

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4449

To provide assistance to combat HIV/AIDS in the Republic of India, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 20, 2004

Ms. LEE (for herself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LEACH, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. CROWLEY,
Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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of India, and for other purposes.

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 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The Government of the Republic of India
6 has estimated that 4,580,000 people in India are in-
7 fected with the human immunodeficiency virus
8 (“HIV”) and cases of individuals with the acquired
9 immune deficiency syndrome (“AIDS”) have been

1 reported in almost all the states and union terri-
2 tories of India.

3 (2) The effort to combat the HIV/AIDS pan-
4 demic in India has reached a critical point, as HIV/
5 AIDS is spreading rapidly from urban to rural areas
6 and from high-risk groups to the general population.

7 (3) Political leaders, public health officials, non-
8 governmental organizations, and medical and sci-
9 entific communities in India have taken important
10 steps to combat HIV/AIDS in that country, but as-
11 sistance from the United States is urgently needed
12 to enhance such efforts.

13 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14 It is the sense of Congress that—

15 (1) the addition of India to the list of countries
16 for which the Coordinator of United States Govern-
17 ment Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally is re-
18 sponsible under section 1(f)(2)(B)(ii)(VII) of the
19 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
20 U.S.C. 2651a(f)(2)(B)(ii)(VII)) for the approval of
21 all activities of the United States (including funding)
22 relating to combatting HIV/AIDS should not de-
23 crease the amount of funding made available for as-
24 sistance to any other country under such section for
25 such purpose;

1 (2) the United States should continue to in-
2 crease the number of countries eligible to receive as-
3 sistance from the United States to combat HIV/
4 AIDS; and

5 (3) the United States should increase the total
6 amount of assistance available to combat HIV/
7 AIDS.

8 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT HIV/AIDS IN INDIA.**

9 Section 1(f)(2)(B)(ii)(VII) of the State Department
10 Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C.
11 2651a(f)(2)(B)(ii)(VII)) is amended by inserting after
12 “Haiti,” the following: “India,”.

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