

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2998

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2001

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

AN ACT

To authorize the establishment of Radio Free Afghanistan.

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 “Radio Free Afghani-
3 stan Act of 2001”.

4 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF RADIO FREE AFGHANISTAN.**

5 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Broadcasting Board of
6 Governors is authorized to make grants for surrogate
7 radio broadcasting by RFE/RL, Incorporated (also known
8 as Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty) to the people of Af-
9 ghanistan in languages spoken in Afghanistan, such
10 broadcasts to be designated “Radio Free Afghanistan”.

11 (b) **SUBMISSION OF PLAN TO BROADCASTING BOARD**
12 **OF GOVERNORS.**—Not later than 15 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, RFE/RL, Incorporated, shall
14 submit to the Broadcasting Board of Governors a detailed
15 plan for the establishment of the surrogate radio broad-
16 casting described in subsection (a).

17 (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

18 (1) **INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPER-**
19 **ATIONS.**—In addition to such sums as are otherwise
20 authorized to be appropriated for “International
21 Broadcasting Operations”, there are authorized to
22 be appropriated for “International Broadcasting Op-
23 erations” \$9,500,000 for the fiscal year 2002 and
24 \$8,000,000 for the fiscal year 2003 for broadcasting
25 to Afghanistan described in subsection (a).

1 (2) BROADCASTING CAPITAL IMPROVE-
2 MENTS.—In addition to such sums as are otherwise
3 authorized to be appropriated for “Broadcasting
4 Capital Improvements”, there are authorized to be
5 appropriated for “Broadcasting Capital Improve-
6 ments” \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year 2002 for
7 transmitting broadcasts into Afghanistan.

8 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF BAN ON UNITED STATES TRANSMITTER**
9 **IN KUWAIT.**

10 The Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal
11 Years 1994 and 1995 (Public Law 103–236) is
12 amended—

13 (1) by striking section 226; and

14 (2) by striking the item relating to section 226
15 in the table of contents.

Passed the House of Representatives November 7,
2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.