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# H. R. 1115

To authorize the Secretary of State to provide for the establishment of nonprofit entities for the Department's international educational, cultural and arts programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 2001

Mr. LEACH 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. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress makes the following findings:

5           (1) It is in the national interest of the United  
6       States to promote mutual understanding between  
7       the people of the United States and other nations.

8           (2) Among the means to be used in achieving  
9       this objective are a wide range of international edu-

1 educational and cultural exchange programs, including  
2 the J. William Fulbright Educational Exchange Pro-  
3 gram and the International Visitors Program.

18 (6) One of the ways to deepen and expand cul-  
19 tural and educational exchange programs is through  
20 the establishment of nonprofit entities to encourage  
21 the participation and financial support of multi-  
22 national companies and other private sector contrib-  
23 utors

24 (7) The United States private sector should be  
25 encouraged to cooperate closely with the Secretary of

1 State and her representatives to expand and spread  
2 appreciation of United States cultural and artistic  
3 accomplishments.

4 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH NONPROFIT ENTITIES.**

5 Section 105(f) of the Mutual Educational and Cul-  
6 tural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended, (22 U.S.C.  
7 2255(f)) is further amended—

8 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(f)”; and by add-  
9 ing at the end the following new paragraphs:

10 “(2) The Secretary of State is authorized to  
11 provide for the establishment of private, nonprofit  
12 entities to assist in carrying out the purposes of the  
13 Act. Any such entity shall not be considered an  
14 agency or instrumentality of the United States gov-  
15 ernment, nor shall its employees be considered em-  
16 ployees of the United States government for any  
17 purposes.

18 “(3) The entities may, among other functions,  
19 “(A) encourage participation and support  
20 by United States multinational companies and  
21 other elements of the private sector for cultural,  
22 arts and educational exchange programs, in-  
23 cluding those programs that will enhance inter-  
24 national appreciation of America’s cultural and  
25 artistic accomplishments;

1                   “(B) solicit and receive contributions from  
2                   the private sector to support these cultural arts  
3                   and educational exchange programs; and

4                   “(C) provide grants and other assistance  
5                   for these programs.

6                   “(4) The Secretary of State is authorized to  
7                   make such arrangements as are necessary to carry  
8                   out the purposes of these entities, including the so-  
9                   licitation and receipt of funds for the entity; des-  
10                   ignation of a program in recognition of such con-  
11                   tributions; and designation of members, including  
12                   employees of the United States government, on any  
13                   board or other body established to administer the  
14                   entity.

15                   “(5) Any funds available to the Department of  
16                   State may be made available to such entities to  
17                   cover administrative and other costs for their estab-  
18                   lishment. Any such entity is authorized to invest any  
19                   amounts provided to it by the Department of State,  
20                   and such amounts, as well as any interest or earn-  
21                   ings on such amounts, may be used by the entity to  
22                   carry out its purposes.”.

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