

H. Res. 302

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

December 13, 1995.

Resolved,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The House of Representatives finds the following:

(1) On October 30, 1995, the House of Representatives agreed to H.Res. 247, which expressed the sense of the House of Representatives that in the negotiations of any peace agreement regarding the conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina there should not be a presumption that United States Armed Forces would be deployed to that country to enforce such an agreement, and that in any event, no United States Armed Forces should be deployed on the ground in the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to enforce such an agreement until the Congress has approved such a deployment.

(2) On November 17, 1995, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2606, which provided that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to

the Department of Defense could be obligated or expended for the deployment on the ground of United States Armed Forces in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina unless funds for such deployment were specifically appropriated by law.

(3) Despite the expressed will of the House of Representatives heretofore mentioned, the President has chosen to proceed with the deployment of approximately 20,000 members of the United States Armed Forces on the ground in the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to enforce the peace agreement among the parties to the conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina initialed in Dayton, Ohio, on November 21, 1995.

SEC. 2. DECLARATIONS OF POLICY.

The House of Representatives declares that—

(1) it reiterates serious concerns and opposition to the President's policy that results in the deployment of 20,000 members of the United States Armed Forces on the ground in the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

(2) it is confident that the members of the United States Armed Forces, in whom it has the greatest pride and admiration, will perform their responsibilities with

professional excellence, dedicated patriotism, and exemplary courage;

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

(4) the President and the Secretary of Defense should ensure that the commander of the United States Armed Forces that are deployed in and around the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina is furnished the resources and support that he needs to ensure the safety, support, and well-being of such members of the Armed Forces; and

(5) the United States Government in all respects should be impartial and evenhanded with all parties to the conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina as necessary to assure the safety and protection of the United States Armed Forces in and around the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Attest:

Clerk.