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# H. RES. 241

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Senate should act swiftly and expeditiously to give its advice and consent to ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

Mrs. TAUSCHER (for herself, Mr. LEACH, Ms. FURSE, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BORSKI, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CAPPS, Ms. CARSON, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. KIND, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LUTHER, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MATSUI, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MINGE, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. PORTER, Mr. POSHARD, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. ROTHMAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SABO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SKAGGS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STARK, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. TORRES, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. VENTO, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. WEXLER, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. YATES) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

# RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Senate should act swiftly and expeditiously to give its advice and consent to ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

Whereas securing a global nuclear test ban has been a central arms control objective for more than 40 years;

Whereas on September 10, 1996, the United Nations approved the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty;

Whereas on September 24, 1996, the United States signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty at the United Nations;

Whereas more than 140 nations have signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, including Russia, China, the United Kingdom, and France;

Whereas the expected conclusion of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty was a pivotal factor in gaining international support for the indefinite extension of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons;

Whereas the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty will strengthen the global norm against nuclear testing and thereby help efforts by the United States to stop the spread of nuclear weapons to additional nations or groups;

Whereas the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty cannot enter into force until ratified by the United States;

Whereas independent nuclear weapons experts believe that the United States can maintain the safety and reliability of its nuclear arsenal through the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Program without nuclear test explosions, which is “consistent with the U.S. agreement to

enter into a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty of unending duration”; and

Whereas the entry into force of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty is essential to realizing the full benefits of the Treaty for the national security of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
- 2   resentatives that the Senate should act swiftly and expedi-
- 3   tiously to give its advice and consent to ratification of the
- 4   Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

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