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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4617

To amend the Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992 to repeal the restriction on assistance to Azerbaijan.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 1994

Mr. PENNY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Freedom Support  
5       Amendment Act of 1994”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds that—

8               (1) since 1991, tens of thousands of ethnic Ar-  
9       menians and Azeris have died as a result of a con-

1 flict in the Nagorno-Karabakh region, which had  
2 been a part of Azerbaijan since 1923;

3 (2) the United Nations estimates that there are  
4 currently over 1,000,000 refugees in Azerbaijan;

5 (3) 85 percent of the people of Azerbaijan cur-  
6 rently live in poverty;

7 (4) ethnic Armenian forces currently control the  
8 Nagorno-Karabakh region, as well as 25 percent of  
9 Azerbaijan;

10 (5) Armenia is currently preventing trade from  
11 reaching Nakhichevan, a part of Azerbaijan which is  
12 separated from the rest of the country by Armenian  
13 territory;

14 (6) in 1993, the United Nations Security Coun-  
15 cil condemned offensive military action by ethnic Ar-  
16 menian forces outside of the Nagorno-Karabakh re-  
17 gion through Resolutions 822, 853, 874, and 884;

18 (7) in 1992, the Congress passed the Freedom  
19 for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and  
20 Open Markets Support Act of 1992 to provide as-  
21 sistance to the independent states of the former So-  
22 viet Union;

23 (8) section 907 of such Act prohibits all United  
24 States assistance, including humanitarian and medi-  
25 cal assistance, to the Government of Azerbaijan be-

1 cause that Government had cut off trade and taken  
2 other offensive uses of force against ethnic Arme-  
3 nians in the Nagorno-Karabakh region in the early  
4 1990s; and

5 (9) since the passage of such Act, the military  
6 and humanitarian situation in Armenia and Azer-  
7 baijan has changed considerably and aggressive ac-  
8 tivities are no longer limited to one side or the other  
9 in this conflict.

10 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF RESTRICTION ON ASSISTANCE TO AZER-**  
11 **BAIJAN.**

12 (a) REPEAL.—Section 907 of the Freedom for Russia  
13 and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets  
14 Support Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 5812 note; relating to  
15 the restriction on assistance to Azerbaijan) is hereby  
16 repealed.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
18 tents in section 2 of such Act is amended by striking the  
19 item relating to section 907.

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