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S. 3503

To authorize grants for an international documentary exchange program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CARDIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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exchange program.

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 “International Docu-
5 mentary Exchange Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY EX-**
7 **CHANGE PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of State may award
9 grants, on such terms and conditions as the Secretary may
10 determine, to United States film makers and nongovern-
11 mental organizations that use independently produced

1 documentary films to promote better understanding of the
2 United States among individuals in other countries.

3 (b) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Grants awarded under
4 subsection (a) shall, to the maximum extent practicable,
5 be used—

6 (1) to fund, distribute, and promote documen-
7 tary films that convey a diversity of views about life
8 in the United States to foreign audiences;

9 (2) to support the production of documentaries
10 described in paragraph (1) that are made by inde-
11 pendent foreign and domestic producers, selected
12 through a peer review process; and

13 (3) to develop a network of overseas partners to
14 produce, distribute, and broadcast such documen-
15 taries according to the allowable rights of each pro-
16 gram.

17 (c) PREFERENCE FACTORS.—In awarding grants
18 under this section, the Secretary shall give preference to
19 nongovernmental organizations that—

20 (1) are as cost effective as possible; and

21 (2) have experience supporting independently
22 produced documentary films.

23 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit

1 a report to Congress that describes in detail the implemen-
2 tation of this section.

3 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State
5 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years
6 2010 and 2011 to carry out this section.

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