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(Daily ed. Aug. 2, 1984). Both those in favor of and those against the restriction agreed, however, that Section 107 bans the provision of any funds for military or paramilitary activities in Nicaragua and that the intent is to terminate U.S. assistance to the Contras. 0421

5. Congressman Boland stated in his opening remarks that the single issue is "disagreement on the effectiveness and appropriateness of a particular covert action to overthrow the government of another nation." *Id.* at 8266. He later added that "our policy does not strengthen democracy in Nicaragua" and that "(t)his secret war should end -- today." *Id.* at 8276. Congressman Hyde noted that Section 107 "forbids any assistance to the freedom fighters in Nicaragua .... No food, no medicine, no ammunition, not even moral support." *Id.* at 8269. The spirit of Section 107 is abundantly clear -- the House expects Section 107 to end U.S. assistance to the Contras.

6. While the drafters more than likely attempted to imitate the Clark Amendment's prohibition on assistance of any kind for paramilitary operations in Angola,<sup>5/</sup> it can be argued that the Section 107 restriction is somewhat different. Unlike the Clark Amendment, this section limits all funds rather than all assistance and it could be thought, therefore, to permit certain activities precluded under the Clark Amendment. Section 107 can be read to allow assistance that either does not require funding by intelligence elements or that does not directly or indirectly support paramilitary operations.

Staff Salaries, [REDACTED]

7. With regard to the staff salaries [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Section 107 would prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds available to the

<sup>5/</sup> The Clark Amendment reads, in pertinent part:

Limitation on certain assistance to and activities in Angola

Sec. 401(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no assistance of any kind may be provided for the purpose, or which would have the effect, of promoting or augmenting, directly or indirectly, the capacity of any nation, group, organization, movement, or individual to conduct military or paramilitary operations in Angola unless and until the Congress expressly authorizes such assistance by law enacted after the date of enactment of this section.

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