

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1437

To eradicate the poppy plant in Afghanistan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2005

Mr. ROHRABACHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on International Relations

A BILL

To eradicate the poppy plant in Afghanistan.

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 “Afghan Poppy Eradi-
5 cation and Prosperity Act of 2005.”

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The National Commission on Terrorist At-
9 tacks Upon the United States recommended that the
10 United States make a long-term commitment to the
11 security and stability of Afghanistan.

1 (2) Afghanistan has become the source of near-
2 ly 90 percent of the illicit opium and its derivatives
3 in the world, making it is the biggest global pro-
4 ducer of this drug.

5 (3) The opium output of Afghanistan measured
6 an estimated 4,600 metric tons in 2004.

7 (4) Opium harvested from the poppy plant in
8 Afghanistan is converted to heroin, morphine, and
9 other deadly drugs.

10 (5) The newly created Ministry of Counter Nar-
11 cotics of Afghanistan is in need of financial, diplo-
12 matic, and moral support.

13 (6) Approximately 3,000,000 people are directly
14 involved in the opium economy in Afghanistan.

15 (7) The agricultural sector of the economy of
16 Afghanistan is in need of the ability to provide alter-
17 native livelihoods to these people.

18 **SEC. 3. ERADICATION.**

19 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The United States Federal Gov-
20 ernment and its agencies, including the United States
21 Agency for International Development, the Department of
22 State, the Department of Defense, and the Drug Enforce-
23 ment Administration of the Department of Justice, in co-
24 operation with the Government of Afghanistan, including

1 the Ministry of Counter Narcotics, shall seek to eradicate
2 the poppy plant in Afghanistan.

3 (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of
5 the United States Agency for International Develop-
6 ment shall establish and administer a two-year pilot
7 program in Afghanistan to be known as the “Afghan
8 Poppy Eradication and Prosperity Program”.

9 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Program
10 shall be to—

11 (A) coordinate the eradication of the poppy
12 plant in Afghanistan; and

13 (B) assist the approximately 3,000,000
14 people who are directly involved in the opium
15 economy in Afghanistan to develop alternative
16 livelihoods.

17 (c) DISBURSEMENT.—Every Afghan laborer who par-
18 ticipates in the Program shall receive \$10.00 per day from
19 funds appropriated for the Program under subsection (e).

20 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Administrator shall an-
21 nually submit to Congress a report concerning the
22 progress related to—

23 (1) the eradication in Afghanistan of the poppy
24 plant; and

1 (2) the development of alternative livelihoods
2 for the approximately 3,000,000 people who are di-
3 rectly involved in the opium economy in Afghanistan.

4 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
5 authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator
6 \$1,000,000,000 to carry out this section.

7 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
8 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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