

104TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 298

Relating to the deployment of United States Armed Forces in and around the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to enforce the peace agreement between the parties to the conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 12, 1995

Mr. BUYER (for himself and Mr. SKELTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on National Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Relating to the deployment of United States Armed Forces in and around the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to enforce the peace agreement between the parties to the conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

3 The House of Representatives finds the following:

4 (1) On October 30, 1995, the House of Rep-
5 representatives agreed to H. Res. 247, which expressed

1 the sense of the House of Representatives that in
2 the negotiations of any peace agreement regarding
3 the conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and
4 Herzegovina there should not be a presumption that
5 United States Armed Forces would be deployed to
6 that country to enforce such an agreement, and that
7 in any event, no United States Armed Forces should
8 be deployed on the ground in the territory of the Re-
9 public of Bosnia and Herzegovina to enforce such an
10 agreement until the Congress has approved such a
11 deployment.

12 (2) On November 17, 1995, the House of Rep-
13 resentatives passed H.R. 2606, which provided that
14 none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made
15 available to the Department of Defense could be ob-
16 ligated or expended for the deployment on the
17 ground of United States Armed Forces in the Re-
18 public of Bosnia and Herzegovina unless funds for
19 such deployment were specifically appropriated by
20 law.

21 (3) Despite the expressed will of the House of
22 Representatives heretofore mentioned, the President
23 has chosen to proceed with the deployment of ap-
24 proximately 20,000 members of the United States
25 Armed Forces on the ground in the territory of the

1 Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to enforce the
2 peace agreement among the parties to the conflict in
3 the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina initialed in
4 Dayton, Ohio, on November 21, 1995.

5 **SEC. 2. DECLARATIONS OF POLICY.**

6 The House of Representatives declares that—

7 (1) it reiterates serious concerns and grave res-
8 ervations regarding the President's policy to deploy
9 20,000 members of United States Armed Forces on
10 the ground in the territory of the Republic of Bosnia
11 and Herzegovina;

12 (2) it is confident that the members of the
13 United States Armed Forces, in whom it has the
14 greatest pride and admiration, will perform their re-
15 sponsibilities with professional excellence, dedicated
16 patriotism, and exemplary courage;

17 (3) the President and the Secretary of Defense
18 should rely on the judgment of the commander of
19 the United States Armed Forces that are deployed
20 in and around the territory of the Republic of
21 Bosnia and Herzegovina in all matters affecting the
22 safety, support, and well-being of such members of
23 the Armed Forces;

24 (4) the President and the Secretary of Defense
25 should ensure that the commander of the United

1 States Armed Forces that are deployed in and
2 around the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and
3 Herzegovina is furnished the resources and support
4 that he needs to ensure the safety, support, and
5 well-being of such members of the Armed Forces;
6 and

7 (5) the United States Government in all re-
8 spects should be impartial and evenhanded with all
9 parties to the conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and
10 Herzegovina as necessary to assure the safety and
11 protection of the United States Armed Forces in and
12 around the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and
13 Herzegovina.

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