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H. R. 2468

To establish a United States-India interparliamentary exchange group.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2009

Mr. McDERMOTT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To establish a United States-India interparliamentary
exchange group.

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 “United States-India
5 Interparliamentary Exchange Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES-INDIA INTERPARLIAMENTARY EX-**
7 **CHANGE GROUP.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MEETINGS.—There is es-
9 tablished a United States-India Interparliamentary Ex-
10 change Group. Not to exceed 12 Members of Congress
11 shall be appointed to meet annually and when Congress

1 is not in session (except that this restriction shall not
2 apply to meetings held in the United States) with rep-
3 resentatives of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha of the
4 Parliament of India for discussion of common issues in
5 the interest of relations between the United States and
6 India. Members of Congress so appointed shall be referred
7 to as the “United States group” of the United States
8 Interparliamentary Exchange Group.

9 (b) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.—Of the Members
10 of Congress appointed under subsection (a)—

11 (1) half shall be appointed by the Speaker of
12 the House of Representatives from among Members
13 of the House (not fewer than two of whom shall be
14 Members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
15 including both Co-Chairs of the Congressional Cau-
16 cus on India and Indian-Americans); and

17 (2) half shall be appointed by the President pro
18 tempore of the Senate, upon recommendations of the
19 majority and minority leaders of the Senate, from
20 among Members of the Senate (not fewer than two
21 of whom shall be members of the Committee on For-
22 eign Relations) unless the majority and minority
23 leaders of the Senate determine otherwise.

24 (c) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—The Speaker of the
25 House of Representatives shall designate the Chair or Vice

1 Chair of the House delegation, and the President pro tem-
2 pore of the Senate shall designate the Chair or Vice Chair
3 of the Senate delegation.

4 (d) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-
5 priated no more than \$100,000 for each fiscal year to as-
6 sist in meeting the expenses of the United States group
7 for each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made.
8 Appropriations shall be disbursed on vouchers to be ap-
9 proved by the Chair of the United States group.

10 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—The United States group
11 shall submit to Congress a report for each fiscal year for
12 which an appropriation is made for the United States
13 group, which shall include its expenditures under such ap-
14 propriation.

15 (f) CERTIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES.—The certifi-
16 cate of the Chair of the House delegation or the Senate
17 delegation of the United States group shall be final and
18 conclusive upon the accounting officers in the auditing of
19 the accounts of the United States group.

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