governments on the
3 war on drugs, over the last 5 years there has been
4 a serious deterioration in the level of drug use, espe-
5 cially among young people;

6 (2) one significant reason for this deterioration
7 is a serious national misapplication of Federal re-
8 sources;

9 (3) the Drug Enforcement Administration,
10 which is at the national forefront of the war on
11 drugs, has only 8,449 personnel, 4,238 of whom are
12 special agents;

13 (4) the Internal Revenue Service employs ap-
14 proximately 100,000 persons, 46,000 of whom are
15 enforcement officials;

16 (5) recent congressional oversight has revealed
17 that the Internal Revenue Service has excess civil
18 and criminal enforcement resources, much of which
19 is not serving the public interest;

20 (6) numerous other Federal departments and
21 agencies have similar excess resources; and

22 (7) winning the war on drugs is a priority equal
23 to, if not more important than, that assigned to
24 other functions of the Federal Government, and ac-
25 cordingly requires not only a reallocation of national

1 resources, but also the establishment of a Depart-
2 ment of National Drug Control Policy, to fully mar-
3 shal and coordinate the available Federal resources.

4 **SEC. 3. DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POL-**
5 **ICY.**

6 (a) REDESIGNATION.—Effective on January 1,
7 1999—

8 (1) there is established in the executive branch
9 of the Federal Government a Department of Na-
10 tional Drug Control Policy, at the head of which
11 shall be a Secretary of National Drug Control Pol-
12 icy; and

13 (2) the Office of National Drug Control Policy
14 established under section 1002 of the National Nar-
15 cotics Leadership Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 1501) is
16 abolished; and

17 (3) there are transferred to the Department of
18 National Drug Control Policy established under
19 paragraph (1) all functions that the Director of the
20 Office of National Drug Control Policy exercised on
21 December 31, 1998 (including all related functions
22 of any officer or employee of the Office of National
23 Drug Control Policy).

24 (b) REFERENCES.—Effective on January 1, 1999,
25 any reference in any Federal law, Executive order, rule,

1 regulation, or delegation of authority, or any document of
2 or pertaining—

3 (1) to the Office of National Drug Control Pol-
4 icy shall be deemed to refer to the Department of
5 National Drug Control Policy;

6 (2) to the Director of the Office of National
7 Drug Control Policy shall be deemed to refer to the
8 Secretary of National Drug Control Policy;

9 (3) to the Deputy Director of National Drug
10 Control Policy shall be deemed to refer to the Dep-
11 uty Secretary of National Drug Control Policy; or

12 (4) to any Assistant Administrator of the Office
13 of National Drug Control Policy shall be deemed to
14 refer to an Assistant Secretary of National Drug
15 Control Policy.

16 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days
17 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of
18 the Office of Management and Budget shall submit to
19 Congress a report describing—

20 (1) a detailed legislative proposal for technical
21 and conforming amendments necessary to carry out
22 this section; and

23 (2) the resources and potential resources of the
24 Federal Government available to the Department of
25 National Drug Control Policy established under sub-

1 section (a) from other departments and agencies of
2 the Federal government, with an emphasis on any
3 resources available from the Internal Revenue Serv-
4 ice.

5 **SEC. 4. TRANSFER OF IRS EMPLOYEES TO DEA.**

6 Not later than January 1, 1999, the Director of the
7 Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with
8 the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the Com-
9 missioner of the Internal Revenue Service, shall transfer
10 not more than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ percent of all employees of the Inter-
11 nal Revenue Service who are engaged in enforcement ac-
12 tivities to the Drug Enforcement Agency of the Depart-
13 ment of Justice to assist in carrying out the enforcement
14 activities of the Drug Enforcement Agency.

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