

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1892

To provide authorizations of appropriations for the global initiative to end the continuing menace of polio.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PAYNE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Ending Polio in Our
5 Time Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) Polio has caused millions of casualties
2 through history, paralyzing millions and killing un-
3 told numbers of others.

4 (2) Polio remains a public health threat in to-
5 day's world, despite being easily preventable by vac-
6 cination.

7 (3) Polio is now contained to seven countries,
8 with the distinct possibility that it can be once and
9 forever extinguished as an affliction on mankind
10 within five years by ensuring the vaccination of all
11 children in these countries under the age of five.

12 (4) A Global Polio Eradication Initiative exists
13 that seeks to once and forever end polio as an ill-
14 ness, which includes efforts underway by the Centers
15 for Disease Control and Prevention.

16 (5) The United States has the capacity to act
17 to speed the eradication of polio by assisting in the
18 targeting of its few remaining reservoirs.

19 **SEC. 3. FUNDING FOR POLIO ERADICATION ACTIVITIES.**

20 For the purpose of carrying out global polio eradi-
21 cation activities through the Centers for Disease Control
22 and Prevention, there is authorized to be appropriated
23 \$275,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2004 and 2005.

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