



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

April 27, 1999

**H. Con. Res. 82**

**Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from their positions in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations  
on April 27, 1999*

The resolution would direct the President to remove U.S. military forces from their positions in connection with the present operations against Yugoslavia within 30 days after the resolution is passed or within as long a time as necessary for their safe withdrawal.

Uncertainty about the duration, intensity, and conduct of the present operations makes it impossible to estimate the savings from implementing the resolution. The Department of Defense has requested about \$5.5 billion to cover the costs in 1999 of actual and projected operations. Ultimately, the costs in 1999 and later years would depend on the scope, duration, and intensity of the operations, which CBO cannot predict. If fighting escalated to include U.S. ground forces, costs would be about \$300 million a month to deploy and sustain each increment of 27,000 troops and over \$1 billion a month to sustain an air campaign.

The estimate was prepared by Jeannette Deshong. This estimate was approved by Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.