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H. CON. RES. 202

Expressing the sense of the Congress that all appropriations made for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 1995 should be expended, and that expenditures for such program for fiscal year 1996 should ensure the provision of services at or above the same level.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 1994

Mr. MACHTLEY (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ANDREWS of Maine, Mr. BLUTE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. KENNELLY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. OLVER, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. STUDDS, Mr. SWETT, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. ZELIFF, Mr. GALLO, Mr. KLUG, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. QUINN, Mr. WHEAT, Mr. APPELEGATE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. RIDGE, Mr. WYNN, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. KLINK, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. DINGELL, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. WALSH, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. ROTH, Mr. MCCLOSKEY, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. SAXTON, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. JACOBS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. MANTON, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. DANNER, Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. VOLKMER, Mr. KLEIN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. OWENS, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Education and Labor

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that all appropriations made for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Pro-

gram for fiscal year 1995 should be expended, and that expenditures for such program for fiscal year 1996 should ensure the provision of services at or above the same level.

Whereas 77 percent of the over 25 million households that were eligible for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (hereinafter referred to as "LIHEAP") in fiscal year 1992 did not receive assistance due to a lack of funds;

Whereas recent economic distress has caused significant unemployment, which has resulted in a greater need for energy assistance than ever before;

Whereas more than 66 percent of LIHEAP household recipients have an annual income that is below the poverty level;

Whereas 43 percent of all LIHEAP eligible households include children;

Whereas LIHEAP eligible households with children spend approximately 16 percent of their annual incomes on home energy costs, which is more than 4 times greater than that paid by the average household in the United States, and far beyond their means;

Whereas approximately 40 percent of LIHEAP household recipients are comprised of elderly or disabled persons;

Whereas LIHEAP is an essential, long-term Federal program that is crucial to the well-being of impoverished American families and their children;

Whereas Congress appropriated \$1,475,000,000 for LIHEAP for fiscal year 1995; and

Whereas the Department of Energy predicts that the costs of residential fuels will increase at a pace greater than inflation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

3 (1) the maintenance of LIHEAP should be a
4 high priority in order to enable the working poor,
5 the disabled, and the low-income elderly, who all de-
6 pend on LIHEAP, to meet their energy costs and
7 needs;

8 (2) all appropriations made for LIHEAP for
9 fiscal year 1995 should be expended; and

10 (3) expenditures for LIHEAP for fiscal year
11 1996 should ensure the provision of services at or
12 above the level provided in fiscal year 1995.

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