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105TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION S. 2057

AN ACT

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, 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,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-3 ings:
- 4 (1) Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina 5 first became a member of the Committee on Armed Services of the United States Senate on January 19, 6 7 1959. His continuous service on that committee cov-8 ers more than 75 percent of the period of the exist-9 ence of the committee, which was established imme-10 diately after World War II, and more than 20 per-11 cent of the period of the existence of military and 12 naval affairs committees of Congress, the original 13 bodies of which were formed in 1816.
 - (2) Senator Thurmond came to Congress and the committee as a distinguished veteran of service, including combat service, in the Armed Forces of the United States.
 - (3) Senator Thurmond was commissioned as a reserve second lieutenant of infantry in 1924. He served with great distinction with the First Army in the European Theater of Operations during World War II, landing in Normandy in a glider with the 82nd Airborne Division on D-Day. He was transferred to the Pacific Theater of Operations at the end of the war in Europe and was serving in the Philippines when Japan surrendered.

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- 1 gressional committees an assessment of the board's efforts
- 2 to increase broadcasting by Radio Free Asia and Voice
- 3 of America to China and Tibet. This report shall include
- 4 an analysis of Chinese government control of the media,
- 5 the ability of independent journalists and news organiza-
- 6 tions to operate in China, and the results of any research
- 7 conducted to quantify listenership.
- 8 (b) Purposes.—For purposes of this section, appro-
- 9 priate congressional committees are defined as the Senate
- 10 Committees on Foreign Relations and Appropriations and
- 11 the House Committees on International Relations and Ap-
- 12 propriations.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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