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**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACT OF 1991 (House of Representatives - June 11, 1991)**

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, as has already been pointed out, this bill contains no specific provisions regarding the issue of military aid to **El Salvador** --and the rule would bar any amendments relating to this matter. It is the invention of the leadership to bring a bill on **El Salvador** to the floor shortly after Labor Day--at which time Members will have a full opportunity to debate and vote on the issue. For the record, as one of those who advocated this change in procedure, let me make clear exactly what we are attempting to do here today by moving a vote on **El Salvador** to September.

We are keeping the pressure on both sides in the conflict. In the coming months we will all have the opportunity to monitor the negotiations, the level of violence and the progress on the Jesuits' case and then determine what is the appropriate course in terms of United States military assistance to **El Salvador**.

Both the FMLN and the Salvadoran Armed Forces should be put on notice.

If the FMLN deliberately stalls the negotiations, if the FMLN is assassinating civilians, if the FMLN fails to meet its international legal obligations in the helicopter case, or if the FMLN continues to get significant shipments of arms from outside **El Salvador** --then that misbehavior will be reflected in the level of military assistance this Congress provides to the Salvadoran Armed Forces.

If, on the other hand, the Salvadoran Government stalls the negotiations, if the Salvadoran Army assassinates civilians, and unless there is a breakthrough in the Jesuits' case--then these facts will be reflected in the level of military assistance--or lack of military assistance--this Congress provides the Salvadoran Armed Forces.

And let me emphasize my belief, at this point in time, that the cooperation of the Salvadoran Armed Forces on the Jesuits' case has not been at all satisfactory. The lies, the obstruction of justice, and the general level of non-cooperation by the Salvadoran Armed Forces cannot be tolerated and I believe--unless there is a change in that attitude--will not be tolerated by this Congress in September.

It should also be made clear that our silence on the foreign aid bills at this time should not--in any way--be interpreted as a lessening in our unequivocal support for the efforts of the United Nations Secretary General in mediating the negotiations between the government and the FMLN. And we are pleased to note that over 100 U.N. personnel will soon arrive in **El Salvador** to monitor human rights.

I believe temporarily withholding congressional action on this matter will keep the pressure on both the FMLN and the Salvadoran Government to negotiate seriously an end to the war. And I would hope that the Bush administration will follow our lead and refrain from doing anything that might jeopardize this delicate process. Specifically, I would urge that they continue to withhold \$42.5 million in fiscal year 1991 U.S. military assistance that has not yet been obligated. I also hope that the administration will give unequivocal and unambiguous support to the U.N. Secretary General's efforts in the negotiations.

Mr. Speaker, let me close by urging my colleagues to support this rule.

Mr. DREIER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. DREIER of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule. I would specifically like to take this time to talk about the work of the chairman of the Committee on Rules, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. **Moakley**]

Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of serving with him on the task force on **El Salvador** specifically dealing with the very tragic murder of Ignacio Ellacuria and the other Jesuits and their housekeeper and her daughter. We went to **El Salvador** investigating this case, and we have very diligently been trying to pursue it and at the same time encourage the Government of **El Salvador** through their judicial process to bring about a resolution to this.

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