

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. CON. RES. 137

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service should exert its best efforts to cause the Major League Baseball Players Association and the owners of the teams of Major League Baseball to enter into a contract to continue to play professional baseball games without engaging in a strike, a lockout, or any conduct that interferes with the playing of scheduled professional baseball games.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2002

Mr. MILLER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas major league baseball is a national institution and is commonly referred to as “the national pastime”;

Whereas major league baseball and its players played a critical role in restoring America's spirit following the tragic events of September 11, 2001;

Whereas major league baseball players are role models to millions of young Americans; and

Whereas while the financial issues involved in this current labor negotiation are significant, they pale in comparison to the damage that will be caused by a strike or work stoppage: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the Fed-
 3 eral Mediation and Conciliation Service, on its own motion
 4 and in accordance with section 203(b) of the Labor Man-
 5 agement Relations Act, 1947 (29 U.S.C. 173(b)), should
 6 immediately—

7 (1) proffer its services to the Major League
 8 Baseball Players Association and the owners of the
 9 teams of Major League Baseball to resolve labor
 10 contract disputes relating to entering into a collec-
 11 tive bargaining agreement; and

12 (2) use its best efforts to bring the parties to
 13 agree to such contract without engaging in a strike,
 14 a lockout, or any other conduct that interferes with
 15 the playing of scheduled professional baseball games.

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