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H. R. 5697

To prohibit the use of certain funds related to the 2008 Olympic Games
in China, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2008

Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. STARK, Ms. WATSON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MCCOTTER, Ms. BERKLEY, Ms. LEE, Mr. WELCH of Vermont, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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Olympic Games in China, and for other purposes.

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 “Defend the Olympic
5 Spirit Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The People’s Republic of China has rejected
9 calls by the international community to cease human

1 rights violations and has instead brutally cracked
2 down on recent demonstrations in the Tibetan Au-
3 tonomous Region and several Chinese provinces, re-
4 sulting in an undetermined number of deaths and
5 hundreds of detentions.

6 (2) China has consistently impeded efforts to
7 pressure Sudan to peacefully resolve the Darfur
8 atrocities, including using its Security Council posi-
9 tion to block sanctions against Sudan. China has
10 emboldened Sudan to ignore international pressure
11 by removing the threat of further sanctions.

12 (3) China continues to unfairly detain thou-
13 sands of political prisoners absent a trial, including
14 democracy activists, human rights defenders, reli-
15 gious leaders, journalists, trade unionists, and polit-
16 ical dissidents.

17 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS RELATED**
18 **TO THE 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES IN CHINA.**

19 (a) OPENING CEREMONIES.—No funds appropriated
20 pursuant to any appropriations Acts or otherwise appro-
21 priated may be expended to enable any United States offi-
22 cer or official to attend the opening ceremonies of the
23 2008 Olympic Games in the People’s Republic of China.

24 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO SECU-
25 RITY.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as pro-

1 hibiting the expenditure of Federal funds to provide secu-
2 rity during the 2008 Olympic Games to any United States
3 athlete or associated support staff.

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