

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Urges the President and Congress to continue to support the participation of the Republic of China on Taiwan in the World Health Organization. (BDR R-1358)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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1 WHEREAS, In the first chapter of its charter, the World Health
2 Organization set forth the objective of attaining the highest possible
3 level of health for all people, and participation in international
4 health programs is crucial as the potential for the spread of
5 infectious diseases increases proportionately with increases in world
6 trade, travel and population; and

7 WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of over 23 million is larger than
8 three-fourths of the member countries who currently participate in
9 the World Health Organization; and

10 WHEREAS, The achievements of Taiwan in the field of health
11 are substantial and include one of the highest life expectancy levels
12 in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of
13 western countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as
14 cholera, smallpox and the plague, and the distinction of being the
15 first country in the world to provide children with free hepatitis B
16 vaccinations; and

17 WHEREAS, Before its loss of membership in the World Health
18 Organization in 1972, Taiwan sent specialists to serve in other



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1 member countries on countless health projects and its health experts
2 held key positions in the organization, all to the benefit of the entire
3 Pacific region; and

4 WHEREAS, Presently, this remarkable country is not allowed to
5 participate in any forums or workshops organized by the World
6 Health Organization concerning the latest technologies in the
7 diagnosis, monitoring and control of disease; and

8 WHEREAS, In recent years, the government and the expert
9 scientists and doctors of Taiwan have expressed a willingness to
10 assist financially and technically in international aid and health
11 activities supported by the World Health Organization, but these
12 offers have been refused; and

13 WHEREAS, Admittance of Taiwan to the World Health
14 Organization would bring tremendous benefits to all persons in this
15 world; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
17 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the Nevada Legislature
18 hereby urge President George W. Bush and the Congress of the
19 United States to continue to support all efforts made by the Republic
20 of China on Taiwan to gain meaningful participation in the World
21 Health Organization; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
23 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
24 States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the
25 House of Representatives, the Secretary of Health and Human
26 Services, the World Health Organization, the Director General of
27 the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco and the
28 Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
30 passage.

