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H. RES. 322

Expressing the sense of the House that the United States should act to resolve the crisis with Iraq in a manner that assures full Iraqi compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions regarding the destruction of Iraq's capability to produce and deliver weapons of mass destruction, and that peaceful and diplomatic efforts should be pursued, but that if such efforts fail, multilateral military action or unilateral United States military action should be taken.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 12, 1997

Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. GOSS, Mr. YATES, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. HORN, Mr. KING, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. SHERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House that the United States should act to resolve the crisis with Iraq in a manner that assures full Iraqi compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions regarding the destruction of Iraq's capability to produce and deliver weapons of mass destruction, and that peaceful and diplomatic efforts should be pursued, but that if such efforts fail, multilateral military action or unilateral United States military action should be taken.

Whereas at the conclusion of the Gulf War the United States and the United Nations acting through the Security Council determined to find and destroy all of Iraq's capability to produce chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons and its ability to produce missiles capable of delivering such weapons of mass destruction;

Whereas in pursuit of this goal, the United Nations set up a special multinational commission of experts to oversee the completion of this task (the United Nations Special Commission—UNSCOM), and that task could and should have been accomplished within a matter of months if Iraq had cooperated with United Nations officials;

Whereas sanctions were imposed upon Iraq to insure its compliance with United Nations directives to eliminate its capability to produce weapons of mass destruction, with the provision that the sanctions would be lifted when UNSCOM certified that Iraq's capability to produce weapons of mass destruction had been eliminated;

Whereas for six and a half years Iraq has pursued a policy of deception, lies, concealment, harassment and intimidation in a deliberate effort to hamper the work of UNSCOM in eliminating Iraq's ability to produce and deliver weapons of mass destruction; and

Whereas recently the government of Iraq has escalated its policy of non-compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions by refusing to permit United States citizens who are recognized specialists from participating as members of UNSCOM teams in carrying out in Iraq actions to implement Security Council resolutions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the United States
2 House of Representatives—

3 (1) that the current crisis regarding Iraq should
4 be resolved peacefully through diplomatic means but
5 in a manner which assures full Iraqi compliance with
6 United Nations Security Council resolutions regard-
7 ing the destruction of Iraq's capability to produce
8 and deliver weapons of mass destruction;

9 (2) that in the event that military means are
10 necessary to compel Iraqi compliance with United
11 Nations Council resolutions, such military action
12 should be undertaken with the broadest feasible
13 multi-national support, preferably pursuant to a res-
14 olution of the United Nations Security Council; and

15 (3) but that if it is necessary, the United States
16 should take military action unilaterally to compel
17 Iraqi compliance with United Nations Security
18 Council resolutions.

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