

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3768

To prohibit the procurement of victim-activated landmines and other weapons that are designed to be victim-activated.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2006

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. HARKIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Victim-Activated
5 Landmine Abolition Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Victim-activated landmines and other weap-
9 ons that are designed to be victim-activated indis-
10 criminately threaten lives in more than 80 countries.

1 Civilians, including tens of thousands of children,
2 have been the primary victims of these weapons.

3 (2) Victim-activated landmines and other weap-
4 ons that are designed to be victim-activated have
5 killed and maimed United States and coalition
6 troops in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere.

7 (3) The United States was the first nation to
8 call for a comprehensive ban on antipersonnel land-
9 mines in 1994 and has not exported antipersonnel
10 mines since 1992, produced antipersonnel landmines
11 since 1997, or used antipersonnel landmines since
12 1991.

13 (4) The United States sets an example for the
14 world by remaining a global leader in funding for
15 mine clearance, mine risk education, and mine sur-
16 vivor assistance.

17 (5) The United States has acquired reliable
18 technology that enables all weapons to be equipped
19 with man-in-the-loop targeting and triggering capa-
20 bilities, meaning that the device can be activated
21 only in response to an intentional act by a person.

22 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

23 The United States Government should continue to set
24 an example for other countries by banning procurement

1 of victim-activated landmines and other weapons that are
2 designed to be victim-activated.

3 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION.**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Fed-
5 eral Government may not procure victim-activated land-
6 mines or any other weapon designed to be victim-activated
7 in any circumstance.

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