

EXPRESSING THE SOLIDARITY OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE FAMILIES OF  
THE VICTIMS AND THOSE DISPLACED BY THE  
HEAVY RAINS AND WIDESPREAD FLOODING  
IN COLOMBIA

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BEFORE THE  
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THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE  
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC.*

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:04 p.m., in room 2172, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Connie Mack (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. MACK. The subcommittee will come to order. After the conclusion of this brief business meeting we will proceed immediately to today's hearing.

Pursuant to notice for purposes of a markup, I call up resolution H. Res. 77. Without objection, the resolution to be considered will be considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

[H. Res. 77 follows:]

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(Original Signature of Member)

112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. RES.** \_\_\_\_\_

Expressing the solidarity of the House of Representatives with the families of the victims and those displaced by the heavy rains and widespread flooding in Colombia.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MACK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**RESOLUTION**

Expressing the solidarity of the House of Representatives with the families of the victims and those displaced by the heavy rains and widespread flooding in Colombia.

Whereas months of torrential rains have created the worst natural disaster in the history of Colombia;

Whereas severe flooding has affected the lives of 2,300,000 Colombians leaving, by United Nation estimates, more than 300 people dead and 400,000 homes destroyed;

Whereas critical infrastructure and agricultural areas have been decimated, ruining crops and devastating opportunities for legal Colombian business opportunities;

Whereas the Government of Colombia estimates a cost of \$6,600,000,000 for recovery efforts;

Whereas the incentive to produce duty-free drug-crop substitutes, fostering economic development in Colombia, is threatened by an uncertain fate for the extension of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA); and

Whereas the peoples of the United States and Colombia share democratic values and desire a mutually prosperous relationship: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2           (1) stands with the people of Colombia as they  
3       face the devastating consequences of the flooding;

4           (2) urges the renewal of the temporary extension of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug  
5       Eradication Act (ATPDEA); and  
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7           (3) calls on the President to engage in a relationship with Colombia, a longstanding democratic ally of the United States, that promotes economic  
8       growth and reinforces the fight against drug trafficking.  
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Mr. MACK. I have a bipartisan amendment in the nature of a substitute that members have in front of them, which is identical to the one that was provided previously to your offices and made publicly available in electronic format pursuant to committee rule 5(b)(3).

I want to thank—well, first of all, I would like to say that unfortunately Mr. Engel isn't able to be here today. He is under the weather. I know he is because I saw him yesterday and he didn't look good yesterday. So tell the ranking member that we hope he feels better soon.

But I would like to thank also his staff, the minority staff, for their assistance in updating and amending this text.

The clerk will report the amendment.

Ms. CARROLL. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to H. Res. 77 offered by Mr. Mack of Florida. Strike the preamble—

[The information referred to follows:]



**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.RES. 77  
OFFERED BY MR. MACK OF FLORIDA**

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas months of torrential rains, culminating in January 2011, created the worst natural disaster in the history of Colombia;

Whereas severe flooding has affected the lives of more than 2,300,000 Colombians leaving, by United Nations' estimates, more than 300 people dead and 400,000 homes damaged or destroyed;

Whereas critical infrastructure and agricultural areas were decimated, ruining crops and devastating opportunities for legal Colombian businesses;

Whereas the incentive to produce duty-free drug-crop substitutes, fostering economic development in Colombia, is threatened by an uncertain fate for the extension of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA);

Whereas the United States Government continues to provide important support to the people of Colombia in the wake of the floods; and

Whereas the peoples of the United States and Colombia share democratic values and desire a mutually prosperous relationship: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the House of Representatives—

- 1           (1) stands with the people of Colombia as they
- 2           continue to endure the devastating consequences of
- 3           the flood season;
- 4           (2) urges the renewal of the temporary exten-
- 5           sion of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug
- 6           Eradication Act (ATPDEA); and
- 7           (3) calls on the President to engage in a rela-
- 8           tionship with Colombia, a longstanding democratic
- 9           ally of the United States, that promotes economic
- 10          growth and reinforces the fight against drug traf-
- 11          ficking.



Mr. MACK. Without objection, the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read for purposes of amendment. I recognize myself briefly to speak on the amendment.

This amendment expresses the United States' desire to stand by the Colombian people in the wake of a massive flooding that impacted millions of lives. It also acknowledges the economic damages that resulted from this tragedy and calls on the U.S. administration to right the misdirected approach it has taken toward our important ally and start engaging in policies that promote economic growth.

Expanded economic opportunity helps countries rebound from natural disasters such as the one Colombia has experienced, provides alternatives to illegal activities, and is a priority for our own economic and national security interests in the United States.

Are there any other members who wish to strike the last word and speak on this text?

Hearing no further amendment, the question is on agreeing to the amendment in the nature of a substitute. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say no.

In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it and the amendment in the nature of a substitute is agreed to. The question now occurs on adopting the resolution, as amended. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say no.

In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. The bill, as amended, is agreed to. And without objection, the motion to reconsider is laid on the table.

I now move that the bill, as amended, be reported favorably to the full Committee on Foreign Affairs. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say no.

The ayes have it and the motion is agreed to. Without objection, the staff are directed to make any technical and conforming changes.

That concludes our business, and without objection, the subcommittee stands adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 2:07 p.m., the subcommittee was adjourned.]



## A P P E N D I X

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**MARKUP NOTICE**  
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**Connie Mack (R-FL), Chairman**

March 15, 2011

You are respectfully requested to attend an OPEN markup of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, to be held in **Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building (and available live, via the WEBCAST link on the Committee website at <http://www.hcfa.house.gov>)**:

**DATE:** Thursday, March 17, 2011

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

**MARKUP OF:** H. RES. 77: Expressing the solidarity of the House of Representatives with the families of the victims and those displaced by the heavy rains and widespread flooding in Colombia

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Presiding Member(s)

*Connie Mack*

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*H. Res. 77*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

*SCHMIDT, RIVERA, SIZES, MACK*

NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD: (List any statements submitted for the record.)

ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE MARKUP: (Attach copies of legislation and amendments.)

*MACK AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE*

RECORDED VOTES TAKEN (FOR MARKUP): (Attach final vote tally sheet listing each member.)

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
<i>AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE - AGREED TO BY VOICE VOTE</i>				
<i>H. RES. 77 AS AMENDED - AGREED TO BY VOICE VOTE</i>				

TIME SCHEDULED TO RECONVENE \_\_\_\_\_

or

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