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and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHABOT (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. POE of Texas) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Taiwan Travel Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds the following:

7 (1) The Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3301
8 et seq.), enacted in 1979, has continued for 37 years
9 to be the cornerstone of relations between the
10 United States and Taiwan and has served as an an-

1 chor for peace and security in the Western Pacific
2 area.

3 (2) The Taiwan Relations Act declares that
4 peace and stability in the Western Pacific area are
5 in the political, security, and economic interests of
6 the United States and are matters of international
7 concern.

8 (3) The United States considers any effort to
9 determine the future of Taiwan by other than peace-
10 ful means, including by boycotts or embargoes, a
11 threat to the peace and security of the Western Pa-
12 cific and of grave concern to the United States.

13 (4) Taiwan has succeeded in a momentous tran-
14 sition to democracy beginning in the late 1980s and
15 has been a beacon of democratic practices in Asia,
16 and Taiwan's democratic achievements inspire many
17 countries and people in the region.

18 (5) Through the Taiwan Relations Act, the
19 United States treats Taiwan as a sovereign, inde-
20 pendent country.

21 (6) Visits to a country by United States cabinet
22 members and other high-ranking officials are an in-
23 dicator of the breadth and depth of ties between the
24 United States and such country.

1 (7) Since the enactment of the Taiwan Rela-
2 tions Act, relations between the United States and
3 Taiwan have suffered from a lack of communication
4 due to the self-imposed restrictions that the United
5 States maintains on high-level visits with Taiwan.

6 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS; STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
8 gress that the United States should encourage visits be-
9 tween the United States and Taiwan at all levels.

10 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It should be the policy
11 of the United States—

12 (1) to allow high-level officials of Taiwan to
13 enter the United States, under conditions which
14 demonstrate appropriate respect for the dignity of
15 such officials, and to meet with officials of the
16 United States, including officials from the Depart-
17 ment of State and the Department of Defense; and

18 (2) to permit the Taipei Economic and Cultural
19 Representative Office, and any other instrumentality
20 established by Taiwan, to conduct official business in
21 the United States, including activities which involve
22 participation by Members of Congress, officials of
23 Federal, State, or local governments of the United
24 States, or any high-level official of Taiwan.

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