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A LEGISLATIVE CALL TO FREE SOUTH AFRICA -- 1985

Several South Africa related bills have recently been introduced into the Congress in response to the rise in protest activity and public exposure over the past few months. Our efforts to focus public attention on the issue of apartheid with the direct action campaign has led us to the need to generate a great volume of constituent mail to the Congress urging full support for the principle SANCTION and DIVESTMENT bills now pending committee approval. Although the profile of the issue has risen dramatically in recent months, we cannot rely upon the press coverage to influence the national legislators in the correct direction. We need letters, telephone calls, and telegrams, as well as visits to the local or Washington offices of your Congressional delegates to begin immediately and continue through the Summer. If we do not act now to express, as forcefully as possible, our will to change U.S. policy toward South Africa, we may lose the most important stage of the Free South Africa Movement at the height of the issue's profile.

LEGISLATION:

1) The Anti-Apartheid Act of 1985 -- (Rep. Bill Gray/Sen. Ted Kennedy) -- HR 1460/S 635

Prohibits all new investment in the Republic of South Africa and Namibia, prohibits loans to the South African public sector, bans the importation of the Krugerrand into the U.S., and prohibits computer sales to the South African government.

Background: This legislation was approved by the full House as Title III of the Export Administration Act in October of 1983. The House Members need to be firmed up with large volumes of mail urging full support for HR 1460. The Senators need heavy lobbying from all sources expressing full support for S 635. The following lists indicate the members of the four committees with jurisdiction on the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1985. IT IS CRITICAL THAT THESE LEGISLATORS HEAR FROM AS MANY CONSTITUENTS AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE NEXT THREE - FOUR WEEKS.

House Foreign Affairs Committee

Hamilton (D-IN)	Mica (D-FL)	Fascell (D-FL)	Barnes (D-MD)	Lantos (D-CA)
Bereuter (R-NE)	Roth (R-WI)	Yatron (D-PA)	Wolpe (D-MI)	Torricelli (D-NJ)
L. Smith (D-FL)	Zschau (R-CA)	Solarz (D-NY)	Crockett (D-MI)	Berman (D-CA)
Mackay (D-FL)	Gilman (R-NY)	Bonker (D-WA)	Gejdenson (D-CT)	Feighan (D-OH)
Reid (D-N)	Dorman (R-CA)	Studds (D-MA)	Dymally (D-CA)	Weiss (D-NY)
Ackerman (D-NY)	Udall (D-AR)	Garcia (D-NY)	Leach (R-IA)	Snowe (R-ME)

House Banking Committee

Annunzio (D-IL)	Barnard (D-CA)	Chandler (R-WA)	Grothberg (R-IL)	Vento (D-MN)
Neal (D-NC)	Erdreich (D-AL)	Roukema (R-NJ)	St. Germain (D-RI)	Garcia (D-NY)
Hubbard (D-KY)	Klecza (D-WI)	McCollum (R-FL)	Gonzales (D-TX)	Schumer (D-NY)
Bereuter (R-NE)	Kanjorski (D-PA)	Wylie (R-OH)	Mitchell (D-MD)	Frank (D-MA)
Manton (D-NY)	Gordon (D-TE)	Parris (R-VA)	Fauntroy (D-DC)	Roemer (D-LA)
Nelson (D-FL)	Ridge (R-PA)	Kolbe (R-AR)	Lundine (D-NY)	Lehman (D-CA)
LaFalce (D-NY)	Roth (R-WI)	McMillan (R-NC)	Oaker (D-OH)	Morrison (D-CT)
Cooper (D-TE)	Kaptur (D-OH)	Levin (D-MI)	Carper (D-DE)	Torres (D-TX)
McKinney (R-CT)	Leach (R-IA)			

Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Eagleton (D-MO)	Zorinski (D-NE)	Kassenbaum (R-KA)	Evans (R-WA)	Sarbanes (D-MD)
Dodd (D-CT)	Boschwitz (R-MN)	Pressler (R-SD)	Trible (R-VA)	Cranston (D-CA)
Pell (D-RI)	Mathias (R-MD)	Lugar (R-IN)	Kerry (D-MA)	Biden (D-DE)

Senate Banking Committee

Dodd (D-CT)	Heinz (R-PA)	Gorton (R-WA)		
Sasser (D-TE)	D'Amato (R-NY)	Proxmire (D-WI)	Sarbanes (D-MD)	
Dixon (D-IL)	Mattingly (R-GA)	Cranston (D-CA)	Riegle (D-MI)	

CONSTITUENTS OF ANY OF THESE LEGISLATORS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY WRITE, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH AND VISIT THEIR OFFICES URGING FULL SUPPORT FOR HR 1460/S 635 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS UP TO YOU TO MAKE YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE CONGRESS ACCOUNTABLE ON APARTHEID.

2) HR 1098 (Rep. Fauntroy)

Prohibits new investment in South Africa, loans to the South African government, the sale of the Krugerrand in the U.S., and also prohibits the importation of South African uranium and coal into the U.S. and the export of nuclear items to South Africa and the export of goods or technology for use by the South African government (after 18 months if South Africa has not "made substantial progress towards establishing majority rule" additional sanctions are imposed). Also prohibits persons from acting as honorary consular officers for South Africa in the U.S., denies foreign tax credits to U.S. firms in South Africa for any income paid to South Africa, prohibits landing rights to South African aircraft, (within 4 years if South Africa has not made meaningful progress toward democracy, additional sanctions are imposed). This bill also prohibits U.S. investment in South Africa, and urges the President to sever diplomatic relations with South Africa.

(Referred to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, Public Works and Transportation, Science and Technology, Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, and Rules)

Please write, call, telegraph, and visit all Members of Congress serving on the above committees, but also all members of the House, urging them to support HR 1098 in its original form.

3) HR 997 (Rep. Dellums)

Mandates complete corporate disinvestment from South Africa, a trade embargo, prohibits landing rights to South African aircraft, and prohibits tax credits and deductions for U.S. firms operating in South Africa for any income paid to South Africa.

(Referred to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, and Public Works and Transportation)

Please write, call, telegraph, and visit all Members of Congress serving on the above committees, but also all members of the House urging them to support HR 1098 in its original form.

4) HR 1135 (Rep. Rangel)

Prohibits the importation of coal and uranium from South Africa and Namibia.

(Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade)

HR 1133 (Rep. Rangel)

Prohibits the export or other transfer to South Africa of nuclear material, equipment or technology.

(Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs)

Please write, call, telegraph, and visit the Members of Congress serving on the above committees, but also all members of the House, urging them to support HR 1135 and HR 1133 in committee and when it they reach the House floor.

Again, support for this legislation is needed immediately in order to insure passage. Begin organizing efforts to generate constituent mail as soon as possible. We will have very little chance for victory if anti-apartheid supporters do not participate in this part of the legislative support effort.