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S. 2645

To create an official parliamentary station in the United States fully to participate in the Global Legal Information Network.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 20 (legislative day, OCTOBER 2), 1998

Mr. THOMAS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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 “Global Legal Informa-
5 tion Network Participation Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS OF**
7 **PURPOSE.**

8 The Congress makes the following findings and dec-
9 larations:

1 (1) It is the policy of the United States to pro-
2 mote the reasonable, timely and authentic exchange
3 of official legal information between parliaments of
4 nations of the world as originally expressed in the
5 1886 Convention for the Immediate Exchange of the
6 Official Journals, Parliamentary Annals, and Docu-
7 ments;

8 (2) participation by the United States in an
9 international, cooperative, noncommercial legal data-
10 base contributed to by governments of member na-
11 tions, the “Global Legal Information Network”
12 (GLIN), which would be available over the Internet,
13 contributes to the promotion of security and inter-
14 national understanding through the exchange of
15 legal information and promotes the rule of law, and
16 therefore is in the interests of the United States;

17 (3) the timely and accurate availability of laws
18 and regulations of the United States and other legis-
19 latures around the world is of the utmost importance
20 to the Congress, both in its own work as well as in
21 the interests of developing and nurturing inter-
22 parliamentary cooperation; and

23 (4) the centralization of the function and con-
24 trol of participation by the United States in such an
25 international legal database will assist in establish-

1 ing uniformity for the electronic exchange and re-
2 trieval of legal information.

3 **SEC. 3. THE UNITED STATES GLIN STATION.**

4 In order to carry out the purposes of this Act—

5 (1) the United States station for the Global
6 Legal Information Network shall be the Law Li-
7 brary of Congress in the Library of Congress; and

8 (2) the Director of the United States GLIN
9 station shall be the Law Librarian of Congress.

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