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Comments on options. The list of options seems a little complicated, but maybe that's unavoidable.

Essentially, though, there are four basic options:

- 1) a clean cut of 25 or 50% with an option for the Administration to request more (Torricelli);
- 2) variations on Moakley-Murtha;
- 3) delay action until September, but only if the Administration agrees to continue withholding the second half of 1991 aid; and
- 4) delay action until September regardless of what the Administration does.

We recommend that this be the list presented to Members, with the understandings that any recommendation to do "1" or "2" would require some additional staff work to develop the exact language; and that option 3 would require a fallback position of 1, 2, 4 or the possibility of further negotiations with the Administration about the exact amount and type of aid that will be released.

For purposes of illustration, a good example of a variation on Moakley-Murtha would be Moakley-Murtha a la Torricelli. This would take last year's law and:

- include pipeline;
- cut the cap to \$75 million;
- require that no Presidential certification to release the second half of aid be made prior to March 1, nor be effective prior to April 1--with expedited procedures on a resolution to disapprove;

--re-word the condition on the Jesuits case ("is failing")  
--added condition for FMLN (meeting obligations under  
international law in bringing to justice those responsible for  
the murders in the helicopter case).

(Note: this would not exclude other bells and whistles, like the  
plan to use some ESF for reconstruction)