

REQUESTING THAT THE PRESIDENT FOCUS APPROPRIATE ATTENTION ON
 THE ISSUES OF NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION, COMMUNITY PO-
 LICING, AND REDUCTION OF SCHOOL CRIME

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 JULY 26, 2001.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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 Mr. SENSENBRENNER, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
 submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 193]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 193) requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing his Administration to make reducing crime an important priority, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the resolution be agreed to.

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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

H. Res. 193 expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the President focus attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing his

Administration to make reducing crime an important priority, specifically by issuing a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for "National Night Out". Furthermore, H. Res. 193 demonstrates that Congress supports the goals and ideas of "National Night Out".

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION

H. Res. 193 supports National Night Out, a nationally coordinated community event which attempts to combat crime elements through education, planning, and outreach. National Night Out began in 1984, with 400 communities and 2.5 million people involved. This figure expanded yearly, reaching over 9,500 communities and 32 million people in 1999.

National Night Out provides information, educational materials, and technical assistance for the development of year-long community-police partnerships that can reduce crime, violence, and substance abuse at the community level. Coordinated by local law enforcement and trained volunteers, National Night Out events are designed to engage neighborhoods in local crime and drug-abuse prevention activities through a multitude of local events, such as block parties, cookouts, parades, contests, youth events, and seminars. In addition, as part of National Night Out, individuals participate in Project 365, a program that includes the cleanup of local parks, the removal and prevention of graffiti, the establishment of domestic violence and homeless prevention initiatives, and an increase in the number of Neighborhood Watch groups and crime prevention programming in multifamily housing areas. Through these activities, National Night Out generates community support for crime and drug-abuse prevention activities, as well as a high level of community participation. This opportunity helps to establish a much needed relationship among neighborhood residents and local law enforcement personnel.

HEARINGS

No hearings were held on H. Res. 193.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On July 24, 2001, the Committee met in open session and ordered favorably reported the resolution H. Res. 193 without amendment by voice vote, a quorum being present.

VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE

No recorded votes were held on H. Res. 193.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee reports that the findings and recommendations of the Committee, based on oversight activities under clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, are incorporated in the descriptive portions of this report.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

H. Res. 193 does not authorize funding. Therefore, clause 3(c) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is inapplicable.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND TAX EXPENDITURES

Clause 3(c)(2) of House rule XIII is inapplicable because this legislation does not provide new budgetary authority or increased tax expenditures.

COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

In compliance with clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee believes that the resolution will have no cost for the current fiscal year.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds the authority for this resolution in article I, section 8, clause 18 of the Constitution.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The first preambular clause provides that neighborhood crime is of continuing concern to the American people.

The second preambular clause provides that the fight against neighborhood crime requires people to work together in cooperation with law enforcement officials.

The third preambular clause provides that neighborhood crime watch organizations are effective at promoting awareness about, and the participation of volunteers in, crime prevention activities at the local level.

The fourth preambular clause provides that crime watch groups can contribute to the Nation's war on drugs by helping to prevent their communities from becoming markets for drug dealers.

The fifth preambular clause provides that crime and violence in schools is of continuing concern to the American people due to the recent high-profile incidents that have resulted in fatalities at several schools across the United States.

The sixth preambular clause provides that community-based programs involving law enforcement, school administrators, teachers, parents, and local communities work effectively to reduce school violence and crime.

The seventh preambular clause provides that citizens across the United States will soon take part in "National Night Out," a unique crime prevention event which will demonstrate the importance and effectiveness of community participation in crime prevention efforts by having people spend the period from 7 to 10 p.m. on August 7, 2001, with their neighbors in front of their homes with the lights on.

The eighth preambular clause provides that schools that turn their lights on from 7 to 10 p.m. on August 7, 2001, will send a positive message to the participants of "National Night Out" and show their commitment to reduce crime and violence in schools.

The resolved clause provides that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that the House of Representatives

- (1) supports the goals and ideas of "National Night Out"; and
- (2) requests that the President-
 - (A) issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for "National Night Out" and
 - (B) focus appropriate attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing his Administration to make reducing crime an important priority.

MARKUP TRANSCRIPT

BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2001

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:03 a.m., in Room 2138, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (Chairman of the Committee) presiding.

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. The Committee will be in order. A working quorum is present.

The Chair now moves to strike the last word.

Last week, Mr. Stupak of Michigan and Mr. Weldon of Pennsylvania introduced a resolution requesting the President focus appropriate attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention and support the National Night Out effort. In the past, the Committee has simply discharged itself, and then it has come up in the House.

As the Members of the Committee know, I've been pretty insistent that the regular order be followed, and I am going to ask unanimous consent that this resolution be brought up, notwithstanding the fact that it is not on our notice, so that it can be put on the suspension calendar with a Committee report next year.

So I now ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the fact that H. Res. 193 is not on the meeting notice today, the Committee proceed to consider H. Res. 193.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Chairman, reserving the right to object.

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. The gentleman reserves the right to object.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Chairman, reserving the right to object, but I will not object. I just want to commend the Chairman for insisting on regular order. A lot of these things hit the floor without any consideration at all, and I just want to express, as the Ranking Member of the Crime Subcommittee, the fact that you are going through regular order.

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. If the gentleman will yield, had I known about this request before the notice went out yesterday morning, it would have been included. But I didn't, and since the

National Night Out will be past us after the August recess, I wanted to move this.

A reservation belongs to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. NADLER. Reserving my right to object, I also want to commend you for insisting on regular order. But I would simply request that this be put off until after at least one bill so we have a chance to read it.

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. Okay. Without objection, the bill is placed on the calendar, and it will be called up after the cloning bill.

Mr. NADLER. Thank you.

Chairman SENSENBRENNER. Is there objection? Hearing none, so ordered.

[Intervening Business.]

The chair would like to make an announcement relative to the remainder of the day and seek the consent and cooperation of the Members.

The remaining five measures on the calendar are relatively non-controversial, and I believe we will be able to deal with them in 15 to 20 minutes time if everybody will restrain their impulses to speak and put statements in the record. That way we will not have to come back this afternoon.

As I've said previously, the bill relating to the Vietnamese has been pulled from the calendar because it needs more work.

So, pursuant to the order of the Committee earlier today, I now call up the resolution H. Res. 193, requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention, et al, for purposes of markup.

[The resolution, H. Res. 193, follows:]

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 193

Requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing his Administration to make reducing crime an important priority, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2001

Mr. STUPAK (for himself, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. WU, Mr. GILMAN, Mrs. CAPPS, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. KING, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WYNN, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. FROST, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. HOYER, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. QUINN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ANDREWS, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. KANJORSKI, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. BALDACC, Mr. PETRI, Mr. FILNER, Mr. BOEHLERT, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HORN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. ONLEY, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. TERRY, Mr. ROTHMAN, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on the issues of neighborhood crime prevention, community policing, and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing his Adminis-

tration to make reducing crime an important priority, and for other purposes.

Whereas neighborhood crime is of continuing concern to the American people;

Whereas the fight against neighborhood crime requires people to work together in cooperation with law enforcement officials;

Whereas neighborhood crime watch organizations are effective at promoting awareness about, and the participation of volunteers in, crime prevention activities at the local level;

Whereas neighborhood crime watch groups can contribute to the Nation's war on drugs by helping to prevent their communities from becoming markets for drug dealers;

Whereas crime and violence in schools is of continuing concern to the American people due to the recent high-profile incidents that have resulted in fatalities at several schools across the United States;

Whereas community-based programs involving law enforcement, school administrators, teachers, parents, and local communities work effectively to reduce school violence and crime;

Whereas citizens across the United States will soon take part in "National Night Out", a unique crime prevention event which will demonstrate the importance and effectiveness of community participation in crime prevention efforts by having people spend the period from 7 to 10 o'clock p.m. on August 7, 2001, with their neighbors in front of their homes with their lights on; and

Whereas schools that turn their lights on from 7 to 10 o'clock p.m. on August 7, 2001, will send a positive message to the participants of "National Night Out" and show their commitment to reduce crime and violence in schools: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideas of "National
3 Night Out"; and

4 (2) requests that the President—

5 (A) issue a proclamation calling on the
6 people of the United States to conduct appropriate
7 ceremonies, activities, and programs to
8 demonstrate support for "National Night Out";
9 and

10 (B) focus appropriate attention on the
11 issues of neighborhood crime prevention, community
12 policing, and reduction of school crime
13 by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and
14 directing his Administration to make reducing
15 crime an important priority.

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Chairman SENSENBRENNER. Without objection, a reporting quorum being present, the resolution is favorably reported to the House. Hearing none, so ordered.

Without objection, the staff will be ordered to make technical and conforming changes. All Members will be given 2 days in which to submit views. And this is not a concurrent resolution, so going to conference is not relevant.

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