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To authorize appropriations for the United States Customs Cybersmuggling Center.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAMPSON (for himself, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. FROST, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. GUTKNECHT, and Mr. BENTSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To authorize appropriations for the United States Customs Cybersmuggling Center.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Child pornography, a worldwide industry
6 that was all but eradicated in the 1980's, has resur-
7 faced with a vengeance, because of computer tech-
8 nology.

1 (2) This illegal activity has flourished on the
2 Internet, with child pornography traded freely in
3 chat rooms, news groups, and private e-mail.

4 (3) Pedophiles, child molesters, and other pur-
5 veyors of child pornography now have instant access
6 to explicit photos in the privacy of their own homes
7 and offices.

8 (4) Pursuant to the Child Protection Act of
9 1984, the Customs Service created its first anti-
10 child-pornography program in 1985, which provides
11 administrative, programmatic, and operational sup-
12 port to all field offices and attachés of the Customs
13 Service.

14 (5) Although the efforts of the Customs Service
15 in keeping hard copy print and video child pornog-
16 raphy from entering the United States have been
17 largely successful, the computer has increasingly be-
18 come the venue of choice for pedophiles, child mo-
19 lesters, and other purveyors of child pornography to
20 gain wider, easier, and safer access to child pornog-
21 raphy and to children.

22 (6) To further combat both traditional and
23 computer-based forms of child pornography and ex-
24 ploitation, the Commissioner of Customs established
25 the Customs Service International Child Pornog-

1 raphy Investigation and Coordination Center
2 (ICPICC), currently known as the United States
3 Customs Cybersmuggling Center, the primary objec-
4 tives of which are to provide guidance and support
5 to the field in the investigation of complex cases in-
6 volving child pornography violations and to coordi-
7 nate the international efforts of the Customs Service
8 to combat child pornography and train foreign law
9 enforcement officials. The functions of the Center
10 are—

11 (A) to design and maintain computer data
12 bases for the compilation and analysis of intel-
13 ligence related to child pornography;

14 (B) to act as the central processing point
15 for the coordination and dissemination of all do-
16 mestic and foreign intelligence information from
17 the Customs Service and other agencies and en-
18 tities relating to child pornography investiga-
19 tions, including developing and coordinating
20 special projects to obtain intelligence on child
21 pornography;

22 (C) to develop and operate proactive un-
23 dercover operations and provide information
24 and evidence to the field for investigation;

1 (D) to act as the central coordinating point
2 for all child pornography undercover operations
3 and initiatives in the field to maximize use of
4 scarce resources and eliminate duplication of ef-
5 fort;

6 (E) to assist the training academy of the
7 Customs Service in the development of training
8 courses in child pornography investigations; and

9 (F) to conduct an aggressive public aware-
10 ness campaign to educate the public, the press,
11 and the worldwide law enforcement community
12 about the role of the Customs Service in inves-
13 tigating child exploitation and trafficking of
14 child pornography.

15 (7) Additional funding is required for the
16 United States Customs Cybersmuggling Center to
17 effectively perform its functions.

18 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR UNITED**
19 **STATES CUSTOMS CYBERSMUGGLING CEN-**
20 **TER.**

21 There are authorized to be appropriated for the
22 United States Customs Cybersmuggling Center, originally
23 established in April 1996 as the International Child Por-
24 nography Investigation and Coordination Center

- 1 (ICPICC), \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2000,
- 2 2001, 2002, and 2003.

