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December 29, 1982

The Honorable David R. Bowen
U.S. House of Representatives
2421 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear David:

With the close of the 97th Congress, I want to express to you my appreciation for your fine service as a Member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The period covered by the 97th Congress has been a difficult one in foreign affairs, as it has been domestically. But because of your many contributions and those of our other Committee colleagues, we have accomplished a record of which we can be proud. I am further gratified that in our achievements in this Congress, we have maintained the tradition of bipartisanship which marks this Committee's activities.

Since the convening of the 97th Congress on January 5, 1981, the Committee has authored 20 measures signed into law by the President to date, and five more are on their way to the White House for his signature. The House has passed 30 of our bills and joint resolutions and 53 concurrent and simple resolutions.

Among our successful legislative efforts were bills for a two-year security and economic assistance authorization, for the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI), humanitarian assistance for Lebanon, export trading companies, a Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai, Export Administration Act amendments, Czech Claims Settlement, El Salvador Presidential certification, and small business innovation development.

Among Committee bills which passed the House but which the Senate failed to approve were Radio Broadcasting to Cuba and the resolution calling for a nuclear weapons freeze.

Numerous resolutions were approved by the Committee, and later by both the House and Senate, in connection with human rights violations by the Soviet Union.

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Some data indicating the extent of Committee activities during the 97th Congress may be of interest to you:

- 534 formal meetings, including 140 held by the full Committee and 394 by the Subcommittees;

- 1071 witnesses heard during these meetings;

- 168 informal meetings, including 100 held by the full Committee and 68 by Subcommittees, to receive distinguished visitors and delegations;

- 148 distinguished visitors and 31 delegations received by the full Committee or Subcommittees at the informal meetings or other occasions during the Congress. (A list of these heads of state and government, foreign ministers and other distinguished visitors is attached.)

- 33 Committee reports filed with the House, 127 hearings printed, and 70 Committee prints published for use of Members, other official personnel, and the public.

Throughout our many endeavors in this Congress, it has been a constant source of pleasure and pride for me to be working with you and to be part of the team which shoulders so well the foreign affairs responsibilities of the House of Representatives. Your contributions have been truly appreciated.

With thanks for a job well done and best wishes for the new year, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Chairman

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Attachments