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Expressing the sense of the Congress that the war in Chechnya is of concern to the United States and that President Clinton should not attend the United States-Russia Summit in Moscow in May 1995 until the Chechen situation has been resolved.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 1995

Mr. ROEMER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the war in Chechnya is of concern to the United States and that President Clinton should not attend the United States-Russia Summit in Moscow in May 1995 until the Chechen situation has been resolved.

Whereas Russian troops advanced into Chechnya on December 10, 1994, and were met with strong resistance from Chechen rebels who have since moved to the Caucasus mountains where they are engaged in what even the most optimistic Russian military officers predict will be a drawn-out guerrilla war;

Whereas the cost of the Chechen battle is estimated to cost Russia at least \$2,000,000,000 and will further exacerbate the budget deficit of the Russian Government;

Whereas the budget implications of the Chechen battle may compel the International Monetary Fund, in which the United States is the largest shareholder, to abandon its efforts to assist Russia in the transformation to a free-market economy;

Whereas the United States has approved over \$2,400,000,000 in loan guarantees through the Export-Import Bank of the United States and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation;

Whereas the United States has provided Russia with significant direct assistance to promote a free-market economy, support democracy, meet humanitarian needs, and dismantle nuclear weapons;

Whereas United States investment in Russia has been significant in promoting democracy and stabilizing the Russian economy, and this progress is imperiled and undermined by Russia's continued war with Chechnya;

Whereas President Yeltsin has refused to negotiate an end to this crisis, and this action illustrates an indifference to the economic implications the Chechen war would bring to bear on Russia's ability to fulfill its commitments to the International Monetary Fund, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and the Export-Import Bank of the United States; and

Whereas Russia's involvement in Chechnya shows an alarming disregard for the principles of economic cooperation contained in the Partnership for Economic Progress that was agreed upon at the United States-Russia Summit in Washington in September 1994: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

1 (1) the war in Chechnya is of concern to the
2 United States; and

3 (2) President Clinton should not attend the
4 United States-Russia Summit in Moscow in May
5 1995 until the Chechen situation has been resolved.

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