

House Resolution 101 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 101

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1 A Resolution urging ratification of the Comprehensive
2 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

3 WHEREAS, negotiations on the Comprehensive Nuclear
4 Test Ban Treaty, which would end all nuclear weapons
5 testing by ratifying nations, began under President
6 Eisenhower;and

7 WHEREAS, no United States nuclear tests have been
8 conducted since President George Herbert Walker Bush
9 suspended nuclear testing and joined with the Union of
10 Soviet Socialist Republics in a testing moratorium in
11 September 1992;and

12 WHEREAS, no nuclear tests have been conducted
13 since that time by the United States or the Russian
14 Federation;and

15 WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
16 was signed by President William Jefferson Clinton on
17 September 24, 1996;and

18 WHEREAS, as of April 2009, one hundred forty-eight
19 nations have ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear Test
20 Ban Treaty and another thirty-two have signed but not
21 yet ratified the treaty;and

22 WHEREAS, ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear
23 Test Ban Treaty would signal a strong commitment by
24 the United States to fulfill its obligations under the
25 treaty and would set an example for the rest of the
26 world;and

27 WHEREAS, ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear
28 Test Ban Treaty would be a significant step toward

1 reducing nuclear weapons arsenals worldwide and build
2 confidence among nations that abolition of nuclear
3 weapons could someday be achieved;and

4 WHEREAS, nuclear tests are not necessary to maintain
5 the integrity, effectiveness, and deterrence value of
6 the United States nuclear weapons stockpile;and

7 WHEREAS, the United States government acknowledges
8 that four hundred thirty-three of eight hundred
9 twenty-four United States underground tests have
10 released radiation to the atmosphere;and

11 WHEREAS, resumption of United States nuclear tests
12 would place persons downwind of the Nevada Test Site
13 test location at risk of exposure to radioactive
14 fallout;and

15 WHEREAS, a strong military defense should not come
16 at the expense of our citizens through renewed nuclear
17 testing;and

18 WHEREAS, compliance with the Comprehensive Nuclear
19 Test Ban Treaty is verifiable;and

20 WHEREAS, the treaty would increase international
21 safety and security and is in the best interests of
22 Iowa, the United States, and the world;NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
24 the House of Representatives calls upon the President
25 of the United States to submit the Comprehensive
26 Nuclear Test Ban Treaty to the United States
27 Senate;and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
29 Representatives calls upon the United States Senate to
30 ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty;and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
2 resolution be prepared and forwarded to the President
3 of the United States, the President of the United
4 States Senate, and Iowa's United States Senators.