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# H. R. 2243

To restrict United States assistance for certain reconstruction efforts in the Balkans region of Europe to United States-produced articles and services.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HEFLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on International Relations

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## A BILL

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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. RESTRICTION ON UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE**  
4                       **FOR CERTAIN RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS IN**  
5                       **THE BALKANS REGION.**

6       (a) PROHIBITION.—

7               (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-  
8       section (b), no part of any United States assistance  
9       furnished for reconstruction efforts in the Federal  
10      Republic of Yugoslavia, or any contiguous country,

1 on account of the armed conflict or atrocities that  
2 have occurred in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia  
3 since March 24, 1999, may consist of, or be used for  
4 the procurement of, any article produced outside the  
5 United States or any service provided by a foreign  
6 person.

7 (2) DETERMINATIONS OF FOREIGN PRODUCED  
8 ARTICLES.—In the application of paragraph (1), de-  
9 terminations of whether an article is produced out-  
10 side the United States or whether a service is pro-  
11 vided by a foreign person should be made consistent  
12 with the standards utilized by the Bureau of Eco-  
13 nomic Analysis of the Department of Commerce in  
14 its United States balance of payments statistical  
15 summary with respect to comparable determinations.

16 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply if  
17 doing so would require the procurement of any article or  
18 service that is prohibitively expensive or unavailable.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) ARTICLE.—The term “article” includes any  
21 agricultural commodity, steel, construction material,  
22 communications equipment, construction machinery,  
23 farm machinery, or petrochemical refinery equip-  
24 ment.

1           (2) FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA.—The  
2       term “Federal Republic of Yugoslavia” means the  
3       Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Monte-  
4       negro) and includes Kosovo.

5           (3) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-  
6       son” means any foreign national, including any for-  
7       eign corporation, partnership, other legal entity, or-  
8       ganization, or association that is beneficially owned  
9       by foreign nationals or controlled in fact by foreign  
10      nationals.

11          (4) PRODUCED.—The term “produced”, with  
12      respect to an item, includes any item mined, manu-  
13      factured, made, assembled, grown, or extracted.

14          (5) SERVICE.—The term “service” includes any  
15      engineering, construction, telecommunications, or fi-  
16      nancial service.

17          (6) STEEL.—The term “steel” includes the fol-  
18      lowing categories of steel products: semifinished,  
19      plates, sheets and strips, wire rods, wire and wire  
20      products, rail type products, bars, structural shapes  
21      and units, pipes and tubes, iron ore, and coke prod-  
22      ucts.

23          (7) UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE.—The term  
24      “United States assistance” means any grant, loan,

- 1 financing, in-kind assistance, or any other assistance
- 2 of any kind.

