108TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 4832

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit representatives of the foreign press to enter the United States under the visa waiver program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 14, 2004

Mr. Houghton introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 "Freedom of the Press
- 5 Reinforcement Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF VISA WAIVER PROGRAM TO REP-
- 7 RESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN PRESS.
- 8 (a) Application of Program.—Section 217 of the
- 9 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187) is

- 1 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
- 2 section:
- 3 "(i) Special Rule for Foreign Press.—An alien
- 4 may be classified as a nonimmigrant under section
- 5 101(a)(15)(B) for purposes of this section, notwith-
- 6 standing that the alien is a representative of foreign press,
- 7 radio, film, or other foreign information media seeking to
- 8 enter the United States to engage in such vocation.".
- 9 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section
- 10 101(a)(15)(B) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(B)) is
- 11 amended by inserting after "unskilled labor or" the fol-
- 12 lowing: ", except as provided in section 217(i),".

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