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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To establish a United States-India Interparliamentary Group.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GALLAGHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To establish a United States-India Interparliamentary Group.

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 “United States-India
5 Interparliamentary Group Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES-INDIA INTER-**
7 **PARLIAMENTARY GROUP.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
10 in consultation with Congress, shall seek to enter into ne-

1 gotiations with the Government of India with the goal of
2 reaching a written agreement to establish a United States-
3 India Interparliamentary Group to facilitate closer co-
4 operation on shared interests and values.

5 (b) UNITED STATES GROUP.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—At such time as the govern-
7 ments of the United States and India enter into a
8 written agreement described in subsection (a) to es-
9 tablish a United States-India Interparliamentary
10 Group, there shall be established a United States
11 Group, which shall represent the United States at
12 the United States-India Interparliamentary Group.

13 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The United States
15 Group shall be comprised on not more than 12
16 Members of Congress.

17 (B) APPOINTMENT.—Of the Members of
18 Congress appointed to the United States Group
19 under subparagraph (A)—

20 (i) three shall be appointed by the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives,
22 from among Members of the House, not
23 fewer than one of whom shall be a Member
24 of the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

1 (ii) three shall be appointed by the
2 minority leader of the House of Represent-
3 atives, from among Members of the House,
4 not fewer than one of whom shall be a
5 Member of the Committee on Foreign Af-
6 fairs;

7 (iii) three shall be appointed by the
8 President pro tempore of the Senate, from
9 among Members of the Senate, not fewer
10 than one of whom shall be a Member of
11 the Committee on Foreign Relations; and

12 (iv) three shall be appointed by the
13 minority leader by the Senate, from among
14 Members of the Senate, not fewer than one
15 of whom shall be a Member of the Com-
16 mittee on Foreign Relations.

17 (C) TERM.—Appointments to the United
18 States Group shall be the duration of the Con-
19 gress in which Members were appointed.

20 (3) CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.—The positions of
21 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the United
22 States Group shall alternate between the House and
23 Senate delegations every two years, coinciding with
24 each new Congress.

1 (4) MEETINGS.—The United States Group
2 should meet jointly at least annually with represent-
3 atives of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha of the
4 Parliament of India to discuss common issues in the
5 interest of United States-India relations.

6 (5) REPORT.—The United States Group shall
7 submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
8 House of Representatives and the Committee on
9 Foreign Relations of the Senate an annual report to
10 that details the Group's expenditures and their pur-
11 poses.

12 (6) FUNDING.—

13 (A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
14 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
15 \$100,000 for each fiscal year, subject to the
16 availability of appropriations, for the expenses
17 of the United States Group, with funds divided
18 equally between the House of Representatives
19 and the Senate.

20 (B) PRIVATE SOURCES.—The United
21 States Group may accept gifts or donations of
22 services or property, subject to the review and
23 approval, as appropriate, of the Committee on
24 Ethics of the House of Representatives and the
25 Committee on Ethics of the Senate.