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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Judiciary (Simmons) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the resolving clause
and insert:

That the Congress of the United States is requested to take
appropriate actions to assist in the delivery of humanitarian
assistance, to continue and intensify financial sanctions
against the illegitimate regime of Nicolás Maduro and the
Government of Venezuela, and to instruct appropriate federal
agencies to hold the illegitimate regime of Nicolás Maduro and
officials of the Government of Venezuela accountable for



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12 violations of law and abuses of internationally recognized human
13 rights.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
16 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
17 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
18 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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20 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 Delete everything before the resolving clause
23 and insert:

24 A bill to be entitled
25 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
26 requesting Congress to take appropriate actions to
27 assist in the delivery of humanitarian assistance, to
28 continue and intensify financial sanctions against the
29 regime of Nicolás Maduro and the Government of
30 Venezuela, and to instruct appropriate federal
31 agencies to hold Nicolás Maduro and officials of the
32 Government of Venezuela accountable for violations of
33 law and abuses of internationally recognized human
34 rights.

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36 WHEREAS, the hallmark of democracy is the free and peaceful
37 exercise of rights guaranteed under the constitution of a
38 democratically elected government, and

39 WHEREAS, in an effort to secure his personal rule and
40 oppress Venezuelan freedoms, Nicolás Maduro has caused elections



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41 to be manipulated, established an illegitimate Constituent
42 Assembly to undermine the will of the Venezuelan people,
43 nationalized private industry, abandoned private property
44 rights, and improperly assumed control over Venezuela's
45 government and its institutions, and

46 WHEREAS, the deterioration of basic governance and the
47 economic crisis in Venezuela have led to an unprecedented
48 humanitarian situation in which people are suffering from severe
49 shortages of basic food products and essential medicines, and

50 WHEREAS, despite the massive shortages of basic food
51 products and essential medicines, the illegitimate regime of
52 Maduro has rejected repeated requests from civil society
53 organizations to bring humanitarian aid into that country, and

54 WHEREAS, over 8 million Venezuelans voted symbolically for
55 a free and democratic government, and

56 WHEREAS, the illegitimate regime of Nicolás Maduro has
57 sought to silence peaceful opposition to his government by
58 killing innocent citizens of Venezuela for their political
59 views, and

60 WHEREAS, those who cherish democratic principles condemn
61 the perpetration of oppression and intimidation against the
62 Venezuelan people, and

63 WHEREAS, to ensure the demise of such oppression and
64 intimidation, it is imperative that the United States Government
65 remain committed to continuing and intensifying financial
66 sanctions against the illegitimate regime of Nicolás Maduro and
67 the Government of Venezuela, and

68 WHEREAS, the people of Florida stand proudly with the
69 people of Venezuela in the face of tyranny, NOW, THEREFORE,