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H. R. 2673

To authorize participation by the United States in parliamentary conferences with the National Congress of Brazil.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 1983

Mr. BARNES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To authorize participation by the United States in parliamentary conferences with the National Congress of Brazil.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That (a) not to exceed twenty-four Members of Congress
4 shall be appointed to meet jointly and at least annually, when
5 the Congress is not in session (except that this restriction
6 shall not apply with respect to meetings held in the United
7 States), with representatives of the Chamber of Deputies and
8 of the Senate of the National Congress of Brazil for discus-
9 sion of common problems in the interests of relations between
10 the United States and Brazil.

1 (b) Of the Members of Congress appointed for purposes
 2 of this resolution (hereafter in this resolution referred to as
 3 the "United States group"), half shall be appointed by the
 4 Speaker of the House of Representatives from among the
 5 Members of the House (not less than four of whom shall be
 6 members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs) and half shall
 7 be appointed by the President of the Senate, upon recommen-
 8 dations of the majority leader and minority leader of the
 9 Senate, from among the Members of the Senate (not less than
 10 four of whom shall be members of the Committee on Foreign
 11 Relations). Such appointments shall be for the period of each
 12 meeting of the Brazil-United States interparliamentary
 13 group, except that the Members who are members of the
 14 Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Members who are
 15 members of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be ap-
 16 pointed for the duration of each Congress. The chairman or
 17 vice chairman of the House delegation shall be a Member
 18 who is a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and,
 19 unless the President of the Senate, upon the recommendation
 20 of the majority leader of the Senate, determines otherwise,
 21 the chairman or vice chairman of the Senate delegation shall
 22 be a Member who is a member of the Committee on Foreign
 23 Relations.

24 (c) Of the amounts appropriated for "International Con-
 25 ferences and Contingencies" for each fiscal year (beginning

1 with the fiscal year 1984), not to exceed \$50,000 shall be to
 2 assist in meeting the expenses of the United States group,
 3 half of which shall be for the House delegation and half of
 4 which shall be for the Senate delegation. The House and
 5 Senate portions of any such appropriation shall be disbursed
 6 on vouchers approved by the chairman of the House delega-
 7 tion and the chairman of the Senate delegation, respectively.

8 (d) The certificate of the chairman of the House delega-
 9 tion or of the chairman of the Senate delegation shall be final
 10 and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the United
 11 States in the auditing of the accounts of the United States
 12 group.

13 (e) The United States group shall submit to the Con-
 14 gress a report for each fiscal year for which an appropriation
 15 is made for the group, such report to include the expenditures
 16 of the United States group under such appropriation.

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