



H.Res. 812– Expressing the sympathy and pledging the urgent support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating flooding in southern Mexico

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 812 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Linda Sanchez (D-CA) on November 8, 2007. The bill and was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs but was never considered.

H.Res. 812 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on November 13, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 812 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Expresses its heartfelt sympathy for the victims of the devastating flooding affecting southern Mexico;
- Conveys its sincere support to the people and Government of Mexico;
- Urges the United States Government to immediately make available all possible assistance to Mexican authorities; and
- Reaffirms its commitment to provide relief aid to the victims as the effects of the flooding continue to unfold.

BACKGROUND

In late October 2007, a series of storms brought torrential rainfall to southern Mexico. The States of Tabasco and Chiapas were hit especially hard and the rains caused the Grijalva, Carrizal, and Puxcatan Rivers to overflow their banks.

Early reports called the resulting floods the worst Mexico has seen in 50 years. Mexican President Calderon has called it, “One of the worst natural disasters in the history of our country. Not only because of the size of the area affected, but because of the number of people affected.”

The flooding is estimated to have affected 1,000,000 people so far and destroyed over 500,000 homes.

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