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H. CON. RES. 264

Establishing a congressional commission for the purpose of assessing the humanitarian, political, and diplomatic conditions in Haiti and reporting to the Congress on the appropriate policy options available to the United States with respect to Haiti.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 1994

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HYDE, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. GOSS, and Mr. EMERSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Establishing a congressional commission for the purpose of assessing the humanitarian, political, and diplomatic conditions in Haiti and reporting to the Congress on the appropriate policy options available to the United States with respect to Haiti.

Whereas the American people eagerly support a peaceful transition to a democratic and representative government in Haiti;

Whereas Haiti's elected President who is in exile and the de facto ruling junta in Haiti have reached an impasse in their negotiations for the reinstitution of civilian government;

Whereas the extensive economic sanctions imposed by the United Nations and United States against the de facto rulers are causing grave harm to innocent Haitians;

Whereas private businesses and other sources of employment are being shut down, and the continuation of the comprehensive economic sanctions are causing massive starvation, the spread of disease at epidemic proportions, and widespread environmental degradation; and

Whereas an armed invasion of Haiti by forces of the United States, the United Nations, and the Organization of American States would endanger the lives of troops sent to Haiti as well as thousands of Haitians, especially civilians: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES.**

4 There is established a congressional commission to
5 assess the humanitarian, political, and diplomatic condi-
6 tions in Haiti and to present to the Congress a report of-
7 fering appropriate policy options available to the United
8 States with respect to Haiti. The Commission shall call
9 upon recognized experts on Haiti and Haitian culture, as
10 well as experts on health and social welfare, political insti-
11 tution building, and diplomatic processes and negotiations.

12 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION.**

13 The Commission shall consist of the following Mem-
14 bers of Congress (or their designees):

1 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representa-
2 tives.

3 (2) The minority leader of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives.

5 (3) The chairman and ranking Member of the
6 following committees of the House of Representa-
7 tives:

8 (A) The Committee on Appropriations.

9 (B) The Committee on Foreign Affairs.

10 (C) The Permanent Select Committee on
11 Intelligence.

12 (D) The Committee on Armed Services.

13 (4) The majority leader of the Senate.

14 (5) The minority leader of the Senate.

15 (6) The chairman and ranking Member of the
16 following committees of the Senate:

17 (A) The Committee on Appropriations.

18 (B) The Committee on Foreign Relations.

19 (C) The Select Committee on Intelligence.

20 (D) The Committee on Armed Services.

21 (7) The chairman and vice-chairman of the
22 Congressional Hunger Caucus.

23 **SEC. 3. REPORT OF COMMISSION.**

24 Not later than 45 days after passage of this concur-
25 rent resolution, the Commission shall submit to the Con-

- 1 gress a report on the Commission's analysis and assess-
- 2 ment of appropriate policy options available to the United
- 3 States with respect to Haiti.

