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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HUTCHISON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Balkans Peace and
3 Prosperity Act of 2000.”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) The Dayton Peace Accords and the peace
7 agreement that concluded Operation Allied Force in
8 Kosovo halted Serbian aggression towards its neigh-
9 bors and its own people.

10 (2) Efforts to restore the economy and political
11 structure in Bosnia and Herzegovina have achieved
12 limited success in accordance with the Dayton
13 Agreement.

14 (3) Similar efforts in Kosovo continue with very
15 limited success one year after the conclusion of Op-
16 eration Allied Force in June 1999.

17 (4) The Dayton Agreement explicitly left cer-
18 tain issues unresolved, including but not limited to
19 the status of the city of Breko and other matters.

20 (5) Progress towards democratization and eco-
21 nomic prosperity in both Bosnia and Kosovo is often
22 hampered by continuing disputes among local au-
23 thorities and between local authorities and the inter-
24 national community.

25 (6) There are questions about the equitable al-
26 location of resources among the European allies and

1 the United States in the execution of the Operation
2 Allied Force peace agreements.

3 (7) Other issues which are fundamental to the
4 future stability of the Balkan region remain unre-
5 solved, including but not limited to the future status
6 of Kosovo, the desire of other Serb provinces for
7 greater autonomy and the status of displaced per-
8 sons who cannot return to pre-war homes.

9 (8) The international community has spent tens
10 of billions of dollars in military and rebuilding funds
11 yet the prospects for long-term peace and self-sus-
12 tained stability remain distant.

13 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE NEED FOR A**
14 **BALKAN STABILIZATION CONFERENCE.**

15 It is the sense of Congress that—

16 (1) the United States should take the lead in
17 convening a Balkan Stabilization Conference to
18 evaluate progress on implementation of the Dayton
19 Peace Accords regarding Bosnia and the peace
20 agreement with Serbia that ended Operation Allied
21 Force;

22 (2) a Balkan Stabilization Conference would
23 serve a critical purpose of reviewing progress to date
24 and considering such modifications to those agree-
25 ments as may be appropriate to foster stability, self-

1 sustained peace, improved self-determination by the
2 inhabitants of the region, and the eventual reduction
3 in the levels of outside peacekeepers; and

4 (3) the potential for a successful review con-
5 ference would be maximized if it included the parties
6 to the Dayton and Operation Allied Force peace
7 agreements, including representatives of NATO, the
8 Balkan “Contact Group”, and other affected re-
9 gional parties.

10 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS FOR A BALKAN STA-**
11 **BILITY INITIATIVE.**

12 Of the amounts authorized in this Act for operations
13 in the Balkans, such sums as may be necessary not to
14 exceed \$10 million are provided for the planning and exe-
15 cution of the conference described in Section (2).

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