



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 14, 2002

H.R. 2121 **Russia Democracy Act of 2002**

As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on August 1, 2002

SUMMARY

H.R. 2121 would expand the U.S. government's authority to provide assistance to democratic institutions and media in Russia and would authorize the appropriation of \$50 million in 2003 for programs to strengthen the rule of law and an independent media in that country. (In 2002, appropriations for various types of assistance to the independent states of the former Soviet Union totaled \$784 million.) Assuming the appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that implementing the act would cost about \$50 million over the 2003-2007 period. Enacting H.R. 2121 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 2121 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2121 is shown in the following table. The estimate assumes that the authorized amount would be appropriated and that outlays would follow historical spending patterns for similar activities. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	0	50	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	9	21	11	5	2

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2121 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On November 6, 2001, CBO prepared an estimate for H.R. 2121 as ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations on November 1, 2001. That earlier version of the legislation would have authorized the appropriation of \$50 million in 2002.

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