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# H. R. 3707

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 29, 2000

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

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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 “American Institute in  
5 Taiwan Facilities Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) in the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (22  
9 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), the Congress established the  
10 American Institute in Taiwan (hereafter in this Act

1 referred to as “AIT”), a nonprofit corporation incor-  
2 porated in the District of Columbia, to carry out on  
3 behalf of the United States Government any and all  
4 programs, transactions, and other relations with  
5 Taiwan;

6 (2) the Congress has recognized AIT for the  
7 successful role it has played in sustaining and en-  
8 hancing United States relations with Taiwan;

9 (3) the Taipei office of AIT is housed in build-  
10 ings which were not originally designed for the im-  
11 portant functions that AIT performs, whose location  
12 does not provide adequate security for its employees,  
13 and which, because they are almost 50 years old,  
14 have become increasingly expensive to maintain;

15 (4) the aging state of the AIT office building in  
16 Taipei is neither conducive to the safety and welfare  
17 of AIT’s American and local employees nor commen-  
18 surate with the level of contact that exists between  
19 the United States and Taiwan;

20 (5) because of the unofficial character of United  
21 States relations with Taiwan, the Department of  
22 State is not responsible for funding the construction  
23 of a new office building for the Taipei office of AIT;

24 (6) AIT has made a good faith effort to set  
25 aside funds for the construction of a new office

1 building, but these funds will be insufficient to con-  
2 struct a building that is large and secure enough to  
3 meet AIT's current and future needs; and

4 (7) because the Congress established AIT and  
5 has a strong interest in United States relations with  
6 Taiwan, the Congress has a special responsibility to  
7 ensure that AIT's requirements for safe and appro-  
8 priate office quarters are met.

9 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
11 authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$75,000,000 for  
12 plans for, acquisition of a new site for, and construction  
13 of, a new facility in Taipei, Taiwan, for AIT to carry out  
14 its purposes under the Taiwan Relations Act.

15 (b) PURPOSES.—Funds made available under sub-  
16 section (a) may be used only for the purposes of—

17 (1) the acquisition of property, facilities and, if  
18 necessary, any residences or other structures located  
19 in close physical proximity to such facilities, and

20 (2) the provision of security enhancements to  
21 AIT to the extent necessary to bring the United  
22 States Government into compliance with all require-  
23 ments applicable to the security of United States  
24 diplomatic facilities.

1       (c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts appro-  
2   priated pursuant to subsection (a) are authorized to re-  
3   main available until expended.

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