



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

April 27, 1999

H. J. Res. 44
**Declaring a state of war between the United States and the government
of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia**

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

The resolution would declare a state of war between the United States and the government of Yugoslavia.

Uncertainty about the duration, intensity, and conduct of a war makes it impossible to estimate the costs of implementing the resolution. The Department of Defense has requested about \$5.5 billion in supplemental appropriations for 1999 to cover the U.S. share of actual and projected costs of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's operations in Yugoslavia. Also, CBO estimates that 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. For comparison purposes, the costs of the Gulf War totaled about \$61 billion. Thus, costs in any year would probably be in the tens of billions of dollars. Because the resolution would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act excludes from the application of that act any legislative provisions that are necessary for the national security. CBO has determined that H. J. Res. 44 fits within that exclusion.

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