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On March 13, members of the Honduran congress rejected a bill calling for a pay hike of about US \$10 per month for soldiers. The bill's sponsor, Liberal Party Deputy Octavio Bueso, said the huge salary gap between soldiers on the one hand, and commanding officers and military administrative personnel on the other, violates "constitutional guarantees of equality and proscriptions against all forms of discrimination." Bueso had proposed that the pay hike could be funded via reductions in weapons spending, overall troop strength, the military's administrative bureaucracy, and immediate suspension of the military draft. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse 03/13/92)

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