

In the Senate of the United States,

May 4, 2017.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 534) entitled “An Act to require the Secretary of State to take such actions as may be necessary for the United States to rejoin the Bureau of International Expositions, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “U.S. Wants to Compete*
3 *for a World Expo Act”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. FINDINGS.***

5 *Congress finds the following:*

6 *(1) The Bureau of International Expositions*
7 *(BIE) is the organization responsible for governing*
8 *World Fairs and International Expositions.*

9 *(2) Section 1(a) of Public Law 91–269 (22*
10 *U.S.C. 2801(a)) found that “international expositions*

1 . . . have a significant impact on the economic growth
 2 of the region surrounding the exposition and . . . are
 3 important instruments of national policy”.

4 (3) *The United States has not been an active*
 5 *member of the BIE since 2001.*

6 (4) *State and local governments and private en-*
 7 *tities in the United States have continued to partici-*
 8 *pate in international expositions held in foreign*
 9 *countries as a means of promoting United States ex-*
 10 *ports and creating jobs, but face significantly higher*
 11 *costs for such participation because the United States*
 12 *is not an active member.*

13 (5) *State and local governments and private en-*
 14 *tities in the United States have expressed interest in*
 15 *an international exposition being hosted in the*
 16 *United States, but the bid of a United States city, re-*
 17 *gion, or State to host an international exposition is*
 18 *unlikely to be successful if the United States is not a*
 19 *member of the BIE.*

20 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

21 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

22 (1) *the United States should rejoin the BIE im-*
 23 *mediately to promote domestic job creation, global*
 24 *branding, and tourism to the United States; and*

1 (2) *the Secretary of State, in partnership with*
 2 *the Secretary of Commerce, State and local govern-*
 3 *ments, and private and non-profit entities, should*
 4 *take all necessary steps to facilitate the timely sub-*
 5 *mission of a request to rejoin the BIE.*

6 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of State is author-*
 8 *ized to take such actions as the Secretary determines nec-*
 9 *essary for the United States to rejoin and maintain mem-*
 10 *bership in the BIE.*

11 (b) *AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT PRIVATE CONTRIBU-*
 12 *TIONS.*—*In addition to funds otherwise available to the Sec-*
 13 *retary to carry out this section, the Secretary is authorized*
 14 *to accept contributions for such purpose.*

15 (c) *NOTIFICATION.*—*The Secretary of State shall notify*
 16 *the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Appropriations of*
 17 *the House of Representatives and the Committees on For-*
 18 *eign Relations and Appropriations of the Senate upon tak-*
 19 *ing any action under subsection (a).*

20 **SEC. 5. CONTINUATION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FED-**
 21 **ERAL FUNDS FOR WORLD'S FAIR PAVILIONS**
 22 **AND EXHIBITS.**

23 (a) *CONTINUATION OF PROHIBITION.*—*Nothing in this*
 24 *Act may be construed to authorize any obligation or ex-*
 25 *penditure prohibited by section 204 of the Admiral James*

1 *W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authoriza-*
 2 *tion Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001 (22 U.S.C. 2452b)*
 3 *(relating to limitations on the obligation or expenditure of*
 4 *funds by the Department of State for a United States pavil-*
 5 *ion or exhibit at an international exposition or world's fair*
 6 *registered by the BIE).*

7 **(b) PROHIBITION ON SOLICITATION OF FUNDS.**—*Sec-*
 8 *tion 204(b)(1)(C) of the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg*
 9 *Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years*
 10 *2000 and 2001 (22 U.S.C. 2452b(b)(1)(C)) is amended by*
 11 *inserting after “expositions” the following: “, except that*
 12 *no employees of the Department of State may, in their offi-*
 13 *cial capacity, solicit funds to pay expenses for a United*
 14 *States pavilion or other major exhibit at any international*
 15 *exposition or world's fair registered by the Bureau of Inter-*
 16 *national Expositions”.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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