

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2203

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 2004

Mr. CORZINE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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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 India has estimated
6 that 4,580,000 people in India are infected with the
7 human immunodeficiency virus (“HIV”) and cases
8 of individuals with the acquired immune deficiency
9 syndrome (“AIDS”) have been reported in almost all
10 the states and union territories of India.

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

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

12 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

13 It is the sense of Congress that—

14 (1) the addition of India as a country for which
15 the Coordinator of United States Government Activi-
16 ties to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally has responsibil-
17 ities under section 1(f)(2)(B)(ii)(VII) of the State
18 Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
19 U.S.C. 2651a(f)(2)(B)(ii)(VII)) should not decrease
20 the amount of funding the Coordinator makes avail-
21 able for assistance to any other such country;

22 (2) the United States should continue to in-
23 crease the number of countries eligible to receive as-
24 sistance from the United States to combat HIV and
25 AIDS; and

1 (3) the United States should increase the total
2 amount of assistance available to combat HIV and
3 AIDS.

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

5 Section 1(f)(2)(B)(ii)(VII) of the State Department
6 Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C.
7 2651a(f)(2)(B)(ii)(VII)) is further amended by inserting
8 “India,” after “Haiti,”.

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