

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 797

To apply the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 to the International Olympic Committee.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 1999

Mr. ASHCROFT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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## 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 “International Olympic  
5       Committee Integrity Act of 1999”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

8               (1) The International Olympic Committee has  
9       been beset by allegations of illegal and improper

1 gifts made to its members during the bid process in  
 2 which cities compete to host the Olympic games.

3 (2) In order to maintain the integrity of the  
 4 Olympic games, reforms are necessary to ensure that  
 5 future Olympic games are awarded to host cities in  
 6 an impartial manner.

7 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to prevent  
 8 persons from unfairly influencing the International Olym-  
 9 pic Committee with respect to the process in which cities  
 10 compete to host the Olympic games.

11 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION OF FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES**  
 12 **ACT OF 1977 TO INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC**  
 13 **COMMITTEE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 104(h)(2) of the Foreign  
 15 Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (15 U.S.C. 78dd–2(h)(2))  
 16 is amended by adding at the end the following:

17 “(C) The term ‘foreign official’ includes any  
 18 member of, employee of, or any person acting in an  
 19 official capacity for or on behalf of, the International  
 20 Olympic Committee.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 22 subsection (a) shall apply to any act occurring on or after  
 23 the date of enactment of this Act.

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