H. R. 2081

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 8, 1999

Mr. Udall of New Mexico (for himself, Mrs. McCarthy of New York, Mr. Moore, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Wu, Mr. Holden, Ms. Hooley of Oregon, and Mr. Udall of Colorado) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 "Gun Crime Prosecu-
- 5 tion Act of 1999".

1	SEC. 2. APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT UNITED STATES AT-
2	TORNEYS TO PROSECUTE FIREARMS OF-
3	FENSES.
4	(a) In General.—The United States Attorney for
5	each judicial district shall—
6	(1) appoint 1 Assistant United States Attorney
7	in addition to any other Assistant United States At-
8	torneys appointed for the judicial district;
9	(2) assign the additional Assistant United
10	States Attorney responsibility for prosecuting only
11	offenses under chapter 44 of title 18, United States
12	Code, and any other offense under Federal law in-
13	volving firearms or ammunition; and
14	(3) require the additional Assistant United
15	States Attorney in the prosecution of such offenses,
16	to give priority to—
17	(A) crimes of violence (as defined in sec-
18	tion 16 of such title) committed by individuals
19	who have previously been convicted of such a
20	crime; and
21	(B) offenses by individuals who have pre-
22	viously been convicted of a crime punishable by
23	imprisonment for more than 1 year.
24	(b) Limitation on Authorization of Appropria-
25	TIONS.—To carry out this section, there are authorized
26	to be appropriated to the Attorney General \$8,300,000 for

- 1 each of fiscal years 2000 through 2003. Amounts appro-
- 2 priated pursuant to this subsection are authorized to re-

3 main available until expended.

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