

**HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 6, 1995**

A Conference Resolution Offered by Mr. Dornan.

Mr. Dornan moves that the Conference suspend the rules and pass the following resolution:

Whereas, Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution states that "Congress shall have the power...to raise and support armies...to provide and maintain a navy...to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces...to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers....";

Whereas, the House has twice voted within the last month regarding United States ground troops in Bosnia -- once affirming its sense of opposition and once making Department of Defense funding of the Bosnian peacekeeping effort contingent on further decisive congressional action;

Whereas, in order to engage even minimal ground troops in Bosnia each European nation necessarily received the approval of their respective legislative body;

Whereas, the President has refused to come before Congress to ask for support for his foray into Bosnia;

Whereas, the President has not persuasively proved that the conflict in Bosnia is a direct threat to our vital national security;

Whereas, the President has not defined a cogent military strategy for U.S. ground troops in Bosnia;

Therefore, be it resolved by the House Republican Conference that we respectfully insist that Speaker Gingrich, our House Republican leader, on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, order to the House floor under a closed rule, a resolution of disapproval regarding U.S. ground troops in Bosnia; and be it further,

Resolved, that the resolution read exactly, "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no federal funds shall be appropriated or otherwise available for the deployment on the ground of United States Armed Forces in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of any peacekeeping operation, or as part of any implementation force."