

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 411

Relating to the reestablishment of representative government in Afghanistan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2000

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. PITTS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. BEREUTER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relating to the reestablishment of representative government
in Afghanistan.

Whereas Afghanistan has existed as a sovereign nation since 1747, maintaining its independence, neutrality, and dignity;

Whereas Afghanistan had maintained its own decisionmaking through a traditional process called a “Loya Jirgah”, or Grand Assembly, by selecting, respecting, and following the decisions of their leaders;

Whereas recently warlords, factional leaders, and foreign regimes have laid siege to Afghanistan, leaving the landscape littered with landmines, making the most fundamental activities dangerous;

Whereas in recent years Afghanistan has become a haven for terrorist activity, has produced most of the world's opium supply, and has become infamous for its human rights abuses, particularly abuses against women and children;

Whereas the former King of Afghanistan, Mohammed Zahir Shah, ruled the country peacefully for 40 years, and after years in exile retains his popularity and support; and

Whereas former King Mohammed Zahir Shah plans to convene an emergency "Loya Jirgah" to reestablish a stable government, with no desire to regain power or reestablish a monarchy, and the Department of State supports such ongoing efforts: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the United States—*

3 (1) supports the right of the people of Afghani-
4 stan to determine their own destiny through the tra-
5 ditional Afghan "Loya Jirgah" process; and

6 (2) supports the continuing efforts of former
7 King Mohammed Zahir Shah and other responsible
8 parties searching for peace to convene a Loya
9 Jirgah—

10 (A) to reestablish a representative govern-
11 ment in Afghanistan through institution build-
12 ing, increasing the capacity of the people of Af-
13 ghanistan to govern themselves;

14 (B) to bring stability to Afghanistan; and

1 (C) to end terrorist activities and human
2 rights abuses in Afghanistan.

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