110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 5152

To authorize assistance for ethnic and religious minorities in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 29, 2008

Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. KLEIN of Florida, Mr. CROWLEY, and Ms. BERK-LEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Former Soviet Union
- 5 Minority Relief Act of 2008".
- 6 SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE FOR ETHNIC AND
- 7 RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN RUSSIA, UKRAINE,
- 8 AND BELARUS.
- 9 (a) Humanitarian Assistance.—There is author-
- 10 ized to be appropriated to the President \$10,000,000 for

- 1 fiscal year 2009 for the provision of humanitarian assist-
- 2 ance for ethnic and religious minorities in Russia,
- 3 Ukraine, and Belarus.
- 4 (b) Hate Crime Prevention and Rule of Law
- 5 Assistance.—There is authorized to be appropriated to
- 6 the President \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 for the
- 7 provision of assistance to prevent and respond to hate
- 8 crimes and carry out rule of law initiatives in Russia,
- 9 Ukraine, and Belarus.
- 10 (c) Democracy Promotion Assistance.—There is
- 11 authorized to be appropriated to the President
- 12 \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 for the provision of as-
- 13 sistance to promote democracy in Russia, Ukraine, and
- 14 Belarus.
- 15 (d) Broadcasting Assistance.—There is author-
- 16 ized to be appropriated to the President \$25,000,000 for
- 17 fiscal year 2009 for international broadcasting activities
- 18 for Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus.
- 19 (e) Resettlement Assistance.—There is author-
- 20 ized to be appropriated to the President \$10,000,000 for
- 21 fiscal year 2009 for the provision of assistance for resettle-
- 22 ment of ethnic and religious minorities in Russia, Ukraine,
- 23 and Belarus.
- 24 (f) Additional Requirements.—Amounts author-
- 25 ized to be appropriated under this section are in addition

- 1 to any other amounts authorized to be appropriated for
- 2 such purposes and are authorized to remain available until

3 expended.

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