

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 258

To allow for news bureau exchanges between the United States and Cuba.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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States and Cuba.

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEWS BUREAUS IN CUBA**
4 **AND THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY ECONOMIC POW-
6 ERS ACT.—The authority granted to the President by sec-
7 tion 203(a) of the International Emergency Economic
8 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(a)) does not include the au-
9 thority to regulate or prohibit, directly or indirectly, finan-
10 cial or other transactions related to the establishment of
11 news bureaus by United States news organizations in

1 Cuba, or the establishment of news bureaus in the United
2 States by Cuban news organizations.

3 (b) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—The au-
4 thority granted to the President in section 620(a)(1) of
5 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
6 2370(a)(1)) does not include the authority to regulate or
7 prohibit, directly or indirectly, financial or other trans-
8 actions related to the establishment of news bureaus by
9 United States news organizations in Cuba, or the estab-
10 lishment of news bureaus in the United States by Cuban
11 news organizations.

12 **SEC. 2. INAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER RESTRICTIONS.**

13 (a) NEWS BUREAUS.—Section 114 of the Cuban Lib-
14 erty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996
15 (22 U.S.C. 6044), and the item relating to that section
16 in the table of contents for that Act, are repealed.

17 (b) EMBARGO.—This Act and the repeal made by this
18 section apply notwithstanding section 102(h) of the Cuban
19 Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of
20 1996.

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