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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Defending American
5 Sovereignty in Global Pandemics Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF UNITED STATES**
2 **FUNDING FOR THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANI-**
3 **ZATION UNTIL PANDEMIC TREATY IS AP-**
4 **PROVED BY THE SENATE.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—The United States shall not be-
6 come a party to a convention, agreement, or other inter-
7 national instrument under the Constitution of the World
8 Health Organization to strengthen pandemic prevention,
9 preparedness, and response except pursuant to a treaty
10 made under Article II, section 2, clause 2 of the Constitu-
11 tion of the United States on or after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act.

13 (b) FUNDING RESTRICTION.—The Government of
14 the United States may not obligate or expend any funds
15 for the World Health Organization beginning on the effec-
16 tive date of an agreement described in subsection (a) and
17 ending on the date on which the Senate approves a resolu-
18 tion of ratification with respect to such convention, agree-
19 ment, or instrument.

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