

# Scheuer's Call for Genocide

## Congress of the United States

### House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Colleague:

Today, on the opening day of the 95th Congress, we have introduced a resolution, H. Res. to establish a Select Committee on Population.

The problem of world-wide population growth and the role the United States should play in assisting the developing nations in controlling their growth rates continues to be an issue of overriding importance. The world's population has already reached the 4 billion mark. About 70 percent of these people live in the developing world, and they account for over four-fifths of the world's yearly increase in population. Even in the unlikely event that all families in the less developed countries were to have an average of two children by the year 2000, their population would still increase two and a half times by the year 2050.

Clearly, unless population growth is checked in many Asian, African, and Latin American countries, the rest of our development assistance — food-agriculture, nutrition, health, education, urbanization and jobs — will have little impact in improving per capita income and the quality of life for most people in the developing world. Indeed, there are still some 3 million women in the United States who do not have access to family planning services and a full third of our countries, most rural, do not have such services.

Yet, the Congress has failed to devote adequate attention to the population issue despite the countless social, health, environmental and economic implications and consequences of population growth on individuals as well as entire societies, the United States as well as the rest of

the world.

In 1972, the Commission on Population Growth and the American Future recommended that a congressional committee on population growth be established. Five years later, this recommendation, as most of the Commission's recommendations, has not been carried out. The establishment of a Select Committee on Population in the House would represent a significant first step toward an urgently needed focus by the Congress on the world population problem.

This select Committee would focus its investigations on:

— the major adverse effects of current population growth rates throughout the world and their implications for the United States;

— the approaches which have shown to be effective in coping with excessive population growth, with emphasis on measures designed to reduce the frequency of conception rather than the termination of pregnancy; and

— the means to encourage developing countries with excessive population growth rates to adopt those methods which have proven to be acceptable and successful in reducing population growth rates in other developing countries.

We believe that the population issue deserves serious attention. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this resolution or if you have any questions, please call Congressman Jim Scheuer personally, or have a staff person call Cathy Parks in his office (x55471).

Yours,

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