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# H. R. 3800

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 1998

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on International Relations

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## 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 “Foreign Assistance Re-  
5       form Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT THAT NON-CASH TRANSFER ASSIST-**  
 2 **ANCE PROVIDED UNDER PART I OF THE FOR-**  
 3 **EIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 BE IN THE**  
 4 **FORM OF CREDITS REDEEMABLE FOR PUR-**  
 5 **CHASE OF UNITED STATES GOODS AND SERV-**  
 6 **ICES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of the Foreign Assistance  
 8 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2351 et seq.) is amended by add-  
 9 ing at the end the following:

10 **“CHAPTER 4—REQUIREMENT THAT NON-**  
 11 **CASH TRANSFER ASSISTANCE PRO-**  
 12 **VIDED UNDER PART I OF THIS ACT BE**  
 13 **IN THE FORM OF CREDITS REDEEM-**  
 14 **ABLE FOR PURCHASE OF UNITED**  
 15 **STATES GOODS AND SERVICES**

16 **“SEC. 668A. REQUIREMENT.**

17 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Assistance provided to a foreign  
 18 country under part I of this Act, other than assistance  
 19 provided on a cash transfer basis, shall be in the form  
 20 of credits that shall be redeemable only for the purchase  
 21 of United States goods and services.

22 “(b) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF UNITED STATES  
 23 GOODS.—The President shall ensure that purchases of  
 24 United States goods described in subsection (a), and the  
 25 ports of departure for those goods, are distributed equi-  
 26 tably throughout the United States. The United States

1 goods described in subsection (a) shall be United States  
2 goods that are available in the United States at fair prices  
3 for such goods.

4 **“SEC. 668B. GAO AUDITS.**

5       “The Comptroller General, or representatives of the  
6 Comptroller General, shall have the access to records and  
7 personnel necessary to carry out such monitoring and au-  
8 diting of the provisions of this chapter as the Comptroller  
9 General deems appropriate.

10 **“SEC. 668C. WAIVER.**

11       “The President may waive the provisions of this  
12 chapter on a case by case basis to the extent the President  
13 determines that it is important to the national interest to  
14 do so. Any such waiver shall be reported to the Congress.

15 **“SEC. 668D. DEFINITION.**

16       “For purposes of this chapter, the term ‘United  
17 States goods’ means goods (including components) and  
18 commodities (including agricultural commodities) grown,  
19 processed, produced, or manufactured in the United  
20 States.”.

21       (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
22 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to assistance pro-  
23 vided beginning one year after the date of the enactment  
24 of this Act.

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