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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROCKEFELLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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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 “Census of Americans  
5   Abroad Act”.

### 6   **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8               (1) an estimated 3,000,000 to 6,000,000 Amer-  
9       icans live and work overseas while continuing to vote  
10      and pay taxes in the United States;

1           (2) Americans residing abroad help increase ex-  
2       ports of American goods because they traditionally  
3       buy American, sell American, and create business  
4       opportunities for American companies and workers,  
5       thereby strengthening the United States economy,  
6       creating jobs in the United States, and extending  
7       United States influence around the globe;

8           (3) with the growing threat of terrorism against  
9       Americans who live around the world, the need to  
10      account for the number of Americans residing in dif-  
11      ferent countries is even more important;

12          (4) Americans residing abroad play a key role  
13      in advancing this Nation's interests by serving as  
14      economic, political, and cultural "ambassadors" of  
15      the United States; and

16          (5) the major business, civic, and community  
17      organizations representing Americans and companies  
18      of the United States abroad support the counting of  
19      all Americans residing abroad by the Bureau of the  
20      Census, and are prepared to assist the Bureau of  
21      the Census in this task.

22      (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
23      gress that—

24          (1) the Bureau of the Census should undertake  
25      a test census of Americans residing in selected coun-

1 tries abroad, and that the necessary funding should  
2 be appropriated for this purpose;

3 (2) the Bureau of the Census should, after com-  
4 pleting that test census, review the means by which  
5 Americans residing abroad may be included in the  
6 2010 decennial census;

7 (3) based on its review (described in paragraph  
8 (2)), the Bureau of the Census should again test  
9 methodologies that would provide for the counting of  
10 Americans residing abroad; and

11 (4) the Bureau of the Census should take ap-  
12 propriate measures to provide for the inclusion of  
13 Americans residing abroad in the 2010 decennial  
14 census and decennial censuses thereafter.

15 **SEC. 3. COUNTING OF AMERICANS RESIDING ABROAD.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Commerce  
17 shall—

18 (1) using any authorities available to the Sec-  
19 retary under section 182 or any other provision of  
20 title 13, United States Code, take a test census of  
21 Americans residing abroad by September 30, 2004;

22 (2) submit the final tabulations of the test cen-  
23 sus to the President and Congress within 9 months  
24 after the date specified in paragraph (1), broken  
25 down into appropriate categories, including—

1 (A) Americans residing abroad affiliated  
2 with the Federal Government, and their de-  
3 pendents; and

4 (B) Americans residing abroad not affili-  
5 ated with the Federal Government, and their  
6 dependents;

7 (3) not later than June 30, 2005, submit to the  
8 President and Congress a report containing any rec-  
9 ommendations the Secretary may have with respect  
10 to the inclusion of Americans residing abroad in fu-  
11 ture decennial censuses, including—

12 (A) counting methodologies;

13 (B) the purposes for which any informa-  
14 tion could or should be used; and

15 (C) whether Americans residing abroad  
16 can be included in the 2010 decennial census  
17 for purposes of the apportionment of Rep-  
18 resentatives in Congress among the several  
19 States and, if so, how that should be done;

20 (4) after submitting the report required by  
21 paragraph (3), but before the end of 2006, again  
22 test methodologies for counting Americans residing  
23 abroad; and

24 (5) take appropriate measures—

1 (A) to provide for the inclusion of Ameri-  
2 cans residing abroad in the 2010 decennial cen-  
3 sus and decennial censuses thereafter; and

4 (B) to make use of the information ob-  
5 tained from such censuses for such purposes as,  
6 and to the maximum extent that, the Secretary  
7 considers feasible and appropriate.

8 (b) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION; PEN-  
9 ALTIES.—The provisions of section 9 and chapter 7 of title  
10 13, United States Code, shall apply with respect to the  
11 test census.

12 (c) LIMITED USE OF DATA.—The data obtained from  
13 the test census may not be used for any purpose not spe-  
14 cifically provided for under this section.

15 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
16 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be  
17 necessary to carry out this Act.

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