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VALICENTI, DOMBROWSKI, BELLOMINI, SALVATORE AND BUTERA,
FEBRUARY 10, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 11, 1975

In the House of Representatives, February 11, 1975

1 WHEREAS, A young Peruvian, Alvaro Urea, was recently
2 summarily deported after attempting to take part in an
3 International Fellowship Program with a family in Pittsburgh.
4 Mr. Urea was on his way to Pittsburgh when he attempted to clear
5 the immigration authorities in Miami. Although he held a valid
6 tourist visa, he was denied entry into this country because they
7 suspected the young man might marry in the United States and try
8 and remain here beyond the term of his visa. Although there was
9 no basis to these allegations, the United States Immigration
10 Service forced Mr. Urea to sign a statement promising to take
11 the next flight back to Peru and only then he was allowed to
12 make his one phone call before being forced to leave the
13 country; and

14 WHEREAS, These actions by the United States Immigration
15 Service operated as a cruel fraud on an authorized and invited
16 guest to this country, and were perpetrated in such a summary

1 and clandestine manner that it was representative of the acts of
2 a totalitarian government rather than what we would hope the
3 acts of our Nation's authorities would be; and

4 WHEREAS, It is actions of this kind that have seriously
5 damaged our relations with Latin America; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania expresses its profound displeasure
8 with the actions taken by the United States Immigration
9 Authorities in the case of Alvara Urea, and urges the United
10 States Government to take action to right the wrong done to this
11 foreign visitor and to take steps to prevent this type of
12 incident from ever occurring again; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this document be sent to the
14 President of the United States, the United States Immigration
15 Services, and to each Senator and Representative of Pennsylvania
16 in the Congress of the United States.