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August 12, 1986

SUPPLEMENT

TO THE DSG LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 1986

NEGOTIATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA (H.Con.Res. 373)

FLOOR SITUATION: The bill will be considered under suspension of the rules; 40 minutes of debate; not subject to amendment; two-thirds majority vote required for passage. The measure will be managed by Rep. Wolpe, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa.

BACKGROUND: The Foreign Affairs Committee reported the bill by voice vote (no written report will be filed).

SUMMARY: The resolution calls on the President to urge the government of South Africa to indicate its willingness to engage in meaningful negotiations with that country's black majority by doing the following:

- * Immediately releasing Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners;
- * Recognizing the African National Congress (ANC) as a legitimate representative for the country's black majority; and
- * Establishing the framework for talks with the ANC and other representative organizations.

AMENDMENTS: None permitted.

COMMENTARY: The Administration's position was unavailable as of press time.

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