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To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 for United States contributions to the International Fund for Ireland, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 27, 2005

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

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 “International Fund
5 for Ireland Enhancement Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The United States has been effectively en-
9 gaged in the Northern Ireland peace process by par-
10 ticipating in negotiations and contributing to the

1 economic development of both Northern Ireland and
2 the border areas of the Republic of Ireland that are
3 affected by the conflict in Northern Ireland.

4 (2) The Government of Ireland, the Irish peo-
5 ple, the Government of the United Kingdom, and the
6 British people are longstanding friends of the United
7 States Government and the people of the United
8 States.

9 (3) In 1986, the United States, in support of
10 the Agreement Between the Government of Ireland
11 and the Government of the United Kingdom dated
12 November 15, 1985 (“Anglo-Irish Agreement”), es-
13 tablished the International Fund for Ireland (“Inter-
14 national Fund”) to help bolster economic develop-
15 ment and support programs that would foster peace
16 and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the af-
17 fected border areas of the Republic of Ireland.

18 (4) The United States has been a generous and
19 faithful donor to the International Fund, contrib-
20 uting more than \$386,000,000 to help improve rela-
21 tions between Catholics and Protestants in Northern
22 Ireland through the creation of thousands of jobs
23 and the development of business opportunities that
24 allow Catholics and Protestants to work together.

1 (5) More than 80 percent of the International
2 Fund's investments have been in disadvantaged
3 areas. Programs funded by the investments offer
4 work experience and important job training pro-
5 grams to disadvantaged and unemployed youth
6 through the economic, social, and physical regenera-
7 tion of such areas.

8 (6) The International Fund has also developed
9 a series of community-building programs promoting
10 greater dialogue and understanding between Catho-
11 lics and Protestants and leadership programs de-
12 signed to develop a new generation of leaders in
13 Northern Ireland to bring about a more peaceful
14 and prosperous future in the region.

15 (7) Section 2(b) of the Anglo-Irish Agreement
16 Support Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-415; 100 Stat.
17 947), states that the purpose of the contributions
18 from the United States to the International Fund is
19 to support the promotion of "reconciliation in North-
20 ern Ireland and the establishment of a society in
21 Northern Ireland in which all may live in peace, free
22 from discrimination, terrorism, and intolerance, and
23 with the opportunity for both communities to par-
24 ticipate fully in the structures and processes of gov-
25 ernment".

1 (8) Assistance from the United States to the
2 International Fund has contributed greatly to the
3 economic development of Northern Ireland and to
4 accomplishing the objectives of the Anglo-Irish
5 Agreement Support Act of 1986, namely economic
6 development and reconciliation, which are critical to
7 achieving a just and lasting peace in the region, es-
8 pecially in the economically depressed areas of
9 Northern Ireland.

10 (9) The Agreement Reached in the Multi-Party
11 Negotiations in Belfast on April 10, 1998 (the
12 “Good Friday Agreement”) created the Northern
13 Ireland Executive Assembly and Executive Com-
14 mittee and provided for a “democratically elected
15 Assembly in Northern Ireland which is inclusive in
16 its membership, capable of exercising executive and
17 legislative authority, and subject to safeguards to
18 protect the rights and interests of all sides of the
19 community”.

20 (10) The Good Friday Agreement also called
21 for police reform and establishment of a “new begin-
22 ning” in policing in Northern Ireland with an effec-
23 tive, accountable, and fair police service, which is ca-
24 pable of attracting and sustaining support from the
25 community as a whole, capable of maintaining law

1 and order, and based on principles of protection of
2 human rights.

3 (11) In 1999, the Independent Commission on
4 Policing in Northern Ireland, a commission required
5 by the Good Friday Agreement, made 175 rec-
6 ommendations for policing reform in Northern Ire-
7 land, some of which have been implemented.

8 (12) In 2002, the Department of State issued
9 a report required by section 701(d) of the Foreign
10 Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Pub-
11 lic Law 107–228; 116 Stat. 1419), called the “Re-
12 port on Policing Reform and Human Rights in
13 Northern Ireland”. The report concluded that a new
14 police training facility and an increase in funding for
15 police training programs were critically needed in
16 Northern Ireland.

17 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT**
18 **SUPPORT ACT OF 1986.**

19 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
20 gress that—

21 (1) Assistance from the United States for the
22 International Fund for Ireland (“International
23 Fund”) has contributed greatly to the economic de-
24 velopment of Northern Ireland and that both objec-
25 tives of the Anglo-Irish Agreement Support Act of

1 1986 (Public Law 99–415; 100 Stat. 947), namely
2 economic development and reconciliation, remain
3 critical to achieving a just and lasting peace in the
4 region, especially in the economically-depressed
5 areas; and

6 (2) since policing reform is a significant part of
7 winning public confidence in and acceptance of the
8 new form of government in Northern Ireland, the
9 International Fund is encouraged to support pro-
10 grams that enhance relations between communities
11 and enhance relations between the police and the
12 communities they serve, promote human rights
13 training for police, and enhance peaceful mediation
14 in neighborhoods of continued conflict.

15 (b) AMENDMENTS.—

16 (1) FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.—Section 2(b) of
17 the Anglo-Irish Agreement Support Act of 1986
18 (Public Law 99–415; 100 Stat. 947) is amended by
19 adding at the end the following new sentence: “Fur-
20 thermore, the International Fund is encouraged to
21 support programs that enhance relations between
22 communities and enhance relations between the po-
23 lice and the communities they serve, promote human
24 rights training for police, enhance peaceful medi-
25 ation in neighborhoods of continued conflict, pro-

1 mote training programs to enhance the new district
2 partnership police boards recommended by the Pat-
3 ten Commission, and assist in the transition of
4 former British military installations and prisons into
5 sites for peaceful, community-supported activities,
6 such as housing, retail, and commercial develop-
7 ment.”.

8 (2) UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
9 INTERNATIONAL FUNDS.—Section 3 of the Anglo-
10 Irish Agreement Support Act of 1986 (Public Law
11 99–415; 100 Stat. 947) is amended by adding at the
12 end, the following new subsection:

13 “(c) FISCAL YEARS 2006 AND 2007.—Of the
14 amounts made available for fiscal years 2006 and 2007
15 to carry out chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance
16 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.; relating to the eco-
17 nomic support fund), there are authorized to be appro-
18 priated \$20,000,000 for each such fiscal year for United
19 States contributions to the International Fund. Amounts
20 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
21 tions under the preceding sentence are authorized to re-
22 main available until expended. Of the amount authorized
23 to be appropriated for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 under
24 this subsection, it is the sense of Congress that not less
25 than 35 percent of such amount for each such fiscal year

1 should be used to carry out the last sentence of section
2 2(b).”.

3 (c) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Section 6(1) of the Anglo-
4 Irish Agreement Support Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-
5 415; 100 Stat. 947) is amended by inserting before the
6 semicolon the following: “, specifically through improving
7 local community relations and relations between the police
8 and the people they serve”.

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