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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ***22***

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SPONSORS: Rep. Quandt, Rock 20; Rep. Dalianis, Hills 35; Rep. Martel, Hills 45; Rep. Weyler, Rock 18; Rep. Beaulieu, Rock 11

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

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Whereas, a formidable national defense is vital to ensure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity; and

Whereas, recent appropriations made by the federal government for the purpose of supporting and strengthening the national defense have been diverted toward the support of certain social service programs; and

Whereas, the continuation of this trend could result in dangerous compromises to the national defense and our national security; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the federal government ensure that defense appropriations are, and continue to be, spent to support and strengthen the national defense, and

That copies of this resolution signed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate be forwarded by the house clerk to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the President of the United States Senate, and to the members of New Hampshire's congressional delegation.

Committee Minutes

Date: March 8, 2000
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Room: 104 - LOB

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Members of Committee present:
Senator Trombly
Senator Disnard
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The Chair, Senator Rick A. Trombly, opened the hearing.

Senator Trombly opened the hearing by calling on prime sponsor Representative Quandt.

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Senator Rick A. Trombly, D. 7: Senator Roberge?

Senator Sheila Roberge, D. 9: Who made the decision to send that money to Venezuela?

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Speakers

SENATE Public Affairs COMMITTEE

Date 3/08/00 Time 1:15 PM Public Hearing on HCR 22

Appearing in FAVOR: *(Please print)* *Please check box at left to speak.*

Speaking?	Name	Address	Representing
☑	Lee Quandt	Rep	Rock 20
☐	Jon P. Beaulieu		Rock 11
☐	Rep Ron Howe	Epping	Rockingham 3
☐	Rep. Ken Weyler		Rock 18
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Appearing in OPPOSITION: *(Please Print)* *Please check box at left to speak.*

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Voting Sheets

Senate Public Affairs Committee
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # HCR 22

Hearing date: 3/08/00 Room: 104-LOB
Motion of: OTP

Made by Senator:			*Seconded by Senator:*		
	Trombly	☐		Trombly	☐
	Disnard	☐		Disnard	☐
	Eaton	☐		Eaton	☐
	Krueger	☑		Krueger	☐
	McCarley	☐		McCarley	☐
	Roberge	☐		Roberge	☑

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Committee Member	*Present*	*Vote*	*Reported out by*
Senator Rick Trombly, Chairman	☑		
Senator George Disnard, Vice-Chair	☑		
Senator Thomas Eaton	☑		
Senator Pat Krueger	☑		Kanega
Senator Caroline McCarley	☑		
Senator Sheila Roberge	☑		

*Amendments:

NOTES:

Committee Report

Date: March 8, 2000 Time: 1:15 pm

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Those appearing in favor:

Name and Address	Representing
See Attached.	

Those appearing in opposition:

Name and Address	Representing
See Attached.	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE:

- ☒ Ought to Pass
- ☐ Ought to Pass w/ Amendment
- ☐ Inexpedient to Legislate
- ☐ Rereferred
- ☐ Interim Study
- ☐ Continued Hearing
- ☐ Postponed Hearing

File

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date:

THE COMMITTEE ON Public Affairs

to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution HCR 22

AN ACT urging the federal government to ensure that defense appropriations are spent in support of defense programs.

VOTE: 6-0

Having considered the same, report the same without amendment and recommend that the bill: **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Senator Patricia Krueger
For the Committee