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Prohibiting funds for diplomatic relations with Vietnam at the ambassadorial level unless a report on United States servicemen who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam War is submitted to the Senate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 12), 1994

Mr. CHAFEE introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JOINT RESOLUTION

Prohibiting funds for diplomatic relations with Vietnam at the ambassadorial level unless a report on United States servicemen who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam War is submitted to the Senate.

Whereas 2,231 Americans are still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, and 55 of these individuals were last known to be alive;

Whereas the families of missing American servicemen have been waiting for more than 20 years for answers about the fate of their loved ones;

Whereas the United States Government is committed to obtaining the fullest possible accounting of missing American servicemen;

Whereas on January 27, 1994, the Senate voted to support a resolution urging the President to lift the trade embargo against Vietnam;

Whereas on February 3, 1994, the President lifted the trade embargo against Vietnam;

Whereas on May 26, 1994, Vietnam and the United States announced plans to establish diplomatic liaison offices in Washington, D.C., and Hanoi;

Whereas the United States and Vietnam appear to be moving closer to establishing normal diplomatic relations;

Whereas there is broad consensus that normalization of diplomatic relations with Vietnam must be contingent upon the fullest possible accounting of American servicemen unaccounted for during the Vietnam War;

Whereas normal diplomatic relations between the United States and Vietnam would require an exchange of ambassadors between the two countries; and

Whereas the Senate, under the United States Constitution, is responsible for confirming ambassadorial appointments by the President: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That none of the funds made available under any provision
 4 of law may be used to maintain diplomatic relations with
 5 Vietnam at the ambassadorial level unless, prior to Senate
 6 confirmation of any ambassador to Vietnam, the President
 7 submits to the Senate for its review a comprehensive re-
 8 port assessing the progress to date of United States-Viet-

- 1 nameese efforts to resolve cases involving United States
- 2 servicemen still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

