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H. RES. 98

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to limits in any bilateral or multilateral agreement on certain missile defense systems of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. McHALE, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. GINGRICH, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HYDE, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. BONO, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. McDADE, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. RILEY, Mr. STUMP, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. McCRERY, Mr. COX of California, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. McKEON, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SISISKY, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. DELAY, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. TALENT, Mr. QUINN, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. REYES, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, and Mr. ISTOOK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to limits in any bilateral or multilateral agreement on certain missile defense systems of the United States.

Whereas Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin are expected to consider proposals to modify the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972 in the course of their summit meeting in Helsinki, Finland in March of 1997;

Whereas consideration is being given to modifications that would, in particular, have the effect of expanding the scope of the treaty in order to establish limits on theater missile defenses that are not currently covered by the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty;

Whereas both the President and the Congress have repeatedly emphasized the urgent need to deploy effective theater missile defenses in support of United States forces and allies overseas; and

Whereas the Joint Chiefs of Staff have expressed serious concern that the negotiating proposals of the executive branch will result in unacceptable constraints on the capability or availability of United States theater missile defenses: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING LIMITS ON**
 3 **UNITED STATES MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS.**

4 It is the sense of the House of Representatives that
 5 any bilateral or international agreement that has the ef-
 6 fect of imposing limits in the following areas would not
 7 be in the national security interests of the United States:

8 (1) Limits on the performance of United States
 9 theater ballistic missile interception systems (includ-
 10 ing limits on velocity).

1 (2) Limits on United States sensor systems
2 that may support theater missile defenses (including
3 space-based theater missile defense sensors).

4 (3) Restrictions on testing in addition to those
5 already imposed by the existing Anti-Ballistic Missile
6 Treaty (for example, no testing of nonstrategic mis-
7 sile defenses against strategic missile targets).

8 (4) Limits on deployments involving United
9 States theater missile defenses (for example, ar-
10 rangements that would restrict the number or loca-
11 tion of theater missile defense systems or would re-
12 quire the prior notification or permission of Russia).

13 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING ADDITIONAL**
14 **AGREEMENTS.**

15 In light of the concern of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
16 and the House of Representatives to proposals that would
17 have the effects set forth in section 1, it is the further
18 sense of the House of Representatives that no additional
19 international agreements are required to deploy theater
20 missile defense systems, and the Congress will not be re-
21 ceptive to any agreement that serves to reduce the poten-
22 tial of United States theater missile defense systems to
23 defend the armed forces of the United States abroad or

- 1 the armed forces or population of allies of the United
- 2 States.

