

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 443

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 1998

Mr. FOLEY (for himself and Mr. Lantos) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of State should seek certain commitments from the governments of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic regarding the payment of insurance benefits owed to victims of the Nazis (and their beneficiaries and heirs) by those countries.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

3 **REGARDING PAYMENTS OWED BY POLAND,**

4 **HUNGARY, AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC TO**

5 **VICTIMS OF THE NAZIS.**

6 (a) SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

7 It is the sense of the House of Representatives that in

8 future meetings and correspondence with the governments

1 of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, the Sec-
2 retary of State should—

3 (1) raise the issue of insurance benefits owed to
4 victims of the Nazis (and their beneficiaries and
5 heirs) by these countries as a result of the actions
6 taken by their communist predecessor regimes in na-
7 tionalizing foreign insurance companies and confis-
8 cating their assets in the aftermath of World War
9 II;

10 (2) seek to secure a commitment from the gov-
11 ernments of these countries to provide a full ac-
12 counting of the total value of insurance company as-
13 sets that were seized by their communist prede-
14 cessors and to share all documents relevant to un-
15 paid insurance claims that are in their possession;
16 and

17 (3) seek to secure a commitment from the gov-
18 ernments of these countries to contribute to the pay-
19 ment of these unpaid insurance claims in an amount
20 that reflects the present value of the assets seized by
21 the communist governments (and for which no com-
22 pensation had previously been paid).

23 (b) DEFINITION.—As used in this paragraph, the
24 term “victims of the Nazis” means persons persecuted
25 during the period beginning on March 23, 1933 and end-

1 ing on May 8, 1945, by, under the direction of, on behalf
2 of, or under authority granted by the Nazi government
3 of Germany or any nation allied with that government.

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