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To provide for the elimination of 12 Federal subsidy programs and projects.

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Mr. KASICH (for himself, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. KLUG, Mr. MILLER of Florida, and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Resources, Commerce, Science, International Relations, Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, and Banking and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for the elimination of 12 Federal subsidy programs and projects.

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 “Omnibus Corporate
5 Welfare Reduction Act of 1997”.

TITLE I—AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS

SEC. 101. ELIMINATION OF THE ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE PROGRAMS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

(a) REPEALS.—The following provisions of law are repealed:

(1) The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901–950aa).

(2) Sections 1 and 10 of Public Law 93–32 (7 U.S.C. 906a and 930).

(3) Section 236(a) of the Disaster Relief Act of 1970 (7 U.S.C. 912a).

(4) Section 1 of Public Law 92–12 (7 U.S.C. 921a).

(5) Section 1 of Public Law 92–324 (7 U.S.C. 921b).

(6) The first undesignated paragraph under the item designated “RURAL TELEPHONE BANK PROGRAM ACCOUNT” in title III of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1992 (7 U.S.C. 931a).

(7) Section 1414 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 944a).

1 (8) Subtitle D of title XXIII of the Food, Agri-
2 culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7
3 U.S.C. 950aaa–950aaa–5).

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (1) Section 306(a)(1) of the Consolidated Farm
6 and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(1))
7 is amended by striking the second sentence.

8 (2) Section 2322 of the Food, Agriculture, Con-
9 servation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 1926–
10 1) is repealed.

11 (3) Section 234(b) of the Federal Crop Insur-
12 ance and Department of Agriculture Reorganization
13 Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6944(b)) is amended by strik-
14 ing paragraph (1) and redesignating paragraphs (2)
15 through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), respec-
16 tively.

17 (4) Section 231 of the Federal Crop Insurance
18 and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act
19 of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6941) is amended by striking
20 subsection (e).

21 (5) Section 9 of the Act of August 11, 1939
22 (Chapter 717; 53 Stat. 1418; 16 U.S.C. 590z–7) is
23 amended by striking all that follows the last semi-
24 colon and inserting a period.

1 (6) Section 212 of the Federal Power Act (16
2 U.S.C. 824k(h)(2)(A)) is amended by striking the
3 third undesignated clause.

4 (7) Title IV of the Public Utility Regulatory
5 Policies Act of 1978 is amended—

6 (A) in section 401 (16 U.S.C. 2701), by
7 striking “electric cooperatives,”;

8 (B) in sections 402(a) and 403(a) (16
9 U.S.C. 2702(a) and 2703(a)), by striking “elec-
10 tric cooperative,”; and

11 (C) in section 408(a) (16 U.S.C. 2708(a)),
12 by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating
13 paragraphs (3) through (8) as paragraphs (2)
14 through (7), respectively.

15 (8) Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue
16 Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(12)) is amended—

17 (A) in subparagraph (B)—

18 (i) by adding “or” at the end of
19 clause (ii);

20 (ii) by striking “, or” at the end of
21 clause (iii) and inserting a period; and

22 (iii) by striking clause (iv); and

23 (B) by striking subparagraph (C) and in-
24 serting the following:

1 “(C) In the case of a mutual or cooperative
2 electric company, subparagraph (A) shall be ap-
3 plied without taking into account any income
4 received or accrued from qualified pole rent-
5 als.”.

6 (9) Section 9101 of title 31, United States
7 Code, is amended—

8 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking subpara-
9 graph (I) and redesignating subparagraphs (J)
10 through (M) as subparagraphs (I) through (L),
11 respectively; and

12 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking subpara-
13 graph (K) and redesignating subparagraphs (L)
14 through the first (N) as subparagraphs (K)
15 through (M), respectively.

16 (10) Section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project
17 Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(c)) is amended by
18 striking “; and also to cooperatives and other non-
19 profit organizations financed in whole or in part by
20 loans made pursuant to the Rural Electrification Act
21 of 1936”.

22 (11) Section 504(g) of the Federal Land Policy
23 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1764(g))
24 is amended by striking the last sentence.

1 (c) EFFECT ON EXISTING CONTRACTS.—The repeals
 2 and amendments made by this section shall not be con-
 3 strued to permit the violation of any contract entered into
 4 before the date of the enactment of this section.

5 (d) RESCISSION OF UNOBLIGATED BALANCES.—
 6 There are rescinded the unobligated balances of the
 7 amounts made available out of appropriations made pur-
 8 suant to any provision of law repealed or stricken by this
 9 section.

10 **SEC. 102. ELIMINATION OF MARKET ACCESS PROGRAM.**

11 Section 203 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978
 12 (7 U.S.C. 5623) is repealed.

13 **TITLE II—ENERGY AND WATER**
 14 **PROGRAMS**

15 **SEC. 201. LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES FOR ANIMAS-LA**
 16 **PLATA PROJECT.**

17 (a) LIMITATION.—No funds appropriated or other-
 18 wise available to the Secretary of the Interior may be obli-
 19 gated or expended for the Animas-La Plata Project, ex-
 20 cept for the limited purposes of identifying, evaluating,
 21 and conducting public education about alternatives to the
 22 project that, without construction of a reservoir in Ridge’s
 23 Basin, would substantially satisfy the water rights inter-
 24 ests of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe and the South-

ern Ute Indian Tribe that were intended to be satisfied with water supplied from the project.

(b) NEGOTIATIONS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall promptly seek to enter into negotiations with the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to satisfy, in a manner consistent with all Federal laws, the water rights interests of those tribes that were intended to be satisfied with water supplied from the Animas-La Plata Project.

(c) ANIMAS-LA PLATA PROJECT DEFINED.—In this section, the term “Animas-La Plata Project” means the Animas-La Plata Project, Colorado and New Mexico, a participating project under the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 105; 43 U.S.C. 620; commonly referred to as the “Colorado River Storage Act”), and the Colorado River Basin Project Act (82 Stat. 885; 43 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.).

SEC. 202. PYROPROCESSING.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—The Congress is concerned about the pyroprocessing program and its potential implications regarding attempts to revive a liquid metal reactor program. The Congress should not proceed with a liquid metal reactor program. The Congress is also concerned about what it perceives to be an inadequate review of programmatic alternatives to pyroprocessing. Since there is also considerable uncertainty concerning the abil-

ity of this program to dispose of the products from pyroprocessing, the Congress intends to monitor this program carefully.

(b) DEAUTHORIZATION OF LIQUID METAL REACTORS.—The Energy Policy Act of 1992 is amended—

(1) in section 2121(b)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C. 13491(b)(1)(B)), by striking “and liquid metal reactors,”; and

(2) in section 2122(b)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C. 13492(b)(1)(B)), by striking “and the liquid metal reactor technology”.

TITLE III—INTERIOR PROGRAMS

SEC. 301. FOSSIL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

(a) GENERAL RULE.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Department of Energy shall not conduct any fossil energy research and development activities.

(b) AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT TERMINATION ACTIVITIES.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Secretary of Energy may carry out such fossil energy research and development activities as are required by contracts entered into before the date of the enactment of this Act, and such other activities as are necessary to terminate ongoing fossil energy research and development activities, consistent with the report required under subsection (c).

1 (c) REPORT ON TERMINATION ACTIVITIES.—Not
 2 later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of
 3 this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall transmit to the
 4 Congress a report that—

5 (1) sets forth a plan for terminating all fossil
 6 energy research and development activities of the
 7 Department of Energy, including contract activities
 8 and all necessary cleanup procedures, by September
 9 30, 1999; and

10 (2) identifies the assets of the Department that
 11 are used for fossil energy research and development
 12 activities and provides for the appropriate disposi-
 13 tion or reassignment of those assets.

14 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 15 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of En-
 16 ergy for carrying out subsections (b) and (c) of this sec-
 17 tion—

18 (1) \$237,000,000 for fiscal year 1998; and

19 (2) \$128,000,000 for fiscal year 1999.

20 **SEC. 302. ELIMINATION OF PURCHASER ROAD CREDITS AS**
 21 **FINANCING METHOD FOR NATIONAL FOREST**
 22 **ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND RECOVERY OF**
 23 **FEDERAL COSTS OF FOREST ROAD CON-**
 24 **STRUCTION.**

25 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Serious problems exist concerning numerous
2 aspects of the United States Forest Service.

3 (2) In July 1996, the Inspector General of the
4 Department of Agriculture reported on the audit of
5 the Forest Service's financial statements for fiscal
6 year 1995. The audit resulted in an adverse opinion,
7 meaning that the Forest Service's financial state-
8 ments were considered unreliable.

9 (3) The Forest Service could not determine for
10 what purpose \$215,000,000 of its \$3,400,000,000 in
11 operating and program funds were spent. Likewise,
12 the Forest Service lacks a reliable system for track-
13 ing its system of forest roads. The Forest Service
14 started performing inventory counts in an effort to
15 determine the amount invested in roads it owns.
16 These counts identified \$1,300,000,000 worth of
17 roads in one region alone that had not been pre-
18 viously recorded.

19 (4) In November 1996, the General Accounting
20 Office reported that little computerized information
21 was available from the Forest Service to determine
22 whether timber sales were being made on a competi-
23 tive basis because some of the computerized tapes
24 containing the needed data were accidentally erased.

1 (b) ELIMINATION OF PURCHASER ROAD CREDITS.—
2 Section 4 of Public Law 88–657 (16 U.S.C. 535; com-
3 monly known as the National Forest Roads and Trails
4 Act) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “SEC. 4.” and inserting the fol-
6 lowing:

7 **“SEC. 4. CONSTRUCTION OF FOREST DEVELOPMENT**
8 **ROADS.**

9 “(a) AUTHORIZED METHODS TO FUND CONSTRUC-
10 TION.—”;

11 (2) by striking “including provisions for amorti-
12 zation of road costs in contracts” and inserting “ex-
13 cept that the Secretary may not provide effective
14 purchaser credit for road construction”;

15 (3) by striking the last sentence; and

16 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(b) EFFECT ON EXISTING PURCHASER ROAD CRED-
19 ITS.—Effective purchaser credit for any contract awarded
20 before the date of the enactment of this subsection may
21 continue to be used in accordance with subsection (a), and
22 rules issued under this section, as in effect on the day
23 before the date of the enactment of this subsection.”.

24 (c) LEVEL OF CONSTRUCTION OF FOREST ROADS.—
25 Such section is further amended—

1 (1) by striking “: *Provided*,” and all that fol-
2 lows through “as may be appropriate”; and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) (as added
4 by subsection (b)(4)) the following new subsection:

5 “(c) LEVEL OF CONSTRUCTION OF FOREST
6 ROADS.—In the case of a forest road constructed or paid
7 for by a purchaser of national forest timber, the Secretary
8 may not require the purchaser to design, construct, or
9 maintain the road to a higher standard than the standard
10 needed in the harvesting and removal of the timber and
11 other products covered by the sale, consistent with existing
12 environmental laws and regulations.”.

13 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING RECOVERY OF
14 ROAD COSTS.—It is the sense of the Congress that the
15 Secretary of Agriculture should recover, when practicable,
16 the full cost to the Federal Government of forest road de-
17 sign, construction, and maintenance through appropriate
18 fees levied upon the users of the roads, whether for log-
19 ging, recreation, or other uses.

20 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS REGARDING PUR-
21 CHASER ROAD CREDITS.—

22 (1) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.—Section 10(a)
23 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources
24 Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1608(a)) is
25 amended by striking “benefits” and all that follows

1 through the period at the end of the subsection and
 2 inserting “benefits.”.

3 (2) TIMBER SALES WITH PURCHASER CREDIT
 4 PROVISIONS.—Section 14 of the National Forest
 5 Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a) is
 6 amended by striking subsection (i).

7 (3) EFFECT ON EXISTING CONTRACTS.—Sub-
 8 section (i) of section 14 of the National Forest Man-
 9 agement Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a), as in effect
 10 on the day before the date of the enactment of this
 11 Act, shall continue to apply with respect to any tim-
 12 ber contract described in such subsection awarded
 13 before the date of the enactment of this Act.

14 **SEC. 303. TERMINATION OF CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY**
 15 **PROGRAM.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States shall not obli-
 17 gate any funds for the Clean Coal Technology program.

18 (b) REPEAL.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 20 graph (2), the matter under the heading “DEPART-
 21 MENT OF ENERGY, CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY”
 22 in the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations
 23 for the Department of the Interior and Related
 24 Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30,
 25 1986, and for other purposes” enacted by section

101(d) of the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1986, and for other purposes” (Public Law 99–190; 99 Stat. 1251) is repealed.

(2) EXCEPTION.—The authority provided in the matter repealed by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be preserved to the extent necessary to carry out obligations of the United States with respect to clean coal technology projects selected by the Secretary of Energy pursuant to the fifth general request for proposals issued by the Secretary under such section 101(d) (and pursuant to any such general request issued before the fifth general request).

(c) RESCISSION.—Any unobligated funds previously appropriated for the Clean Coal Technology program are rescinded.

TITLE IV—FOREIGN OPERATIONS PROGRAMS

SEC. 401. TERMINATION OF OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION.

(a) TERMINATION.—

(1) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY TO MAKE NEW OBLIGATIONS.—(A) Effective 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation shall not issue any in-

1 surance, guaranties, or reinsurance, make any loan,
2 or acquire any securities, under section 234 of the
3 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, enter into any
4 agreements for any other activity authorized by such
5 section 234, or enter into risk sharing arrangements
6 authorized by section 234A of that Act.

7 (B) Subparagraph (A) does not require the ter-
8 mination of any contract or other agreement entered
9 into before such paragraph takes effect.

10 (2) TERMINATION OF OPIC.—Effective 180
11 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
12 Overseas Private Investment Corporation is abol-
13 ished.

14 (3) TRANSFER OF OPERATIONS TO OMB.—The
15 Director of the Office of Management and Budget
16 shall, effective 180 days after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act, perform the functions of the Over-
18 seas Private Investment Corporation with respect to
19 contracts and agreements described in paragraph
20 (1)(B) until the expiration of such contracts and
21 agreements, but shall not renew any such contract
22 or agreement. The Director shall take the necessary
23 steps to wind up the affairs of the Corporation.

24 (4) REPEAL OF AUTHORITIES.—Effective 180
25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,

1 title IV of chapter 2 of part I of the Foreign Assist-
2 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2191 and following)
3 is repealed, but shall continue to apply with respect
4 to functions performed by the Director of the Office
5 of Management and Budget under paragraph (3).

6 (5) APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds available to the
7 Corporation shall, upon the effective date of the re-
8 peal made by paragraph (4), be transferred to the
9 Director of the Office of Management and Budget
10 for use in performing the functions of the Corpora-
11 tion under paragraph (3). Upon the expiration of
12 the contracts and agreements with respect to which
13 the Director is exercising such functions, any unex-
14 pended balances of the funds transferred under this
15 subsection shall be deposited in the Treasury as mis-
16 cellaneous receipts.

17 (b) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

18 (1) PRIOR DETERMINATIONS NOT AFFECTED.—
19 The repeal made by subsection (a)(4) of the provi-
20 sions of law set forth in such subsection shall not af-
21 fect any order, determination, regulation, or contract
22 that has been issued, made, or allowed to become ef-
23 fective under such provisions before the effective
24 date of the repeal. All such orders, determinations,
25 regulations, and contracts shall continue in effect

1 until modified, superseded, terminated, set aside, or
2 revoked in accordance with law by the President, the
3 Director of the Office of Management and Budget,
4 or other authorized official, a court of competent ju-
5 risdiction, or by operation of law.

6 (2) PENDING PROCEEDINGS.—(A) The repeal
7 made by subsection (a)(4) shall not affect any pro-
8 ceedings, including notices of proposed rulemaking,
9 pending on the effective date of the repeal, before
10 the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, except
11 that no insurance, reinsurance, guarantee, or loan
12 may be issued pursuant to any application pending
13 on such effective date. Such proceedings, to the ex-
14 tent that they relate to functions performed by the
15 Director of the Office of Management and Budget
16 after such repeal, shall be continued. Orders shall be
17 issued in such proceedings, appeals shall be taken
18 therefrom, and payments shall be made pursuant to
19 such orders, as if this Act had not been enacted; and
20 orders issued in any such proceedings shall continue
21 in effect until modified, terminated, superseded, or
22 revoked by the Director, by a court of competent ju-
23 risdiction, or by operation of law. Nothing in this
24 paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit the dis-
25 continuance or modification of any such proceeding

1 under the same terms and conditions and to the
2 same extent that such proceeding could have been
3 discontinued or modified if this section had not been
4 enacted.

5 (B) The Director of the Office of Management
6 and Budget is authorized to issue regulations provid-
7 ing for the orderly transfer of proceedings continued
8 under subparagraph (A).

9 (3) ACTIONS.—Except as provided in paragraph
10 (5)—

11 (A) the provisions of this Act shall not af-
12 fect suits commenced before the effective date
13 of the repeal made by subsection (a)(4); and

14 (B) in all such suits, proceedings shall be
15 had, appeals taken, and judgments rendered in
16 the same manner and effect as if this section
17 had not been enacted.

18 (4) LIABILITIES INCURRED.—No suit, action,
19 or other proceeding commenced by or against any
20 officer in the official capacity of such individual as
21 an officer of the Overseas Private Investment Cor-
22 poration, shall abate by reason of the enactment of
23 this section. No cause of action by or against the
24 Overseas Private Investment Corporation, or by or
25 against any officer thereof in the official capacity of

1 such officer shall abate by reason of the enactment
2 of this section.

3 (5) PARTIES.—If, before the effective date of
4 the repeal made by subsection (a)(4), the Overseas
5 Private Investment Corporation or an officer thereof
6 in the official capacity of such officer, is a party to
7 a suit, then such suit shall be continued with the Di-
8 rector of the Office of Management and Budget sub-
9 stituted or added as a party.

10 (6) REVIEW.—Orders and actions of the Direc-
11 tor of the Office of Management and Budget in the
12 exercise of functions of the Overseas Private Invest-
13 ment Corporation shall be subject to judicial review
14 to the same extent and in the same manner as if
15 such orders and actions had been issued or taken by
16 the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. Any
17 statutory requirements relating to notice, hearings,
18 action upon the record, or administrative review that
19 apply to any function of the Overseas Private Invest-
20 ment Corporation shall apply to the exercise of such
21 function by the Director of the Office of Manage-
22 ment and Budget.

23 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (1) TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.—(A) Sec-
2 tion 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended
3 by striking

4 “President, Overseas Private Investment Cor-
5 poration.”.

6 (B) Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking

8 “Executive Vice President, Overseas Private In-
9 vestment Corporation.”.

10 (C) Section 5316 of title 5, United States Code,
11 is amended by striking

12 “Vice Presidents, Overseas Private Investment
13 Corporation (3).”.

14 (2) OTHER AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS.—(A)
15 Section 222(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
16 1961 is amended by inserting after “section 238(c)”
17 the following: “as in effect on the day before the ef-
18 fective date of the repeal of that section made by
19 section 401(a)(4) of the Omnibus Corporate Welfare
20 Reduction Act of 1997”.

21 (B) Section 2301(b)(9) of the Export Enhance-
22 ment Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 4721(b)(9)) is amend-
23 ed by striking “the Overseas Private Investment
24 Corporation,”.

1 (C) Section 2312(d)(1) of the Export Enhance-
2 ment Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 4727(d)(1)) is amend-
3 ed—

4 (i) by striking subparagraph (K); and

5 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (L)
6 and (M) as subparagraphs (K) and (L), respec-
7 tively.

8 (D) Section 5402(b) of the Omnibus Trade and
9 Competitiveness Act of 1988 (15 U.S.C. 4902(b)) is
10 amended—

11 (i) in paragraph (12) by adding “and”
12 after the semicolon;

13 (ii) by striking paragraph (13); and

14 (iii) by redesignating paragraph (14) as
15 paragraph (13).

16 (E) Section 624 of the Higher Education Act of
17 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1131e) is amended by striking “the
18 Overseas Private Investment Corporation,”.

19 (F) Section 481(e)(4)(A) of the Foreign Assist-
20 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291(e)(4)(A)) is
21 amended by striking “(including programs under
22 title IV of chapter 2, relating to the Overseas Pri-
23 vate Investment Corporation)”.

24 (G)(i) Section 574 of the Foreign Operations,
25 Export Financing, and Related Programs Appro-

1 priations Act, 1996 (22 U.S.C. 2394 note) is amend-
2 ed—

3 (I) by amending subsection (b) to read as
4 follows:

5 “(b) COUNTRIES.—The countries referred to in sub-
6 section (a) are countries for which in excess of \$5,000,000
7 has been obligated during the previous fiscal year for as-
8 sistance under sections 103 through 106, chapters 10 and
9 11 of part I, and chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign As-
10 sistance Act of 1961, and under the Support for East Eu-
11 ropean Democracy Act of 1989.”; and

12 (II) in the first sentence of subsection (c)
13 by striking “the Administrator” and all that
14 follows through “Corporation” and inserting
15 “and the Administrator of the Agency for Inter-
16 national Development”.

17 (ii) The amendment made by clause (i) shall
18 first apply to the annual report required to be sub-
19 mitted under section 574(a) of the Foreign Oper-
20 ations, Export Financing, and Related Programs
21 Appropriations Act, 1996 in the fiscal year following
22 the fiscal year in which no funds have been obligated
23 by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation by
24 virtue of this section.

1 (H) Section 2(c)(12) of the Support for East
2 European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989 (22
3 U.S.C. 5401(c)(12)) is repealed.

4 (I) Section 202(b)(2)(B) of the Cuban Liberty
5 and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of
6 1996 (22 U.S.C. 6062(b)(2)(B)) is amended—

7 (i) by striking clause (iv); and

8 (ii) by redesignating clauses (v), (vi), and
9 (vii) as clauses (iv), (v), and (vi), respectively.

10 (J) Section 9101(3) of title 31, United States
11 Code, is amended—

12 (i) by striking subparagraph (H); and

13 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs (I)
14 through (P) as subparagraphs (G) through (O),
15 respectively.

16 (K) The following provisions of law are re-
17 pealed:

18 (i) Section 5(b)(2) of the Overseas Private
19 Investment Corporation Amendments Act of
20 1981 (22 U.S.C. 2194a).

21 (ii) Section 5 of the Taiwan Relations Act
22 (22 U.S.C. 3304).

23 (iii) Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section
24 576 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financ-

1 ing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act,
2 1991.

3 (iv) Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section
4 597 of the Foreign Operations, Export Finance-
5 ing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act,
6 1990.

7 (v) Sections 109 and 111 of the Overseas
8 Private Investment Corporation Amendments
9 Act of 1988, as enacted by reference in section
10 555 of Public Law 100–461.

11 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments and
12 repeals made by this subsection shall take effect 180
13 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

14 **SEC. 402. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE UNITED**
15 **STATES SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE**
16 **LATEST ROUND OF THE IMF GENERAL**
17 **AGREEMENTS TO BORROW.**

18 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

19 (1) the International Monetary Fund (IMF) op-
20 erates outside of public scrutiny, releasing almost no
21 information to the public, thereby avoiding adequate
22 accountability for its programs;

23 (2) to ensure that it gets repaid, the IMF fre-
24 quently imposes “conditionality” on its loans—policy

1 changes that borrowing countries must undertake to
2 receive a loan;

3 (3) frequently, the IMF has forced developing
4 nations to enact unsound economic policies, which
5 have led to tax increases on the poor, draconian cur-
6 rency devaluations, and resource exploitation;

7 (4) the IMF will do considerable harm to devel-
8 oping countries by continuing to make loans to their
9 governments;

10 (5) bailing out these governments only encour-
11 ages them to continue policies detrimental to their
12 citizens, such as destroying scarce natural resources,
13 maintaining bloated bureaucracies, operating money-
14 losing state-sponsored industries, and spending too
15 much on their militaries; and

16 (6) new IMF funding to developing countries
17 frequently ends up substituting IMF debt for
18 reschedulable commercial bank debt.

19 (b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
20 the Congress that the United States should not participate
21 in the latest round of the General Agreements to Borrow,
22 commonly referred to as the “New Arrangements to Bor-
23 row”.

1 **SEC. 403. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE UNITED**
2 **STATES SHOULD NOT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL**
3 **RESOURCES TO THE IMF ENHANCED STRUC-**
4 **TURAL ADJUSTMENT FACILITY.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

6 (1) the Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facil-
7 ity (ESAF) of the International Monetary Fund
8 makes low interest loans to the poorest developing
9 countries that cannot pay their bills;

10 (2) countries that borrow from the ESAF must
11 be prepared to adopt multi-year economic and struc-
12 tural “reform” programs, which have frequently
13 done the countries more harm than good; and

14 (3) despite 10 years of ESAF lending, poverty
15 continues to increase in many countries that are eli-
16 gible for loans from the ESAF.

17 (b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
18 the Congress that the United States should not provide
19 additional resources to the Enhanced Structural Adjust-
20 ment Facility.

21 **TITLE V—TRANSPORTATION**

22 **PROGRAMS**

23 **SEC. 501. SENSE OF CONGRESS CONCERNING HIGHWAY**
24 **DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

25 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Intermodal Surface Transportation Effi-
2 ciency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) included a five-fold in-
3 crease in demonstration projects compared to the
4 Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation As-
5 sistance Act of 1987;

6 (2) highway demonstration projects provide lim-
7 ited economic benefits; and

8 (3) highway demonstration projects frequently
9 are not consistent with key transportation priorities,
10 do not appear on State or regional transportation
11 plans, and draw funds away from other major Fed-
12 eral-aid highway programs.

13 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is therefore the sense
14 of Congress that highway demonstration projects should
15 not be required by Federal law.

16 **SEC. 502. ELIMINATION OF APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT**
17 **HIGHWAY SYSTEM PROGRAM.**

18 (a) REPEAL.—Section 201 of the Appalachian Re-
19 gional Development Act of 1965 (40 U.S.C. App. 201) is
20 repealed.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 401 of
22 such Act (40 U.S.C. App. 401) is amended—

23 (1) by striking “in section 201 for the Appa-
24 lachian Development Highway System and Local Ac-
25 cess Roads, and”; and

1 (2) by striking “and in section 201(g) for the
2 Appalachian development highway system and local
3 access roads,”.

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