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# H. R. 680

To provide funds for the planning of a special census of Americans residing  
abroad.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2001

Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. FROST, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FILNER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WYNN, Mr. OLVER, and Mr. PETRI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## A BILL

To provide funds for the planning of a special census of  
Americans residing abroad.

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. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

5               (1) an estimated 3,000,000 to 6,000,000 Amer-  
6       icans live and work overseas while continuing to vote  
7       and pay taxes in the United States;

1           (2) Americans residing abroad help increase ex-  
2           ports of American goods because they traditionally  
3           buy American, sell American, and create business  
4           opportunities for American companies and workers,  
5           thereby strengthening the United States economy,  
6           creating jobs in the United States, and extending  
7           United States influence around the globe;

8           (3) Americans residing abroad play a key role  
9           in advancing this Nation’s interests by serving as  
10          economic, political, and cultural “ambassadors” of  
11          the United States; and

12          (4) the major business, civic, and community  
13          organizations representing Americans and companies  
14          of the United States abroad support the counting of  
15          all Americans residing abroad by the Bureau of the  
16          Census, and are prepared to assist the Bureau of  
17          the Census in this task.

18          (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
19          gress that—

20                (1) the Bureau of the Census should carry out  
21                a special census of all Americans residing abroad in  
22                2004;

23                (2) the Bureau should, after completing that  
24                special census, review the means by which Ameri-

1       cans residing abroad may be included in the 2010  
2       decennial census;

3               (3) the Bureau should take appropriate meas-  
4       ures to provide for the inclusion of Americans resid-  
5       ing abroad in the 2010 decennial census and decen-  
6       nial censuses thereafter; and

7               (4) in order to ensure that the measures speci-  
8       fied in the preceding provisions of this subsection  
9       can be completed in timely fashion, the Bureau  
10       should begin planning as soon as possible for the  
11       special census described in paragraph (1).

12       **SEC. 2. FUNDING TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR A SPECIAL CEN-**  
13               **SUS OF AMERICANS RESIDING ABROAD.**

14       For necessary expenses in connection with the plan-  
15       ning of a special census of Americans residing abroad (as  
16       described in section 1(b)(1)), there is appropriated, out  
17       of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
18       \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, to remain available until  
19       expended.

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