

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 10, 2003

H.R. 441

A bill to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations on March 5, 2003

H.R. 441 would amend Public Law 107-10, an act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization, to authorize the Secretary of State to initiate a plan to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Assembly to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in May 2003. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 441 would result in no significant additional costs to the federal government because initiation of the plan would not add significantly to the State Department's workload. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 441 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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