

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 226

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should not take military action against the Republic of Iraq unless that action is specifically authorized by law.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 1998

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland (for himself, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. REGULA, Mr. METCALF, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. HERGER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. GILCREST, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. POMBO, Ms. DUNN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. HALL of Texas, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. FURSE, Ms. WATERS, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. PETRI, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. DELAY, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. PITTS, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. DREIER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. WAMP, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. PAXON, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. MICA, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. TALENT, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. SHUSTER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should not take military action against the Republic of Iraq unless that action is specifically authorized by law.

Whereas article I, section 8, of the Constitution grants to the Congress the power to declare war;

Whereas a military attack on the Republic of Iraq is the equivalent of a declaration of war;

Whereas the current situation in Iraq is the result of the refusal by Iraq to comply with United Nations Security Council resolutions relating to the inspection and destruction by the United Nations of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq; and

Whereas neither the Congress nor the United Nations has authorized the use of force against Iraq with respect to such current situation in Iraq: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that the  
3 United States should not take military action against the  
4 Republic of Iraq unless that action is specifically author-  
5 ized by a law enacted after the date of the adoption of  
6 this concurrent resolution.

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