

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2365

To authorize the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to enter into negotiations with representatives of the Government of Cuba to provide for increased cooperation between Cuba and the United States on drug interdiction efforts.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 1999

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

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Illegal drug abuse is a national security
6 issue affecting every region, economic group, race
7 and religion in the United States.

1 (2) Drug abuse-related crime is costing the
2 United States economy at least \$5,000,000,000 per
3 year.

4 (3) At least 30 percent of the illegal drugs that
5 enter the United States are transported through the
6 Caribbean region.

7 (4) The airspace and territorial waters of Cuba
8 are attractive havens for drug smugglers and are
9 vital to flow of illegal drugs to the United States.

10 (5) There is no evidence of the involvement of
11 the Government of Cuba in drug trafficking.

12 (6) Although Cuba is receiving limited drug
13 interdiction assistance from the United Kingdom,
14 France, and other allies of the United States, Cuba
15 is unable to control the movement of illegal drugs in
16 its country.

17 (7) Cuban authorities have cooperated with
18 United States authorities on a case-by-case basis to
19 interdict illegal drug shipments.

20 (8) The Government of Cuba has expressed its
21 desire to expand cooperation with the United States
22 on drug interdiction efforts.

23 (9) The flow of illegal drugs through the Carib-
24 bean region cannot be stopped without cooperation
25 from the Government of Cuba.

1 (10) Numerous United States law enforcement
2 authorities have expressed the need for increased co-
3 operation with Cuban authorities on this matter.

4 **SEC. 2. NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA**
5 **TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED COOPERATION**
6 **ON DRUG INTERDICTION EFFORTS.**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Di-
8 rector of the Office of National Drug Control Policy is
9 authorized to enter into negotiations with representatives
10 of the Government of Cuba to provide for increased co-
11 operation between Cuba and the United States on drug
12 interdiction efforts.

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