AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1004
OFFERED BY MR. CICILLINE OF RHODE ISLAND

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Prohibiting Unauthorized Military Action in Venezuela Act”.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON INTRODUCTION OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES INTO HOSTILITIES WITH RESPECT TO VENEZUELA.

(a) FUNDING PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense or to any other Federal department or agency may be used to introduce the Armed Forces of the United States into hostilities with respect to Venezuela, or into situations with respect to Venezuela where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances, except pursuant to—

(1) a declaration of war;

(2) a specific statutory authorization described in subsection (b); or
(3) a national emergency created by attack upon the United States, its territories or possessions, or the Armed Forces.

(b) Specific Statutory Authorization Described.—A specific statutory authorization described in this subsection is an authorization that—

(1) meets the requirements of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.); and

(2) is enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in this Act may be construed to affect or alter the requirements of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.) or any restrictions or reporting requirements contained in such Resolution.