

**Calendar No. 643**106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 2801**

To prohibit funding of the negotiation of the move of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United States until the Secretary of State has required the divestiture of property purchased by the Xinhua News Agency in violation of the Foreign Missions Act.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

JUNE 27, 2000

Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. HELMS) introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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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 “Chinese News Agency  
3 Divestiture Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) On June 15, 2000, the Xinhua News Agen-  
7 cy purchased a building at 1515 Arlington Ridge  
8 Road in Arlington, Virginia.

9 (2) The Xinhua News Agency is owned by the  
10 People’s Republic of China and is required under the  
11 Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.), and  
12 a subsequent diplomatic notification provided to the  
13 People’s Republic of China in 1985, to provide noti-  
14 fication to the Department of State in advance of  
15 any purchase of property.

16 (3) The purchase of the property by the Xinhua  
17 News Agency was made without prior notification to  
18 the Department of State as required by the Foreign  
19 Missions Act.

20 (4) Under the Foreign Missions Act, the Sec-  
21 retary of State is authorized to require the divesti-  
22 ture of property that was not attained in accordance  
23 with the Foreign Missions Act.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON DIVESTITURE OF PROPERTY BY THE**  
2 **XINHUA NEWS AGENCY.**

3 Not later than 15 days after the date of the enact-  
4 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to  
5 the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee  
6 on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on whether  
7 the Secretary intends to require, pursuant to section  
8 205(b) of the Foreign Missions Act (22 U.S.C. 4305(b)),  
9 that the People's Republic of China divest itself of the  
10 property purchased at 1515 Arlington Ridge Road by the  
11 Xinhua News Agency, a news agency owned by the Peo-  
12 ple's Republic of China.

13 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO NEGOTIATE PUR-**  
14 **CHASE OF PROPERTY FOR RELOCATION OF**  
15 **EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF**  
16 **CHINA IN THE UNITED STATES.**

17 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds  
18 available to the Department of State for Administration  
19 of Foreign Affairs may be obligated or expended to nego-  
20 tiate the purchase of property by the People's Republic  
21 of China to relocate its embassy in the United States until  
22 the Secretary of State certifies to the Select Committee  
23 on Intelligence and the Committee on Foreign Relations  
24 of the Senate that the Secretary—

25 (1) has instituted divestiture proceedings pursu-  
26 ant to section 205(b) of the Foreign Missions Act

1 (22 U.S.C. 4305(b)) against the property purchased  
2 at 1515 Arlington Ridge Road by the Xinhua News  
3 Agency; and

4 (2) shall ensure that any further purchases of  
5 real property by the Government of the People's Re-  
6 public of China, or any entity owned by that govern-  
7 ment, are made pursuant to the procedures set out  
8 in section 205 of the Foreign Missions Act.



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