# AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2577, AS REPORTED OFFERED BY MR.



Page 44, after line 23, insert the following:

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR NICARAGUAN DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE

For an additional amount for humanitarian assistance provided to such department or agency of the United States as the President shall designate, except the Central Intelligence Agency or the Department of Defense, to the Nicaraguan democratic resistance, \$27,000,000 to remain available for obligation until March 31, 1986. Notwithstanding the Impoundment Control Act of 1974, one-third of the amount appropriated by this paragraph shall be available for obligation upon the enactment of this Act, an additional one-third shall be available for obligation upon submission of the first report required by section 104 of this chapter, and the remaining one-third shall be available for obligation upon submission of the second such report. As used in this paragraph, the term "humanitarian assistance" means the provision of food, clothing, medicine, and other humanitarian assistance, and it does not include the provision of vehicles, weapons, weapons systems, ammunition, or other equipment or material which can be used to inflict serious bodily harm or death.

- Appropriates \$27 million to remain available until March 31, 1986, for humanitarian assistance to the Nicaraguan democratic resistance.
- o President shall designate which department shall administer funds, excluding CIA and DOD.
- Defines humanitarian assistance specifically to exclude weapons, weapons systems, ammunition or other lethal equipment, vehicles or material.

#### ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONTADORA AGREEMENT

For payment by the Secretary of State for the expenses arising from implementation by the Contadora nations (Mexico, Panama, Colombia, and Venezuela) of an agreement among the countries of Central America based on the Contadora Document of Objectives of September 9, 1983, including peacekeeping, verification, and monitoring systems, \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended.

# Summary and Analysis

Appropriates \$2 million to remain available until expended for payment to the Contadora countries for expenses of implementing an agreement based on Contadora Document of Objectives.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. Funds appropriated by this chapter under the headings "HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR NICARAGUAN DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE" and "ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONTADORA AGREEMENT" may be obligated and expended notwithstanding section 10 of Public Law 91-672 and section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 or any other comparable provisions of law.

## Summary and Analysis

- o Technical waivers required for any appropriation for foreign assistance which hasn't been previously authorized by law.
- SEC. 102. (a) The prohibitions contained in section 8066(a) of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1985 (as contained in Section 101 of Public Law 98-473) and section 801 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1985 (Public Law 98-618) shall, without limitation as to fiscal year, apply with respect to funds appropriated by this chapter under the headings "HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR NICARAGUAN DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE" and "ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONTADORA AGREEMENT".
- (b) Nothing in this Act, section 8066(a) of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1985 (as contained in Section 101 of Public Law 98-473), or section 801 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1985 (Public Law 98-618) shall be construed to prohibit the United States Government from exchanging information with the Nicaraguan democratic resistance, or the obligation and expenditure, but only for the purposes for which they are expressly made available, of the funds appropriated by this chapter under the headings "HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR NICARAGUAN DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE" and "ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONTADORA AGREEMENT."

- o Ensures existing Nicaragua prohibitions apply with respect to the funds appropriated by the Act, without limitation as to fiscal year.
- o Ensures the U.S. Government can exchange information with the Nicaraguan democratic resistance and that humanitarian assistance can be provided notwithstanding existing Nicaragua prohibition.

SEC. 103. The President is urged--

- (1) to vigorously pursue the use of diplomatic and economic steps to resolve the conflict in Nicaragua, including negotiations to --
- (A) implement the Contadora Document of Objectives of September 9, 1983; and
- (B) at the same time, develop trade and economic measures in close consultation and cooperation with other nations which will encourage the Government of Nicaragua to take the necessary steps to reslove the conflict;
- (2) to suspend military maneuvers in Honduras and off Nicaragua's coast, and to lift the embargo on trade with Nicaragua, if the Government of Nicaragua agrees to a cease-fire, to open a dialog with the Nicaraguan democratic resistance and to suspend the state of emergency; and
- (3) to resume bilateral discussions with the Government of Nicaragua with a view of encouraging--
- (A) a church-mediated dialog between the Government of Nicaragua and the Nicaraguan democratic resistance in support of internal reconciliation, as called for by the Contadora Document of Objectives; and
- (B) a comprehensive, verifiable agreement among the nations of Central America, based on the Contadora Document of Objectives.

# Summary and Analysis

Urges President to--

- O Pursue economic and diplomatic steps in consultation with the nations of the region and the OAS to resolve the conflict, in accordance with the Contadora Document of Objectives.
- O Suspend U.S. military maneuvers if Nicaragua agrees to a cease-fire, national dialogue and suspension of the state of emergency.
- o Resume bilateral discussions with Nicaragua to encourage church-mediated internal reconciliation and an agreement based on the Contadora Document of Objectives.

- SEC. 104. (a) the President shall submit a report to the Congress every 90 days on the activities carried out in accordance with section 103 and on the assistance provided under the paragraphs of this chapter headed "HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR NICARAGUAN DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE" and "ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONTADORA AGREEMENT". Such reports shall describe the willingness of the Nicaraguan democratic resistance and the Government of Nicaragua to negotiate and the progress of efforts to achieve the objectives set out in paragraph (3) of section 103 and shall provide a detailed accounting of the disbursement of any such assistance.
- (b) As part of each of the reports submitted pursuant to subsection (a), the President shall submit to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives, and to the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, a report on alleged human rights violations by the Nicaraguan democratic resistance and the Government of Nicaragua. With respect to the alleged violations the report shall include information on who is responsible for such human rights violations.

- o Requires reports every 90 days to Congress on humanitarian assistance to the Nicaraguan democratic resistance and the progress made towards a negotiated settlement.
- Requires quarterly reports to include submission to congressional intelligence committees on alleged human rights violations by the Nicaraguan resistance and the Government of Nicaragua.

- SEC. 105. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CENTRAL AMERICA PEACE PROCESS.
- (a) Submission of Request. -- If the President determines at any time after the enactment of this Act that--
- (1) negotiations based on the Contadora Document of Objectives of September 9, 1983, have produced an agreement, or show promise of producing an agreement, or
- (2) other trade and economic measures will assist in a resolution of the conflict, or to stabilization in the region,

the President may submit to the Congress a request for budget and other authority to provide additional assistance for the furtherance of the Central America peace process.

- (b) Statement To Be Included. -- The President's request shall include a detailed statement as to progress made to resolve the conflict in the region.
- (c) Consultation With the Congress. -- In formulating a request pursuant to subsection (a), the President shall consult with the Congress.

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- (d) Congressional Action. -- (1) The provisions of this subsection apply, during the 99th Congress, to the consideration in the House of Representatives of a joint resolution with respect to the request submitted by the President pursuant to subsection (a).
- (2) For purposes of this section, the term "joint resolution" means only a joint resolution introduced within 3 legislative days after the Congress receives the request submitted by the President pursuant to subsection (a)--
- (A) the matter after the resolving clause of which is as follows: "That the Congress hereby approves the additional authority and assistance for the Central America peace process that the President requested pursuant to the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985, notwithstanding section 10 of Public Law 91-672.";
  - (B) which does not have a preamble; and
- (C) the title of which is as follows: "Joint Resolution relating to Central America pursuant to the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985".

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- (3) A joint resolution shall, upon introduction, be referred to teh appropriate committee or committees of the House of Representatives.
- (4) If all the committees of the House to which a joint resolution has been referred have not reported the same joint resolution by the end of 15 legislative days after the first joint resolution was introduced, any committee which has not reported the first joint resolution introduced shall be discharged from further consideration of that joint resolution and that joint resolution shall be placed on the appropriate calendar of the House.
- (5)(A) At any time after the first joint resolution placed on the appropriate claendar has been on that calendar for a period of 5 legislative days, it is in order for any Member of the House (after consultation with the Speaker as to the most appropriate time for the consideration of that joint resolution) to move that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of that joint resolution. The motion is highly privileged and is in order even though a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to. All points of order against the joint resolution under clauses 2 and 6 of Rule XXI of the Rules of the House are waived. If the motion is agreed to, the resolution shall remain the unfinished business of the House until disposed of. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is disagreed to shall not be in order.

- (B) Debate on the joint resolution shall not exceed the hours, which shall be divided equally between a Member favoring and a Member opposing the joint resolution. A motion to limit debate is in order at any time in the House or in the Committee of the Whole and is not debatable.
  - (C) An amendment to the joint resolution in not in order.
- (D) At the conclusion of the debate on the joint resolution, the Committee os the Whole shall rise and report the joint resolution back to the House, and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passaige without internvening motion.
- (6) As used in this subsection, the term "legislative day" menas a day on which the House is in session.
  - (7) THis subsection is encated--
- (A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the House of Representatives, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules of the House, but applicable only with respect to the procedure to be followed in the House in the case of a joint resolution, and it sucersedes other rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and
- (B) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the House to change its rules at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the House, and of the right of the Committee on Rules to report a resolution for the consideration of any measure.

- o Permits President to request additional assistance for the area if negotiations show progress or have produced an agreement.
- o Requires detailed statement and consultation in formulating an additional request.
- o Provides for the introduction of a joint resolution and expedited procedures in Congress for any additional request for the Central American peace process.

# SEC. 106. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR NICARAGUAN DEMOCRATIC RESISTANCE

- (a) Submission of Request. -- If the President determines at any time after the enactment of this Act that--
- (1) negotiations based on the Contadora Document of Objectives of September 9, 1983, have failed to produce an agreement, or
- (2) other trade and economic measures have failed to resolve the conflict,

the President may submit to the Congress a request for budget and other authority to provide addtional assistance for the Nicaraguan democratic resistance.

- (b) Statement To Be Included. -- The President's request shall include a detailed statement as to why the negotiations or other measures have failed to resolve the conflict in the region.
- (c) Consultation With the Congress. -- In formulating a request pursuant to subsection (a), the President shall consult with the Congress.
- (d) Congressional Action. -- (1) The provisions of this subsection apply, during the 99th Congress, to the consideration in the House of Representatives of a joint resolution with respect to the request submitted by the President pursuant to subsection (a).
- (2) For purposes of this subsection, the term "joint resolution" means only a joint resolution introduced within 3 legislative days after the Congress receives the request submitted by the President pursuant to subsection (a)--
  - (A) the matter after the resolving clause of which as follows: "That the Congress hereby approves the additional authority and assistance for the Nicaraguan democratic resistance that the President requested pursuant to the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985, notwithstanding section 10 of Public Law 91-672."
    - (B) which does not have a preamble; and
  - (C) the title of which is as follows: "Joint Resolution relating to Central America pursuant to the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985."
- (3) A joint resolution shall, upon introduction, be referred to the appropriate committee or committees of the House of Representatives.

- (4) If all the committees of the House to which a joint resolution has been referred have not reported the same joint resolution by the end of 15 legislative days after the first joint resolution was introduced, any committee which has not reported the first joint resolution introduced shall be discharged from further consideration of that joint resolution and that joint resolution shall be placed on the appropriate calendar of the House.
- (5)(A) At any time after the first joint resolution placed on the appropriate calendar has been on that calendar for a period of 5 legislative days, it is in order for any Member of the House (after consultation with the Speaker as to the most appropriate time for the consideration of that joint resolution) to move that the House resolve itself into the Committee od the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of that joint resolution. The motion is highly privileged and is in order even though a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to. All points of order against the joint resolution under clauses 2 and 6 of Rule XXI of the Rules od the House are waived. If the motion is agreed to, the resolution shall remain the unfinished business of the House until disposed of. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is disagreed to shall not be in order.
- (B) Debate on the joint resolution shall not exceed ten hours, which shall be divided equally between a Member favoring and a Member opposing the joint resolution. A motion to limit debate is in order at any time in the House or in the Committee of the Whole and is not debatable.
  - (C) An amendment to the joint resolution is not in order.
- (D) At the conclusion of the debate on the joint resolution, the Committee of the Whole shall rise and report the joint resolution back to the House, and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion.
- (6) As used in this subsection, the term "legislative day" means a day in whice the House is in session.
  - (7) This subsection is enacted--
- (A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the House of Representatives, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules of the House, but applicable only with respect to the procedure to be followed in the House in the case of a joint resolution, and it supersedes other rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and
- (B) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the house to change its rules at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the House, and of the right of the Committee on Rules to report a resolution for the consideration of any measure.

(d) Congressional Action. -- A joint resolution approving the additional authority and assistance for the Nicaraguan resistance forces that the President requests pursuant to subsection (a), if introduced within 3 legislative days after the Congress receives the President's request, shall be considered in accord with the procedures contained in Section 8066(c) of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1985 (as contained in Section 101 of Public Law 98-473), except that references in that Section to the Committee on Appropriations of each House shall be deemed to be references to the appropriate committee or committees of each House. For purposes of this subsection, the term "joint resolution" means only a joint resolution, the matter after the resloving clause of which is as follows: "That the Congress hereby approves the additional authority and assistance for the Nicaraguan democratic resistance that the President requested pursuant to Public Law 99- , notwithstanding Section 10 of Public Law 91-672.", with the public law number of this Act inserted in the blank.

- o Permits President to request additional assistance for the Nicaraguan democratic resistance if negotiations have failed to produce an agreement.
- o Requires detailed statement and consultation in formulating an additional request.
- o Provides for the introduction of a joint resolution and expedited procedures in Congress for any additional request for the additional assistance to the Nicaraguan democratic resistance.