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S. CON. RES. 8

[Report No. 96-41]

Providing for impartial observers of the forthcoming election in Rhodesia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 1 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1979

Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself and Mr. HAYAKAWA) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

MARCH 21 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1979

Reported by Mr. CHURCH, with amendments and amendments to the preamble

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Whereas the conflict in Rhodesia has reached a critical stage;
and

Whereas the Rhodesian Government has announced its intention to hold an election on April 20, 1979, to install a new government; and

Whereas Congress has specified in the International Security Assistance Act of 1978 that the holding of ~~such an election~~ *a free election, as provided in section 27(2) of said Act*, is one of two conditions to be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the President before economic sanctions against Rhodesia may be lifted; and

Whereas it is the intention of Congress to provide assistance in determining whether such election is free and fair; and

Whereas Congress intends that this assistance should in no way be regarded as implicit or explicit support by the United States Government of the provisions of the so-called internal settlement or of the Rhodesian Government; and

Whereas Congress supports ongoing diplomatic efforts to achieve a peaceful negotiated settlement in Rhodesia: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring),*

3 SECTION 1. That the President pro tempore of the
 4 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
 5 acting jointly and after consulting with the majority leaders
 6 and minority leaders of the Senate and the House of Repre-
 7 sentatives, shall appoint two individuals to serve as cochair-
 8 persons of a team of observers of the election in Rhodesia to
 9 be held on April 20, 1979. The cochairpersons shall select
 10 not less than twenty-five and not more than fifty other indi-
 11 viduals to serve on the team of observers. All individuals
 12 appointed or selected to the team of observers shall be from

1 private life or members of national private organizations or
2 associations, and no individual who is serving as an officer or
3 employee of the United States Government may be appointed
4 or selected.

5 SEC. 2. (a) It shall be the duty and function of the team
6 of observers to observe the election in Rhodesia to be held on
7 April 20, 1979, and to report thereon to the Congress. Such
8 report shall be submitted by the cochairpersons as soon as
9 possible after such election has been held.

10 (b) The report submitted under *this* subsection ~~(2)~~ shall
11 include the views of the team of observers, or individual
12 members thereof—

13 (1) as to whether all of the people of Rhodesia
14 and all organized political groups were given a fair op-
15 portunity to participate fully in the election without
16 regard to ethnic identity or political affiliation; and

17 (2) on the extent of public participation in the
18 election, including the extent to which disruptions in
19 the election process due to guerrilla activities may
20 have affected public participation in the election and
21 the extent to which eligible voters expressed opposition
22 by voluntarily refraining from voting in the election.

23 SEC. 3. The cochairpersons and members of the team of
24 observers shall serve without compensation but shall be reim-
25 bursed for transportation expenses and travel expenses when

1 away from their homes in performance of their duties. The
2 amount of travel expenses for which reimbursement may be
3 made shall be the same as may be paid to an employee of the
4 Senate serving on the staff of a committee, except that reim-
5 bursement may be made for actual and necessary travel ex-
6 penses incurred while in Rhodesia and in traveling to and
7 from Rhodesia.

8 SEC. 4. The expenses of the team of observers in carry-
9 ing out this concurrent resolution, which shall not exceed
10 \$175,000, shall be paid from the contingent fund of the
11 Senate upon vouchers signed by the cochairpersons and ap-
12 proved by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
13 Senate.

14 *SEC. 5. Nothing contained in this resolution shall be*
15 *deemed by implication or otherwise to indicate any determi-*
16 *nation as to the qualifications of the elections or the Govern-*
17 *ment, under section 27(2) of the International Security*
18 *Assistance Act of 1978.*

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