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TSONGAS SUPPORTS LIFTING SANCTIONS AGAINST ZIMBABWE RHODESIA

Senator Paul Tsongas introduced a resolution late this afternoon calling for removal of sanctions against Zimbabwe-Rhodesia as soon as the British Governor of Rhodesia arrives in Salisbury. Tsongas has been a strong advocate in the Senate against lifting sanctions. However, after receiving a report from London this afternoon that all the participants in the negotiations had agreed on a cease fire terms, he has removed his opposition.

"The British face a formidable task," Tsongas stated. "They deserve our full support. We should remove sanctions in compliance with their request...If we jealously guard the sanctions lever, we will be saying to all parties of the settlement that we doubt their sincerity and integrity. This is poor diplomacy based on the wrong assumptions."

"The future of Zimbabwe depends on peace and economic progress. The Conference has brought peace. The economic problems remain...We must open the doors to American investment and expertise in Zimbabwe. The longer we delay, the more we retard the critical process of economic reconstruction and development in Zimbabwe."

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