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H. R. 6980

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself and Mr. CASTRO of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To prohibit the availability of Federal funds for certain United States assertions with respect to Venezuela, and for other purposes.

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 “No Occupation of Ven-
5 ezuela Act of 2026” or the “NOVA Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL**
2 **FUNDS FOR UNITED STATES OCCUPATION OR**
3 **INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION OF VENEZUELA.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsections
5 (b) and (c), no Federal funds may be obligated or ex-
6 pended to support, directly or indirectly, any assertion of
7 United States possession, supervision, jurisdiction, con-
8 trol, or sovereignty in and over the territory or resources
9 of Venezuela, including through the deployment of the
10 United States Armed Forces in Venezuela.

11 (b) PROPERTY FOR DIPLOMATIC PURPOSES.—

12 (1) AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE.—Whenever, after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President
14 of the United States may find that any properties in
15 Venezuela, owned by the Government of Venezuela
16 or by private persons, would be suitable for a diplo-
17 matic or consular establishment of the United
18 States, notwithstanding the prohibition under sub-
19 section (a), the President may, with the approval of
20 the such Government and in exchange for the con-
21 veyance of title to the United States, purchase or
22 otherwise acquire such property, including by trans-
23 ferring to such Government or such private person
24 title to any properties of the United States in Ven-
25 ezuela.

1 (2) AUTHORITY TO USE PREVIOUS ACQUISITION.
2 TIONS.—Whenever, after the date of the enactment
3 of this Act, the President of the United States may
4 find that any properties of the United States in Ven-
5 ezuela would be suitable for a diplomatic or consular
6 establishment of the United States, the President
7 shall designate the same by the issuance of a procla-
8 mation or proclamations, and title to any property
9 so designated shall continue to be vested in fee sim-
10 ple in the United States notwithstanding the prohi-
11 bition under subsection (a).

12 (c) PREVIOUSLY ACQUIRED UNITED STATES PROP-
13 ERTY.—The prohibition under subsection (a) shall not
14 apply with respect to property of the United States in Ven-
15 ezuela, the title to which was conveyed to the United
16 States prior to January 1, 2026.

17 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The prohibition
18 under subsection (a) may not be construed to alter or af-
19 fect any authorization, limitation, or other provision relat-
20 ing to the availability of Federal funds for the provision
21 of emergency humanitarian aid.

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