

104TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 302

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 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

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The Committees on International Relations and National Security discharged; considered and agreed to

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# RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

3 The House of Representatives finds the following:

1           (1) On October 30, 1995, the House of Rep-  
2           representatives agreed to H. Res. 247, which expressed  
3           the sense of the House of Representatives that in  
4           the negotiations of any peace agreement regarding  
5           the conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and  
6           Herzegovina there should not be a presumption that  
7           United States Armed Forces would be deployed to  
8           that country to enforce such an agreement, and that  
9           in any event, no United States Armed Forces should  
10          be deployed on the ground in the territory of the Re-  
11          public of Bosnia and Herzegovina to enforce such an  
12          agreement until the Congress has approved such a  
13          deployment.

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

23          (3) Despite the expressed will of the House of  
24          Representatives heretofore mentioned, the President  
25          has chosen to proceed with the deployment of ap-

1 proximately 20,000 members of the United States  
2 Armed Forces on the ground in the territory of the  
3 Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to enforce the  
4 peace agreement among the parties to the conflict in  
5 the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina initialed in  
6 Dayton, Ohio, on November 21, 1995.

7 **SEC. 2. DECLARATIONS OF POLICY.**

8 The House of Representatives declares that—

9 (1) it reiterates serious concerns and opposition  
10 to the President's policy that results in the deploy-  
11 ment of 20,000 members of the United States  
12 Armed Forces on the ground in the territory of the  
13 Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

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

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

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

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

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