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Aid for Angola rebels sought in House bill

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Rep. Claude Pepper (D) of Florida introduced legislation yesterday to give anticommunist rebels in Angola direct US aid for the first time in a decade.

Rep. Pepper

The bill asks for $27 million in so-called nonlethal aid to the rebel group known as UNITA.

Congress cleared the way for the aid by voting earlier this year to repeal a ban on aid it imposed in 1976 after the CIA was found assisting UNITA and another pro-Western group in their unsuccessful bid to block Marxist nationalists from seizing power.

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