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# H. R. 3989

To require the Secretary of the Treasury to direct the United States Executive Director at the Inter-American Development Bank to urge the Bank to release the loans approved for Haiti, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. WEXLER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. RUSH, Mr. OWENS, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. KLECZKA, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Helping the People  
5       of Haiti Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. URGING THE RELEASE OF INTER-AMERICAN DEVEL-**  
2 **OPMENT BANK LOANS TO HAITI .**

3       Within 30 days after the date of the enactment of  
4 this section, the Secretary of the Treasury shall direct the  
5 United States Executive Director at the Inter-American  
6 Development Bank to use the voice and vote of the United  
7 States to urge the Bank to release the four social sector  
8 and development loans totaling \$146,000,000, for health,  
9 education, water and sanitation, and transportation, that  
10 have been approved by the Board of Executive Directors  
11 of the Bank and ratified by the Parliament of Haiti.

12 **SEC. 3. INTERNATIONAL APPEALS.**

13       (a) The Secretary of the Treasury shall—

14           (1) appeal to each international financial insti-  
15 tution (as defined in section 1701(c)(2) of the Inter-  
16 national Financial Institutions Act) to strengthen  
17 the efforts of the institution to assist the people of  
18 Haiti in the development of their economy; and

19           (2) urge each such institution to take imme-  
20 diate steps to provide to Haiti the full range of loans  
21 and other financial assistance offered by the institu-  
22 tion.

23       (b) The Secretary of State shall—

24           (1) appeal to foreign governments to strengthen  
25 the efforts of those governments to assist the people  
26 of Haiti in the development of their economy; and

1           (2) urge each foreign government to take imme-  
2       diate steps to provide to Haiti the full range of loans  
3       and other financial assistance offered by the govern-  
4       ment.

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