

Section 1. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR NICARAGUAN RESISTANCE FORCES.

1(a) Authorization--

HJRes 283: Authorizes transfer of \$14 million in FY85 funds to AID, for use only for humanitarian assistance provided through AID, for Nicaraguan resistance forces. (Current law Boland amendment language remains intact.)

Proposed Amendment: Appropriate ²⁷~~\$31.5~~ million for AID, to be available through February 1986 (9 months), for the above purpose. Appropriate an additional \$2 million for expenses arising from the implementation of a Contadora agreement. Modify current law Boland amendment language to allow exchange of intelligence information with resistance forces.

Rationale: Provides funding at ^{reasonable}~~the same~~ level (\$3 ~~million~~ per month), but offers a longer evaluation period and would avoid another floor fight during the current session. ~~Nine months would~~ coincide with the 90-day reporting requirement in sec. 3. Support for Contadora recognizes the need for consensus support for U.S. policy. Modification of current law Boland amendment language would conform to change already approved by the House Intelligence Committee (on May 14) for FY86.

Funds to be made available in 3 installments of \$9 m to

1(b) Definition of Humanitarian Assistance--

HJRes 283: Prohibits use of aid for "weapons, weapons systems, ammunition, or other equipment or material which can be used to inflict serious bodily harm or death".

Proposed Amendment: (no change)

Section 2. POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO NICARAGUA.

HJRes 283: (1) The President is urged to pursue diplomatic and economic steps to resolve the conflict and bring about implementation of the Contadora objectives of 1983, and to develop trade and economic measures in close consultation and cooperation with other nations to encourage Nicaragua to resolve the conflict, including calls upon the OAS and other free world nations not to trade with Nicaragua.

Proposed Amendment: Delete references to OAS and other free world nations (sec. 2(1)(B)(i) and (ii)).

HJRes 283: (2) The President is urged to suspend military maneuvers in Honduras and off Nicaragua's coast if GON agrees to a cease-fire, to open a dialog with the resistance forces, and to suspend the state of emergency.

Proposed Amendment: In addition, the President would be urged to lift the current U.S. trade embargo.

HJRes 283: (3) The President is urged to call upon the resistance forces to remove from their ranks any individuals who have engaged in serious human rights abuses.

Proposed Amendment: The President would be required to report to the Intelligence committees what the administration knows about human rights violations by the resistance forces, about who is responsible, and a course of action to cleanse the leadership of the resistance forces so that it is free of the taint of "Somocismo" and of those guilty of major violations of human rights against the civilian population.

HJRes 283: (4) The President is urged to resume bilateral discussions with GON to encourage a church-mediated dialog between GON and the resistance forces, and a comprehensive, verifiable agreement among the nations of Central America, based on the Contadora objectives.

Proposed Amendment: (no change)

Section 3. QUARTERLY REPORTS.

HJRes 283: Requires the President to report to Congress every 90 days on activities carried out in accordance with the resolution, including efforts to reach a negotiated settlement, steps taken by the resistance forces in accordance with paragraph (3) of section 2, and a detailed accounting of humanitarian aid disbursements.

Proposed Amendment: (no change)

Section 4. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR NICARAGUAN RESISTANCE FORCES.

HJRes 283: In the absence of progress toward resolving the conflict, the President may, after consultation with Congress, submit a request for additional aid to the resistance forces, in such amount and of such nature as he deems appropriate. Such request, in the form of a joint resolution, would be considered under special expedited procedures used to consider aid earlier this year.

Proposed
Amendment: (no change)

(Section 5. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN PEACE PROCESS.)

HJRes 283: (no provision)

Proposed
Amendment: Similar to section 4; to provide for the introduction and expedited consideration of additional assistance to aid the Central American peace process.

Rationale: The proposed amendment would provide funds, not included in HJRes 283, to help implement a Contadora agreement.