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H. R. 1810

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2001

Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. EVANS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. REPEAL OF AUTHORITY FOR WESTERN HEMI-**
2 **SPHERE INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY CO-**
3 **OPERATION.**

4 (a) CLOSURE OF INSTITUTE.—The Secretary of the
5 Army shall close the Western Hemisphere Institute for Se-
6 curity Cooperation.

7 (b) REPEAL.—(1) Section 2166 of title 10, United
8 States Code, is repealed.

9 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter
10 108 of such title is amended by striking the item relating
11 to section 2166.

12 (c) LIMITATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW EDU-
13 CATION AND TRAINING FACILITY.—No training or edu-
14 cation facility may be established in the Department of
15 Defense for Latin American military personnel (as a suc-
16 cessor to the United States Army School of the Americas,
17 the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Coopera-
18 tion, or otherwise) until the end of the ten-month period
19 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 2. JOINT CONGRESSIONAL TASK FORCE.**

21 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a joint
22 congressional task force to conduct an assessment of the
23 kind of education and training that is appropriate for the
24 Department of Defense to provide to military personnel
25 of Latin American nations.

1 (b) COMPOSITION.—The task force shall be composed
2 of eight Members of Congress, of whom two each shall
3 be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representa-
4 tives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives,
5 the majority leader of the Senate, and the minority leader
6 of the Senate.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the task force shall sub-
9 mit to Congress a report on its assessment under sub-
10 section (a). The report shall include—

11 (1) a critical assessment of courses, curriculum
12 and procedures appropriate for such education and
13 training; and

14 (2) an evaluation of the effect of such education
15 and training on the performance of Latin American
16 military personnel in the areas of human rights and
17 adherence to democratic principles and the rule of
18 law.

19 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Mem-
20 ber” includes a Delegate to, or Resident Commissioner,
21 in the Congress.

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