

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 868

To amend section 527 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 to require that certain claims for expropriation by the Government of Nicaragua meet certain requirements for purposes of the prohibition on foreign assistance to that government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

Mr. BALLENGER (for himself and Mr. DELAHUNT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nicaragua Property
5 Dispute Settlement Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTAIN CLAIMS FOR EXPROPRIATION BY THE**
2 **GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA.**

3 Section 527 of the Foreign Relations Authorization
4 Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (22 U.S.C. 2370a) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(i) CERTAIN CLAIMS FOR EXPROPRIATION BY GOV-
8 ERNMENT OF NICARAGUA.—(1) Any action of the types
9 set forth in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of subsection
10 (a)(1) that was taken by the Government of Nicaragua
11 during the period beginning on January 1, 1956, and end-
12 ing on January 9, 2002, shall not be considered in imple-
13 menting the prohibition under subsection (a) unless the
14 action has been presented in accordance with the proce-
15 dure set forth in paragraph (2)

16 “(2) An action shall be deemed presented for pur-
17 poses of paragraph (1) if it is—

18 “(A) in writing; and

19 “(B) received by the Department of State on or
20 before 120 days after the date specified in para-
21 graph (3) at—

22 “(i) the headquarters of the Department of
23 State in Washington, D.C.; or

24 “(ii) the Embassy of the United States of
25 America to Nicaragua.

1 “(3) The date to which paragraph (2) refers is a date
2 after the enactment of this subsection that is specified by
3 the Secretary of State, in the Secretary’s discretion, in a
4 notice published in the Federal Register.”.

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