

HELSINKI FINAL ACT—SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS POSITIONS

Aug. 1, 1980
[H. Con. Res. 391]

Whereas August 1, 1980, marks the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) by the United States, Canada and thirty-three European nations at Helsinki, Finland; and

Whereas the signatories to the Helsinki Final Act committed themselves to "respect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion"; and

Whereas Principle VII of the Final Act specifically confirms the "right of the individual to know and act upon his rights and duties" in the field of human rights and Principle IX confirms the "relevant and positive role" organizations and persons can play in contributing toward the achievement of cooperation among states; and

Whereas citizens of many signatory nations have formed public groups to monitor and promote full implementation of the Final Act; and

Whereas these monitoring groups have documented extensive violations of human rights in the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and other CSCE signatories; and

Whereas the governments of the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and other countries have imprisoned, exiled, or otherwise punished members of these monitoring groups; and

Whereas the representatives of these thirty-five signatories to the Helsinki Final Act will be meeting in Madrid on November 11, 1980, to review implementation and to discuss new measures to advance European cooperation and security; and

Whereas respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms is indispensable for the development of genuine security and cooperation among signatory states: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress reaffirms its support for full implementation of all the provisions of the Helsinki Final Act by all the signatories; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Congress that human rights concerns should be given serious and prominent attention during both the review of implementation and consideration of new proposal phases of the Madrid meeting; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States delegation to the Madrid meeting should raise—in a firm, forthright, and specific manner—violations of human rights in other signatory countries, especially those actions taken against members of private monitoring groups; and be it further

Resolved, That to preserve the integrity of the CSCE process and to ensure full consideration of human rights issues, any new measures agreed upon at Madrid, including post-Madrid experts' meetings, should be balanced among all sections of the Final Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States delegation should seek a continuation of the CSCE process by working at the Madrid meeting on setting the time and place of the next review meeting within two years; and be it further

Resolved, That the United States delegation to the Madrid meeting should seek broad support from other signatory countries for these positions.

SEC. 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Secretary of State.

Agreed to August 1, 1980.

ADJOURNMENT—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND SENATE

Aug. 27, 1980
[S. Con. Res. 118]

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate completes its business on Wednesday, August 27, 1980, it stand in recess until 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 1980, and that when the House completes its business on Thursday, August 28, 1980, it stand adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon on Wednesday, September 3, 1980.

Agreed to August 27, 1980.

CORRECTIONS IN ENROLLED BILL S. 2680

Aug. 27, 1980
[H. Con. Res. 410]

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Secretary of the Senate, in the enrollment of S. 2680 (An Act to improve the administration of the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act of 1935 (49 Stat. 666)), shall make the following corrections:

Ante, p. 1133.

In section 17, change "Relations" to "Organizations" in both the first and second sentences.

Agreed to August 27, 1980.

CORRECTIONS IN ENROLLED BILL S. 299

Sept. 9, 1980
[S. Con. Res. 121]

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), The Secretary of the Senate is instructed that in the enrollment of S. 299 the following change shall be made: In section 608(b), in lieu of the word "An" insert the following: "Except as provided in section 605(b), an".

Ante, p. 1164.

Agreed to September 9, 1980.

CORRECTIONS IN ENROLLED BILL H.R. 5288

Sept. 29, 1980
[S. Con. Res. 130]

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 5288) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and modernize the vocational rehabilitation program provided veterans under chapter 31 of such title,

Ante, p. 2171.