S. 3076
(Report No. 95-842)

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 15 (legislative day, April 21), 1978
Mr. Sparkman, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported the follow-
ing bill: which was read twice und ordered to be placed on the enclendar

A BILL

...SPANISH DEMOCRACY

Sec. 409. (a) Congress finds that—
(1) the United States Senate, in rendering advice and consent to ratification of the 1976
Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the United States and Spain, declared its hope
and intent that the treaty would serve to support and foster Spain’s progress toward free insti-
tutions;
(2) this declaration represented the strong desire of the United States Government and the
American people to see a restoration of democracy in Spain and an expansion of mutually be-
neficial relations between Spain and the democracies of America and Europe; and
(3) political developments in Spain during the past two years constitute a remarkable achieve-
ment by the people and leaders of Spain and a major step toward the construction of a stable
and lasting Spanish democracy.
(b) Congress finds further that—
(1) the masterpiece «Guernica», painted by Pablo Picasso, has for four decades been a
powerful and poignant symbol of the horror of war;
(2) this treasured painting, while universal in its significance, holds special meaning for
the people of Spain by its representation of the tragic civil war which destroyed Spanish de-
mocracy;
(3) Pablo Picasso, having painted «Guernica» on commission from the Spanish Republican
Government and then concerned for Spain’s future when that government fell, stipulated that
the painting should remain in the custody of the Museum of Modern Art in New York until
Spanish democracy had been restored; and
(4) the United States and Spain, in a Supplementary Agreement entered into with the
treaty, have committted themselves to expand their cooperation in the fields of education and
culture;
(c) It is therefore the sense of Congress, anticipating the continuance of recent promising
developments in Spanish political life, that «Guernica» should, at some point in the near future and
through appropriate legal procedure, be returned to the people and Government of a democratic Spain.