

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**H. R. 534**

To require the Secretary of State to take such actions as may be necessary for the United States to rejoin the Bureau of International Expositions, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended  
to be proposed by Mr. CORKER

Viz:

1       Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-  
2       lowing:

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “U.S. Wants to Com-  
5       pete for a World Expo Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

8               (1) The Bureau of International Expositions  
9       (BIE) is the organization responsible for governing  
10       World Fairs and International Expositions.

1           (2) Section 1(a) of Public Law 91–269 (22  
2 U.S.C. 2801(a)) found that “international expo-  
3 sitions . . . have a significant impact on the eco-  
4 nomic growth of the region surrounding the expo-  
5 sition and . . . are important instruments of national  
6 policy”.

7           (3) The United States has not been an active  
8 member of the BIE since 2001.

9           (4) State and local governments and private en-  
10 tities in the United States have continued to partici-  
11 pate in international expositions held in foreign  
12 countries as a means of promoting United States ex-  
13 ports and creating jobs, but face significantly higher  
14 costs for such participation because the United  
15 States is not an active member.

16           (5) State and local governments and private en-  
17 tities in the United States have expressed interest in  
18 an international exposition being hosted in the  
19 United States, but the bid of a United States city,  
20 region, or State to host an international exposition  
21 is unlikely to be successful if the United States is  
22 not a member of the BIE.

23 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

24 It is the sense of Congress that—

1           (1) the United States should rejoin the BIE im-  
2           mediately to promote domestic job creation, global  
3           branding, and tourism to the United States; and

4           (2) the Secretary of State, in partnership with  
5           the Secretary of Commerce, State and local govern-  
6           ments, and private and non-profit entities, should  
7           take all necessary steps to facilitate the timely sub-  
8           mission of a request to rejoin the BIE.

9   **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION.**

10       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of State is author-  
11       ized to take such actions as the Secretary determines nec-  
12       essary for the United States to rejoin and maintain mem-  
13       bership in the BIE.

14       (b) **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT PRIVATE CON-**  
15       **TRIBUTIONS.**—In addition to funds otherwise available to  
16       the Secretary to carry out this section, the Secretary is  
17       authorized to accept contributions for such purpose.

18       (c) **NOTIFICATION.**—The Secretary of State shall no-  
19       tify the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Appropria-  
20       tions of the House of Representatives and the Committees  
21       on Foreign Relations and Appropriations of the Senate  
22       upon taking any action under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 5. CONTINUATION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FED-**  
2 **ERAL FUNDS FOR WORLD'S FAIR PAVILIONS**  
3 **AND EXHIBITS.**

4 (a) CONTINUATION OF PROHIBITION.—Nothing in  
5 this Act may be construed to authorize any obligation or  
6 expenditure prohibited by section 204 of the Admiral  
7 James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Au-  
8 thorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001 (22 U.S.C.  
9 2452b) (relating to limitations on the obligation or ex-  
10 penditure of funds by the Department of State for a  
11 United States pavilion or exhibit at an international expo-  
12 sition or world's fair registered by the BIE).

13 (b) PROHIBITION ON SOLICITATION OF FUNDS.—  
14 Section 204(b)(1)(C) of the Admiral James W. Nance and  
15 Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal  
16 Years 2000 and 2001 (22 U.S.C. 2452b(b)(1)(C)) is  
17 amended by inserting after “expositions” the following: “,  
18 except that no employees of the Department of State may,  
19 in their official capacity, solicit funds to pay expenses for  
20 a United States pavilion or other major exhibit at any  
21 international exposition or world's fair registered by the  
22 Bureau of International Expositions”.