

Public Law 96-256  
96th Congress

An Act

To extend the present public debt limit through June 5, 1980.

May 30, 1980  
[H.R. 7471]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 101 of the Act of September 29, 1979, entitled "An Act to provide for a temporary increase in the public debt limit, and to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to make possible the establishment of the public debt limit in the future as a part of the congressional budget process" (Public Law 96-78) is amended by striking out "May 31, 1980" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 5, 1980".

Public debt limit, extension.  
31 USC 757b note.  
93 Stat. 589.

Approved May 30, 1980.

(b) There are authorized to be appropriated for the President for use in carrying out section 501 for the purpose set forth in subsection (a) of this section, in addition to funds otherwise available for such purposes \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year 1980, which are authorized to remain available until expended.

(c) In furnishing assistance under this chapter to the Government of Nicaragua, the President shall take into account the extent to which that Government has engaged in violations of the right to organize and operate labor unions free from political oppression, has engaged in or permitted violations of human rights, has engaged in violations of the right to freedom of the press, or has engaged in violations of the right to freedom of religion.

(d) The President shall encourage the Government of Nicaragua to respect the right to freedom of the press, the right to organize and operate free labor unions, the right to freedom of religion, as well as all other fundamental human rights.

(e) The Congress reaffirms the requirement of section 503(b)(1) of this Act that a principal goal of the foreign policy of the United States shall be to promote the increased observance of internationally recognized human rights by all countries in furtherance of that goal, and to encourage the Government of Nicaragua to do so.

(f) The Secretary of State shall transmit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report for each six-month period in which funds are expended for Nicaragua under the authorization contained in subsection (b) of this section. Each such report shall contain full and

Appropriation authorization  
31 USC 524

Human rights violations

Presidential involvement  
of human rights

31 USC 501

31 USC 503

Report to congressional committee

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**  
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