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Mr. SHAW (for himself, Mr. MICA, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. FOLEY, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, and Mr. LATOURETTE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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Additional sponsors: Mr. BONO, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KLINK, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. WYNN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. PAXON, and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 ~~That pursuant to subsection (d) of section 490 of the For-~~
 4 ~~ign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291j), the Con-~~
 5 ~~gress disapproves the determination of the President with~~
 6 ~~respect to Mexico for fiscal year 1997 that is contained~~
 7 ~~in the certification (transmittal No. 97-18) submitted to~~
 8 ~~the Congress by the President under subsection (b) of that~~
 9 ~~section on February 28, 1997.~~

10 **SECTION 1. DISAPPROVAL OF DETERMINATION OF PRESI-**
 11 **DENT REGARDING MEXICO.**

12 *Pursuant to subsection (d) of section 490 of the For-*
 13 *ign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291j), Congress dis-*
 14 *approves the determination of the President with respect to*
 15 *Mexico for fiscal year 1997 that is contained in the certifi-*
 16 *cation (transmittal no. 97-18) submitted to Congress by the*
 17 *President under subsection (b) of that section on February*
 18 *28, 1997.*

19 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT TO WITHHOLD ASSIST-**
 20 **ANCE FOR MEXICO.**

21 *(a) WAIVER.—Notwithstanding subsections (e) and (f)*
 22 *of section 490 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the*
 23 *requirement to withhold United States assistance and to*
 24 *vote against multilateral development bank assistance con-*
 25 *tained in such subsection (e) shall not apply with respect*

1 *to Mexico until March 1, 1998, if at any time after the*
2 *date of the enactment of this joint resolution, the President*
3 *submits to Congress a determination and certification de-*
4 *scribed in subsection (b) of this section.*

5 **(b) DETERMINATION AND CERTIFICATION.**—*A deter-*
6 *mination and certification described in this subsection is*
7 *a determination and certification consistent with section*
8 *490(b)(1)(B) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 that the*
9 *vital national interests of the United States require that*
10 *the assistance withheld pursuant to section 490(e)(1) of such*
11 *Act be provided for Mexico and that the United States not*
12 *vote against multilateral development bank assistance for*
13 *Mexico pursuant to section 490(e)(2) of such Act.*

14 **SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

15 *For purposes of section 490(d) of the Foreign Assist-*
16 *ance Act of 1961, this joint resolution shall be deemed to*
17 *have been enacted within 30 calendar days after February*
18 *28, 1997.*

19 **SEC. 4. CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS.**

20 **(a) CONSULTATIONS.**—*The President shall consult*
21 *with the Congress on the status of counter-narcotics co-*
22 *operation between the United States and each major illicit*
23 *drug producing country or major drug-transit country.*

24 **(b) PURPOSE.**—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The purpose of the consulta-*
2 *tions under subsection (a) shall be to facilitate im-*
3 *proved discussion and understanding between the*
4 *Congress and the President on United States counter-*
5 *narcotics goals and objectives with regard to the coun-*
6 *tries described in subsection (a), including the strat-*
7 *egy for achieving such goals and objectives.*

8 (2) *REGULAR AND SPECIAL CONSULTATIONS.*—*In*
9 *order to carry out paragraph (1), the President (or*
10 *senior officials designated by the President who are*
11 *responsible for international narcotics programs and*
12 *policies) shall meet with Members of Congress—*

13 (A) *on a quarterly basis for discussions and*
14 *consultations; and*

15 (B) *whenever time-sensitive issues arise.*