

# *Cuban Foreign Minister Receives Visiting U.S. Congressional Delegation*

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Havana, January 27 (RHC/Prensa Latina)-- Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez received Friday evening a U.S. congressional delegation made up of two Democrats and one Republican. The visiting U.S. lawmakers included Barbara Lee and Karen Bass, both Democrats and both from California, and Republican Roger Marshall of Kansas.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry said during the meeting the current state of U.S.-Cuba relations was discussed, especially the negative impact that recent measures by Washington have had on the bilateral links.

Foreign Minister Rodriguez thanked the U.S. lawmakers for their interest in visiting Cuba and contributing to the debate in favor of improved relations.

During their stay in Cuba, the U.S. congressional delegation met also with officials from the ministries of Public Health and Agriculture, and visited the Latin American School of Medicine west of Havana.

Representative Barbara Lee has been for more than a decade a vocal defender of better relations with Cuba and the elimination of the blockade. Together with Representative Karen Bass, she sponsored several bills in the U.S. Congress that sought to improve the U.S.-Cuba bilateral scenario.

Representative Roger Marshall, for his part, is the co-sponsor of a bill introduced by Arkansas Republican congressman Rick Crawford, which proposes to eliminate restrictions on agricultural trade with Cuba.

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