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To prohibit assistance for Kosovo unless the President determines and certifies to Congress that residents or citizens of Kosovo are not providing assistance to organizations engaging in or otherwise supporting ethnically-motivated violence in southern Serbia or in Macedonia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEREUTER 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stabilization and Pac-
5 ification of Southern Serbia Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On June 10, 1999, the North Atlantic
4 Treaty Organization (NATO) military air operation
5 in the former Yugoslavia concluded with the with-
6 drawal of all Serbian police, paramilitary, and mili-
7 tary forces from Kosovo, a province of Serbia.

8 (2) On June 9, 1999, the NATO-led inter-
9 national security force for Kosovo, KFOR, and the
10 Governments of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
11 and the Republic of Serbia concluded a Military
12 Technical Agreement which, among other things,
13 created a five kilometer (three mile) Ground Safety
14 Zone (GSZ) extending from the boundary of Kosovo
15 into southern Serbia in which forces, except regular
16 police, of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia or Ser-
17 bia were excluded from entering without the express
18 permission of the commander of KFOR.

19 (3) During the winter of 1999–2000, incidents
20 involving the infiltration from Kosovo into southern
21 Serbia within the GSZ of ethnic Albanian guerrilla
22 forces, designated as the Liberation Army of
23 Presevo, Medvedja and Bujanovac (UCPMB), were
24 reported by KFOR.

25 (4) The declared objective of the UCPMB is the
26 liberation of the ethnic Albanian population of

1 southern Serbia from the authority of the Govern-
2 ments of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Yugo-
3 slavia.

4 (5) The tactics utilized by the UCPMB include
5 the assassination of Serbian police operating legally
6 within the GSZ and the intimidation of Serbian resi-
7 dents in order to induce them to leave the region.

8 (6) On December 17, 2000, United States and
9 Russian Federation troops serving in KFOR who
10 were patrolling the boundary with Serbia in order to
11 interdict the smuggling of arms came under attack
12 by ethnic Albanians attempting to infiltrate into the
13 GSZ from Kosovo.

14 (7) The Government of the Former Yugoslav
15 Republic of Macedonia (Macedonia), a coalition that
16 includes representatives of the ethnic Albanian mi-
17 nority in Macedonia, has taken steps acknowledged
18 and applauded by the international community as
19 well as leaders of the Albanians in Kosovo to estab-
20 lish normal relations with Kosovo.

21 (8) On February 26, 2001, fighting erupted
22 along the border between Serbia and Macedonia in
23 the Macedonian village of Tanusevci between the
24 Macedonian Army and ethnic Albanians.

1 **SEC. 3. POLICY.**

2 It shall be the policy of the United States
3 Government—

4 (1) to promote a dialog between legitimate rep-
5 resentatives of the Albanian community of southern
6 Serbia and the authorities of the Republic of Serbia
7 and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia aimed at ad-
8 dressing the concerns of both the ethnic Albanian
9 residents of the region and those of the Serbian au-
10 thorities;

11 (2) to address the deteriorating security situa-
12 tion in the Presevo valley of southern Serbia in con-
13 junction with the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
14 tion (NATO), the NATO-led international security
15 force for Kosovo (KFOR), and the Serbian authori-
16 ties;

17 (3) to urge the authorities of the Federal Re-
18 public of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Serbia to
19 work with the Government of the Former Yugoslav
20 Republic of Macedonia (Macedonia) to find agree-
21 ment on a complete demarcation of the border be-
22 tween Serbia and Macedonia;

23 (4) to support efforts of the Federal Republic
24 of Yugoslavia, Republic of Serbia and the Govern-
25 ment of Macedonia to maintain security along the
26 agreed upon border;

1 (5) to support the establishment of an inter-
2 national observation and monitoring presence along
3 the Serbian-Macedonian border should such presence
4 be requested by the concerned parties; and

5 (6) to oppose any modification of the political
6 status of the Province of Kosovo unless and until—

7 (A) all ethnically motivated violence by
8 Kosovo Albanians against Serbian residents of
9 Kosovo has subsided; and

10 (B) all assistance by citizens or residents
11 of Kosovo to parties using violent means to fur-
12 ther separatist aims in southern Serbia or Mac-
13 edonia has ceased.

14 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION OF FUNDS.**

15 (a) PROHIBITION.—No funds appropriated or other-
16 wise made available for assistance for Kosovo under title
17 II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Re-
18 lated Programs Appropriations Act, 2001 (as contained
19 in H.R. 5526 of the 106th Congress, as introduced on Oc-
20 tober 24, 2000, as enacted into law by section 101(a) of
21 Public Law 106–429, and as contained in an appendix at
22 the end thereto), other than assistance for Kosovo under
23 the heading “INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL AND
24 LAW ENFORCEMENT”, may be expended after June 30,

1 2001, unless, not later than such date, the President de-
2 termines and certifies to Congress that—

3 (1) residents or citizens of Kosovo are not pro-
4 viding assistance to the Liberation Army of Presevo,
5 Medvedja and Bujanovac (UCPMB), or any other
6 organization engaging in or otherwise supporting
7 ethnically-motivated violence in southern Serbia;

8 (2) representatives of the leadership of the
9 major Albanian political parties of Kosovo—the
10 Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK) led by Ibrahim
11 Rugova, the Party of Democratic Kosovo (PDK) led
12 by former KLA leader Hashim Thaci, and the Alli-
13 ance for the Future of Kosovo (AAK) led by former
14 KLA Commander Ramuz Haradinaj—are positively
15 exerting their influence to halt ethnic violence within
16 Kosovo; and

17 (3) residents or citizens of Kosovo are not pro-
18 viding assistance to the Liberation Army of Mac-
19 edonia, or any other organization engaging in or
20 otherwise supporting ethnically-motivated violence in
21 Macedonia.

22 (b) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-
23 tion of subsection (a) if the President determines and cer-

- 1 tifies to Congress not later than June 30, 2001 that it
- 2 is in the national interests of the United States to do so.

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