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H. R. 1368

To prohibit the use of funds appropriated to the Department of Defense from being used for the deployment of ground elements of the United States Armed Forces in Kosovo unless that deployment is specifically authorized by law.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 1999

Mr. GOODLING (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PETRI, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. PITTS, Mr. GANSKE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BARR of Georgia, and Mr. WAMP) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) United States national security interests in
2 Kosovo do not rise to a level that warrants the intro-
3 duction of ground troops by the United States.

4 (2) Kosovo is a province of the Republic of Ser-
5 bia, a sovereign state.

6 (3) An Act of Congress is necessary for the in-
7 troduction of the Armed Forces of the United States
8 into hostilities, or situations where imminent involve-
9 ment in hostilities is clearly indicated by the cir-
10 cumstances, when such action is not required for the
11 defense of the United States, its Armed Forces, or
12 its nationals.

13 (4) The lessons of the United States military
14 involvement in Vietnam and Bosnia clearly argue
15 that the costs and duration of any such deployment
16 will be much heavier and much longer than initially
17 foreseen.

18 (5) The Congress and the American people have
19 the greatest pride in the members of the Armed
20 Forces and strongly support them.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
2 **FENSE FUNDS FOR DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED**
3 **STATES GROUND FORCES IN KOSOVO WITH-**
4 **OUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION BY LAW.**

5 None of the funds appropriated or otherwise available
6 to the Department of Defense may be obligated or ex-
7 pended for the deployment of ground elements of the
8 United States Armed Forces in Kosovo unless such de-
9 ployment is specifically authorized by a law enacted after
10 the enactment of this Act.

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