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H. R. 2345

To prohibit the sale, lease, or other transfer of attack, bomber, or fighter aircraft to Latin American countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 1997

Mrs. LOWEY (for herself, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. FURSE, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MINGE, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. OLVER, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SABO, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. TORRES, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. YATES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

To prohibit the sale, lease, or other transfer of attack, bomber, or fighter aircraft to Latin American countries.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Latin America Secu-
5 rity Promotion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of the Congress that—

1 (1) the President should work with our Latin
2 American allies to institute a two-year regional mor-
3 atorium on the acquisition by these countries of air-
4 craft designated as attack, bomber, or fighter air-
5 craft;

6 (2) such a moratorium will provide an oppor-
7 tunity for the governments of the Latin American
8 region to begin to discuss and negotiate a conven-
9 tional arms restraint regime that would meet their
10 security concerns without spending scarce economic
11 resources or sparking an arms race in the region;
12 and

13 (3) the President should urge supplier nations
14 of such aircraft to abide by any such moratorium.

15 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON SALE, LEASE, OR OTHER TRANS-**
16 **FER OF ATTACK, BOMBER, OR FIGHTER AIR-**
17 **CRAFT TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.**

18 (a) PROHIBITION.—Effective beginning on the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, aircraft designated as attack,
20 bomber, or fighter aircraft may not be sold, leased, or oth-
21 erwise transferred to a Latin American country.

22 (b) WAIVER.—The prohibition contained in sub-
23 section (a) shall not apply with respect to a Latin Amer-
24 ican country if the President—

1 (1) determines that an emergency exists in
2 Latin America for which the sale, lease, or other
3 transfer of an aircraft described in subsection (a) is
4 vital to the national interest of the United States;
5 and

6 (2) transmits to the Congress a report contain-
7 ing such determination.

8 (c) DEFINITION.—As used in this Act, the term
9 “Latin American country” includes Antigua, Argentina,
10 the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil,
11 the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Chile, Co-
12 lombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Re-
13 public, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Grenada,
14 Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Ja-
15 maica, Martinique, Mexico, Montserrat, the Netherlands
16 Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts
17 and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Pierre and Miquelon, St. Vin-
18 cent, Suriname, Trinidad, Turks and Caicos, Uruguay,
19 and Venezuela.

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