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Concerning human rights violations in Tibet by the People's Republic of China.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSE (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. SOLOMON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

Concerning human rights violations in Tibet by the People's Republic of China.

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. FINDINGS.

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the People's Republic of China invaded and  
6 annexed Tibet in 1949, imposed military rule, and con-  
7 tinues to exercise dominion over the Tibetan people  
8 through the presence of large occupation force;

9 (2) over one million Tibetans have perished as a  
10 direct result of the political instability, imprisonment,

1 and widescale famine engendered by the occupation of  
2 Tibet by the People's Republic of China;

3 (3) 6,250 monasteries, the repositories of 1,300  
4 years of Tibet's ancient civilization, have been de-  
5 stroyed and their irreplaceable national legacy of art  
6 and literature either lost or removed from Tibet by the  
7 People's Republic of China;

8 (4) Tibet's vast mineral, forest, and animal re-  
9 serves are being systematically exploited by the Peo-  
10 ple's Republic of China, with no benefit accruing to the  
11 Tibetan people;

12 (5) Tibet's economy and education, health, and  
13 human services remain far below those of the People's  
14 Republic of China as a whole;

15 (6) the People's Republic of China has undertaken  
16 a massive population transfer, entailing the immigra-  
17 tion of millions of Chinese onto the Tibetan plateau in  
18 an effort to absorb and render insignificant the Tibetan  
19 people in their own homeland;

20 (7) the arrest and execution of Tibetan political  
21 and religious prisoners continues, with thousands of Ti-  
22 betans currently interred in labor camps;

23 (8) Tibet, a nation dedicated to the principles of  
24 nonviolence and mutual coexistence for a millennia, has

1        been militarized which has increased the instability of  
2        the entire Central Asian region;

3            (9) His Holiness the Dalai Lama, spiritual and  
4        temporal leader of the Tibetan people, in conjunction  
5        with the 100,000 refugees forced into exile with him,  
6        has worked tirelessly for almost thirty years to secure  
7        peace and religious freedom in Tibet;

8            (10) since 1959, India has generously provided  
9        refuge and resources for Tibetan exiles so that they  
10       may maintain their unique culture and religion in the  
11       hope of returning to their homeland;

12           (11) the People's Republic of China continues to  
13       ignore United Nations General Assembly resolutions  
14       1353, 1723, and 2079 calling for a cessation of human  
15       rights violations in Tibet and for implementation of the  
16       right of the Tibetan people to self-determination;

17           (12) 91 Members of the Congress signed a letter  
18       to President Li Xiannian of the People's Republic of  
19       China on July 24, 1985, expressing support for direct  
20       talks between Beijing and representatives of His Holi-  
21       ness the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government-in-  
22       exile, and urging the Government of the People's Re-  
23       public of China "to grant the very reasonable and jus-  
24       tified aspirations of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and  
25       his people every consideration"; and

1           (13) there has been no evidence of any such con-  
2 sideration being granted by the Government of the  
3 People's Republic of China.

4 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICIES.**

5 It is the sense of the Congress that—

6           (1) the United States should review its foreign  
7 policy toward and its relations with the People's Re-  
8 public of China in light of the continued violation of  
9 human rights in Tibet by the People's Republic of  
10 China;

11           (2) the United States should reassess and review  
12 sales and other transfers of defense articles, defense  
13 services, and high technology to the People's Republic  
14 of China in light of the continued violation of human  
15 rights in Tibet by the People's Republic of China;

16           (3) the President should meet with His Holiness  
17 the Dalai Lama to express United States support for  
18 his efforts for world peace and particularly his efforts  
19 to find a peaceful solution to the Tibetan problem;

20           (4) the United States should urge the Government  
21 of the People's Republic of China to actively recipro-  
22 cate the Dalai Lama's efforts to establish a construc-  
23 tive dialogue over the future status of Tibet;

24           (5) the United States, through the Secretary of  
25 State—

1 (A) should address and call attention to the  
2 rights of the Tibetan people, as well as other mi-  
3 norities within the People's Republic of China  
4 such as the Uighurs of Eastern Turkestan (Sin-  
5 kiang) and the Mongolians of Inner Mongolia, and

6 (B) should support efforts to maintain Tibet's  
7 identity and preserve Tibetan culture and religion,  
8 both inside Tibet and among those in exile;

9 (6) congressional delegations should visit Tibet  
10 (including the areas of Kham and Amdo) and the Ti-  
11 betans in exile in order to witness the progress being  
12 made and the problems faced; and

13 (7) the President should instruct the United States  
14 Ambassadors to the People's Republic of China and  
15 India to work closely with the Tibetan people to find  
16 areas in which the United States Government and  
17 people can be helpful.

18 **SEC. 3. ARMS SALES TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

19 Any certification submitted to the Congress pursuant to  
20 the Arms Export Control Act with respect to any sale, li-  
21 censed export, or other transfer of any defense articles or  
22 defense services to the People's Republic of China shall be  
23 accompanied by a Presidential determination that the Gov-  
24 ernment of the People's Republic of China is acting in good

1 faith and in a timely manner to resolve human rights issues in  
2 Tibet.

3 **SEC. 4. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT REGARDING TIBET.**

4 Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of  
5 this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the  
6 Congress on the human rights situation in Tibet and the  
7 transfer of millions of Chinese to Tibet.

8 **SEC. 5. ASSISTANCE FOR TIBETAN REFUGEES.**

9 Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the  
10 Department of State for "Migration and Refugee Assistance"  
11 for each of the fiscal years 1988 and 1989, not less than  
12 \$850,000 shall be available only for assistance for Tibetan  
13 refugees.

14 **SEC. 6. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES**  
15 **BY TIBETAN EXILES.**

16 For each of the fiscal years 1988 and 1989, the Direc-  
17 tor of the United States Information Agency shall make  
18 available to Tibetan students and professionals who are out-  
19 side Tibet not less than 50 scholarships for study at institu-  
20 tions of higher education in the United States.

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