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*ADOPTED*  
Amendment proposed by Senator Byrd

Viz: On page 141, strike lines 14 and 15, and insert in lieu thereof:

1 titles I through VIII of this Act may be cited as the  
2 "Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 1995".

3 TITLE IX--FISCAL YEAR 1994 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

4 The following sum is appropriated, out of any money in the  
5 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending  
6 September 30, 1994, namely:

7 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

8 MANAGEMENT FUNDS

9 Emergency Response Fund

10 For the "Emergency Response Fund", \$170,000,000: Provided,  
11 That these funds may be used to reimburse appropriations of the  
12 Department of Defense for costs incurred for emergency relief for  
13 Rwanda: Provided further, That the Secretary of State shall  
14 provide a report to the Congress no later than September 1, 1994,  
15 as to the burden-sharing arrangements in the Rwanda relief  
16 operation that have been negotiated and implemented with other  
17 nations, and international public and private organizations, as  
18 to both cost and personnel participation, including armed forces  
19 participation: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense  
20 shall provide assessments to the Congress no later than September  
21 1, 1994, of (1) any threats to the security of U.S. personnel,  
22 including armed forces personnel, in the Rwanda relief operation,  
23 and (2) the extent to which the UNAMIR peacekeeping operation has  
24 established a security system within the

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1 Provided further, That any change in the mission from one of  
2 strict refugee relief to security, peace-enforcing, nation-  
3 building or any other substantive role, shall not be implemented  
4 without the further approval of the Congress: Provided further,  
5 That U.S. armed forces shall not participate in relief operations  
6 inside Rwanda until and unless the President has certified to the  
7 Congress that the security situation in the countryside has  
8 stabilized to the extent that U.S. forces will not play a  
9 peacekeeping or peace-enforcing role between the warring factions  
10 inside Rwanda: Provided further, That no funds are available for  
11 U.S. participation in operations in or around Rwanda after  
12 October 7, 1994: Provided further, That the President shall  
13 provide a plan to the Congress by September 15, 1994, as to how  
14 he will terminate U.S. involvement in the Rwanda operation by  
15 October 7, 1994, unless an extension of time is approved by the  
16 Congress, and what arrangements have been made for other nations  
17 and international public and private organizations to replace  
18 U.S. resources and personnel.

## Report Language

## Refugee Relief in Rwanda

The Committee recommends \$170 million to assist in humanitarian relief efforts for refugees of hostilities in Rwanda. The sudden influx of massive numbers of refugees, consisting of millions of people into Goma, Zaire, and other locations bordering Rwanda has created a crisis requiring immediate response. Only the United States has the airlift and logistical capability, as well as recent experience in this type of operation in Iraq and Bosnia, to provide the necessary relief. The appropriations are required for humanitarian assistance and logistics support to establish and operate airport services at Goma and other locations; provide fuel, logistics support, and maintenance of vehicles and equipment for distribution of water, food supplies, and medical items; establish and operate an air distribution facility in Uganda, or another suitable location, for the collection, storage, and forward movement of relief supplies; transport supplies and equipment; provision of safe water; and to deploy and sustain approximately 4,000 U.S. troops.

While fully supporting this operation, the Committee is, nevertheless, concerned about the lack of burden-sharing among the international community, excepting the French. Second, while the Committee fully supports the refugee relief mission, it does not support expanding that mission to security or peacemaking between the warring factions of Rwanda. Therefore, it opposes introducing U.S. forces into Rwanda until the security situation is stabilized there by the peacekeeping organization tasked by the UN to do so, UNAMIR. The Administration is also required to report by September 1, 1994, on its efforts to widen the net of donor nations and international organizations so the burden is more equitably shared -- in money, personnel, and resources. The language would terminate our aid and presence by October 1, 1994, unless the Administration requests, and Congress approves, an extension. It is hoped that, by that time, additional relief operations that might be needed can be taken over by other donor nations and organizations.

The U.S. has acted mainly alone in providing this expanded humanitarian effort in Rwanda due to the need for a timely response. In the normal course of events, this effort should be organized and run by the United Nations. The Committee believes therefore, that the Administration should ask to have the United Nations credit the \$170 million herein recommended, in addition to any funds that are contributed by the State Department in the context of the action on the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill for FY 95, against the past due assessments of the United States to the United Nations.

Should insist that