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To restrict United States assistance of any kind to Turkey until Turkey uses its influence with the Turkish Cypriot leadership to achieve a settlement on Cyprus based on United Nations Security Council resolutions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2001

Mr. PAYNE 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 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) In 1974 Turkey illegally invaded Cyprus
6 and subsequently occupied over a third of the island.

1 (2) 2001 marks twenty-seven years of continued
2 illegal Turkish military occupation of Cyprus despite
3 universal international condemnation.

4 (3) The Turkish military has obstructed efforts
5 to reach a just and lasting resolution of the division
6 of the island and the massive uprooting and ethnic
7 cleansing of Greek Cypriots caused by the 1974
8 Turkish invasion.

9 (4) Turkey, in a May 10, 2001 judgment of the
10 European Court of Human Rights, was found re-
11 sponsible for massive violations of human rights as
12 a result of the continuing occupation by Turkey of
13 the northern part of Cyprus.

14 (5) Turkey's illegal invasion in 1974 violated
15 the United Nations Charter, the NATO Treaty, and
16 customary international law.

17 (6) Talks have been held under United Nations
18 auspices to reach a settlement based on "a state of
19 Cyprus with a single sovereignty and international
20 personality and a single citizenship in a bizonal,
21 bicommunal federation" and that such a settlement
22 has been unanimously adopted by the international
23 community but is rejected by Turkey and the Turk-
24 ish Cypriot leader, Mr. Rauf Denktash.

1 (7) Successive rounds of proximity talks sup-
2 ported by the G-8, the United Nations Security
3 Council and the European Union under United Na-
4 tions auspices have made little progress, and efforts
5 to hold substantive discussions in 2001 are being
6 thwarted by new unproductive and unacceptable
7 “recognition” demands by Mr. Denktash, supported
8 by Turkey.

9 (8) The Cyprus Government has actively en-
10 gaged in the search for a settlement, as evidenced by
11 the constructive participation by Cyprus in United
12 Nations-sponsored proximity talks.

13 (9) Turkey has had several financial crises over
14 the past decades, including two within the past six
15 months.

16 (10) At present, Turkey contributes approxi-
17 mately \$350,000,000 annually in direct economic
18 support to the illegal regime in the occupied area of
19 Cyprus and several hundred million dollars for sup-
20 port of its occupation troops and settlers.

21 (11) The continuing unresolved Cyprus issue
22 prevents normal relations between NATO allies,
23 Greece and Turkey.

1 (12) Tension between Greece and Turkey con-
2 tributes to instability in Southeast Europe and the
3 Eastern Mediterranean.

4 (13) The United States has an important stake
5 in fostering good relations between two NATO allies,
6 Greece and Turkey.

7 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION ON ASSISTANCE.**

8 United States assistance of any kind shall not be pro-
9 vided to Turkey until Turkey uses its influence with the
10 Turkish Cypriot leadership to achieve a settlement on Cy-
11 prus that calls for the following:

12 (1) A resumption of the proximity talks within
13 the agreed procedure and framework and based on
14 good faith negotiations.

15 (2) A solution set forth in United Nations reso-
16 lutions, based on “a state of Cyprus with a single
17 sovereignty and international personality and a sin-
18 gle citizenship in a bizonal, bicommunal federation”
19 embodying the fundamental constitutional and
20 democratic principles common in Western democ-
21 racies, compatible with the Human Rights Conven-
22 tion and Protocols, the European Acquis
23 Communautaire and international law.

24 (3) The immediate demilitarization of Cyprus.

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