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S. RES. 366

Expressing the Sense of the Senate on the certification of Mexico.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 4 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. KYL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. SESSIONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Mexico.

Whereas Mexico will inaugurate a new government on 1 December 2000 that will be the first change of authority from one party to another;

Whereas the 2nd July election of Vincente Fox Quesada of the Alliance for Change marks an historic transition of power in open and fair elections;

Whereas Mexico and the United States share a 2,000-mile border, Mexico is the United States' second largest trading partner, and the two countries share historic and cultural ties;

Whereas drug production and trafficking are a threat to the national interests and the well-being of the citizens of both countries; and

Whereas United States-Mexican cooperation on drugs is a cornerstone for policy for both countries in developing effective programs to stop drug use, drug production, and drug trafficking; Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That (a) the Senate, on behalf of the people
2 of the United States—

3 (1) welcomes the constitutional transition of
4 power in Mexico;

5 (2) congratulates the people of Mexico and their
6 elected representatives for this historic change; and

7 (3) expresses its intent to continue to work co-
8 operatively with Mexican authorities to promote
9 broad and effective efforts for the health and welfare
10 of United States and Mexican citizens endangered
11 by international drug trafficking, use, and produc-
12 tion.

13 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
14 Senate that the incoming new governments in both Mexico
15 and the United States must develop and implement a
16 counterdrug program that more effectively addresses the
17 official corruption, the increase in drug traffic, and the
18 lawlessness that has resulted from illegal drug trafficking,
19 and that a one-year waiver of the requirement that the

- 1 President certify Mexico is warranted to permit both new
- 2 governments time to do so.

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