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# H. R. 329

To authorize the establishment of a suboffice of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Nashville, Tennessee.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEMENT (for himself, Mr. FORD, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. WAMP, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. JENKINS, and Mr. TANNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 “Nashville INS Sub-  
5       office Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds the following:

8               (1) The Immigration and Naturalization Serv-  
9       ice field office in Memphis, Tennessee, is designated

1 as a suboffice within the jurisdiction of the district  
2 office in New Orleans, Louisiana.

3 (2) Over the past 10 years, the foreign national  
4 population has grown substantially in the jurisdic-  
5 tional area of the Memphis suboffice.

6 (3) It is estimated that more than 200,000 for-  
7 eign nationals are residing in the jurisdictional area  
8 of the Memphis suboffice.

9 (4) The Memphis suboffice has pending an  
10 equal or greater number of cases, and receives as  
11 many new cases, as the New Orleans district office.

12 (5) Approximately 46 percent of the total num-  
13 ber of permanent resident applications received by  
14 the Memphis suboffice come from individuals resid-  
15 ing in middle and eastern Tennessee.

16 (6) In many instances, such individuals have to  
17 travel 3 to 6 hours each way to Memphis to receive  
18 service.

19 (7) Nashville is a logical location for a new Im-  
20 migration and Naturalization Service suboffice be-  
21 cause its central location will reduce such travel time  
22 and allow the Immigration and Naturalization Serv-  
23 ice to provide better and more efficient service to  
24 such individuals.

1           (8) As the largest metropolitan area in the  
2       State of Tennessee, major routes from across the  
3       State flow into Nashville and air transportation is  
4       readily available there.

5           (9) Establishment of a Nashville suboffice  
6       would make a strong statement about the commit-  
7       ment of the Immigration and Naturalization Service  
8       to gaining control over illegal immigration and would  
9       facilitate legal immigration and citizenship initiatives  
10      in central and eastern Tennessee.

11          (10) The Congress has identified Nashville as a  
12      region underserved by the Immigration and Natu-  
13      ralization Service.

14   **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15      There are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000  
16   for each fiscal year to establish and operate an Immigra-  
17   tion and Naturalization Service suboffice in Nashville,  
18   Tennessee. Such suboffice shall have jurisdiction over the  
19   following counties in the State of Tennessee: Anderson,  
20   Bedford, Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Cannon,  
21   Carter, Cheatham, Claiborne, Clay, Cocke, Coffee, Cum-  
22   berland, Davidson, Dekalb, Dickson, Fentress, Franklin,  
23   Giles, Grainger, Greene, Grundy, Hamblen, Hamilton,  
24   Hancock, Hardin, Hawkins, Hickman, Houston, Hum-  
25   phries, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Lawrence,

1 Lewis, Lincoln, Loudon, Macon, Marion, Marshall, Maury,  
2 McMinn, Meigs, Moore, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan,  
3 Overton, Perry, Pickett, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Rob-  
4 ertson, Rutherford, Scott, Sevier, Sequatchie, Smith,  
5 Stewart, Sullivan, Sumner, Trousdale, Unicoi, Union, Van  
6 Buren, Warren, Washington, Wayne, White, Williamson,  
7 and Wilson.

