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H. R. 934

To prohibit the payment to the United Nations of any contributions by the United States until United States overpayments to such body have been properly credited or reimbursed.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 1997

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland (for himself, Mr. DELAY, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. STUMP, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. CRANE, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SALMON, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. HERGER, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. JONES, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PITTS, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. COBLE, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. BONO, Mrs. NORTHUP, Mr. CANNON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. METCALF, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, and Mr. HUTCHINSON) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “United Nations Erro-
3 neous Debt Act of 1997”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following
6 findings:

7 (1) A March 1996 General Accounting Office
8 report entitled “Peace Operations” details that the
9 United States has provided \$6,600,400,000 during
10 fiscal years 1992 through 1995 in support of mili-
11 tary and peacekeeping operations of the United Na-
12 tions.

13 (2) These funds which have come from various
14 Federal agencies, primarily the Department of De-
15 fense, were used to provide military supplies, trans-
16 portation, humanitarian relief, and other services.

17 (3) Only about \$1,800,000,000 was credited
18 against assessed contributions to the United Na-
19 tions.

20 (4) Of the remaining \$4,800,000,000, only
21 \$79,400,000 was reimbursed to the United States by
22 the United Nations.

23 (5) In effect providing a \$4,720,600,000 gift to
24 the United Nations from the United States, which
25 has not been credited against the alleged arrearages
26 in assessed contributions owed by the United States

1 to the United Nations in the reported amount of
2 \$1,300,000,000.

3 (6) It is not in the United States taxpayers'
4 best interest to pay so-called debts to the United
5 Nations that do not take into account all of the
6 other assistance the United States has provided to
7 the United Nations.

8 (7) There is no United States debt to the Unit-
9 ed Nations.

10 (b) PURPOSES.—It is the purpose of this Act to ter-
11 minate and prohibit all payments of assessed or voluntary
12 contributions to the United Nations or any specialized
13 agency of the United Nations until a just accounting has
14 credited other assistance provided by the United States
15 to the United Nations against alleged arrearages in as-
16 sessed contributions.

17 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION AND PROHIBITION OF PAYMENTS TO**
18 **THE UNITED NATIONS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Until a certification is made
20 under subsection (b) and notwithstanding any other provi-
21 sion of law, funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
22 able for any fiscal year under “Contributions to Inter-
23 national Organizations”, “Contributions for International
24 Peacekeeping”, or any other account shall not be available
25 for the payment of any assessed or voluntary contribution

1 to the United Nations or any specialized agency of the
2 United Nations or for any obligation or expenditure of
3 funds for the United Nations or any specialized agency
4 of the United Nations.

5 (b) CERTIFICATION.—The certification referred to in
6 subsection (a) is a certification by the President to the
7 Congress that—

8 (1) the United Nations has entered into an
9 agreement with the United States to reimburse or
10 credit to the account of the United States an
11 amount, which is not less than \$4,720,600,000,
12 which reflects unreimbursed financial and other as-
13 sistance of the United States to the military peace-
14 keeping efforts of the United Nations from 1992
15 through 1995; or

16 (2) the United Nations—

17 (A) has eliminated \$1,300,000,000 in al-
18 leged arrearages of the United States to the
19 United Nations; and

20 (B) has entered into an agreement with
21 the United States to reimburse or credit to the
22 account of the United States an amount, which
23 is not less than \$3,500,000,000.

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