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H. R. 4877

To require periodic assessments of the impact and effectiveness of United States economic assistance to foreign countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Foreign Aid Impact
5 Assessment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVENESS OF UNITED STATES ECONOMIC AS-**
7 **SISTANCE.**

8 (a) REPORTS.—Not later than December 31, 2002,
9 and December 31 of each third year thereafter, the Presi-
10 dent shall submit to the Congress a report which analyzes,

1 on a country-by-country basis, the impact and effective-
2 ness of the United States economic assistance provided
3 during the preceding three fiscal years. Each report shall
4 include the following for each recipient country:

5 (1) An analysis of the impact of United States
6 economic assistance during the preceding three fiscal
7 years on economic development in that country, with
8 a discussion of the United States interests that were
9 served by the assistance. This analysis shall be done
10 on a sector-by-sector basis to the extent possible and
11 shall identify any economic policy reforms which
12 were promoted by the assistance. This analysis
13 shall—

14 (A) include a description, quantified to the
15 extent practicable, of the specific objectives the
16 United States sought to achieve in providing
17 economic assistance for that country, and

18 (B) specify the extent to which those objec-
19 tives were not achieved, with an explanation of
20 why they were not achieved.

21 (2) A description of the amount and nature of
22 economic assistance provided for other donors dur-
23 ing the preceding three fiscal years, set forth by de-
24 velopment sector to the extent possible.

1 (3) A discussion of the commitment of the host
2 government to addressing the country's needs in
3 each development sector, including a description of
4 the resources devoted by that government to each
5 development sector during the preceding three fiscal
6 years.

7 (4) A description of the trends, both favorable
8 and unfavorable, in each development sector.

9 (5) Statistical and other information necessary
10 to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of United
11 States economic assistance on development in the
12 country.

13 (6) A comparison of the analysis provided in
14 the report with relevant analyses by international fi-
15 nancial institutions, other international organiza-
16 tions, other donor countries, or nongovernmental or-
17 ganizations.

18 (b) LISTING OF MOST AND LEAST SUCCESSFUL AS-
19 SISTANCE PROGRAMS.—Each report required by this sec-
20 tion shall identify—

21 (1) those countries in which United States eco-
22 nomic assistance has been most successful, and

23 (2) those countries in which United States eco-
24 nomic assistance has been least successful.

1 For each country listed pursuant to paragraph (2), the
2 report shall explain why the assistance was not more suc-
3 cessful and shall specify what the United States has done
4 as a result.

5 (c) REPORT TO BE A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.—Each
6 report required by this section shall be submitted to the
7 Congress as a separate document.

8 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “United
9 States economic assistance” means any bilateral economic
10 assistance, from any budget functional category, that is
11 provided by any department or agency of the United
12 States to a foreign country, including such assistance that
13 is intended—

14 (1) to assist the development and economic ad-
15 vancement of friendly foreign countries and peoples;

16 (2) to promote the freedom, aspirations, or sus-
17 tenance of friendly peoples under oppressive rule by
18 unfriendly governments;

19 (3) to promote international trade and foreign
20 direct investment as a means of aiding economic
21 growth;

22 (4) to save lives and alleviate suffering of for-
23 eign peoples during or following war, natural dis-
24 aster, or complex crisis;

1 (5) to assist in recovery and rehabilitation of
2 countries or peoples following disaster or war;

3 (6) to protect refugees and promote durable so-
4 lutions to aid refugees;

5 (7) to promote sound environmental practices;

6 (8) to assist in development of democratic insti-
7 tutions and good governance by the people of foreign
8 countries;

9 (9) to promote peace and reconciliation or pre-
10 vention of conflict;

11 (10) to improve the technical capacities of gov-
12 ernments to reduce production of and demand for il-
13 licit narcotics; and

14 (11) to otherwise promote through bilateral for-
15 eign economic assistance the national objectives of
16 the United States of America.

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