

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2415**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GEJDENSON OF CONNECTICUT**

Page 84, after line 16, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 703. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS REGARDING COLOM-**

2 **BIA.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
4 ings:

5 (1) Colombia is a democratic country fighting  
6 multiple wars—

7 (A) a war against the Colombian Revolu-  
8 tionary Armed Forces (FARC);

9 (B) a war against the National Liberation  
10 Army (ELN);

11 (C) a war against the United Self-Defense  
12 Forces of Colombia (AUC) and other para-  
13 military organizations; and

14 (D) a war against drug lords who traffic in  
15 deadly cocaine and heroin.

16 (2) In 1998 alone, 308,000 Colombians were in-  
17 ternally displaced in Colombia. Over the last decade,  
18 35,000 Colombians have been killed.

19 (3) The operations of the FARC, ELN, AUC,  
20 and other extragovernmental forces have profited

1 from, and become increasingly dependent upon, co-  
2 operation with the illicit narcotics trade.

3 (4) The FARC and ELN have waged the long-  
4 est-running anti-government insurgencies in Latin  
5 America and control roughly 60 percent of the coun-  
6 try, including a demilitarized zone ruled by the  
7 FARC.

8 (5) Representatives of the Government of Co-  
9 lombia and the FARC are scheduled to begin peace  
10 talks on July 20, 1999.

11 (b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of  
12 the Congress that—

13 (1) the United States should recognize the cri-  
14 sis in Colombia and play a more pro-active role in  
15 its resolution, including offering U.S. political sup-  
16 port to help Colombia with the peace process;

17 (2) all extragovernmental combatant groups, in-  
18 cluding the FARC, ELN, and AUC, should dem-  
19 onstrate their commitment to peace by ceasing to  
20 engage in violence, kidnapping, and cooperation with  
21 the drug trade; and

22 (3) the United States should mobilize the inter-  
23 national community to pro-actively engage in resolv-  
24 ing the Colombian wars.