

SEC. 203. INTERPRETATION OF EXTRADITION TREATIES.

For purposes of any extradition treaty to which the United States is a party, Congress authorizes the interpretation of the terms "kidnapping" and "kidnapping" to include parental kidnapping.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, this measure enjoys strong bipartisan support in the Congress and the executive branch. It raises the rewards that can be offered to arrest terrorists, narcotraffickers and Yugoslav war criminals. The House passed this measure by voice vote on October 8 and the Senate passed it yesterday.

When the other body considered this measure, it deleted the separate funding authorization for rewards related to the arrest of Yugoslav war criminals and added the text of S. 1266, the Extradition Treaties Interpretation Act. S. 1266 passed the Senate by voice vote last year and would permit divided American parents to levy extradition requests on their former spouses who have kidnapped their children. I will note that this language also has strong bipartisan support and the backing of the administration.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise in support of H.R. 4660, as amended.

I would like to commend the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) for his leadership in bringing H.R. 4660 to the floor today. I understand that the Senate has amended the bill. The amendment will interpret the term "kidnapping" in any extradition treaty to which the U.S. is a party to include parental kidnapping.

The amendment will result in three important changes: First, it will cure a disparity between list and dual criminality extradition treaties. Parental kidnapping is an extraditable offense under dual criminality treaties but not list treaties. Second, it will enable the Departments of State and Justice to pursue extradition requests under list treaties for parental kidnapping. This change will grant law enforcement offi-

cial the necessary flexibility to process extradition requests. Currently we have two outstanding list treaty requests that cannot be processed because this legislation is not in place. Finally, it will harmonize the term "parental kidnapping" in list treaties with U.S. domestic law which makes parental kidnapping a crime. The bill has the support of the Department of Justice and State, and State and local prosecutors.

Mr. Speaker, I support this important bill and I urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON).

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Speaker, if I can yield to the chairman of the committee for a question, I think we are doing good work here. Some of us are concerned that the implementation language for the chemical treaty, the ban on chemical weapons, could end up dying because there are so many other issues that have been added to that particular bill. I am just wondering what the chairman's intention is. I can guarantee you near Democratic support if it is a clean bill on the chemical treaty. If it has a number of other items on it, I am afraid we may not see that bill pass in this session. I think that would just be wrong. It is late in the session. We have got agreement on the chemical portion. I would hope the chairman's plan is to bring a clean bill to the floor rather rapidly.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GEJDENSON. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would be pleased to relate the status. We have been negotiating with regard to the proponents of the omnibus bill to try to get as much of our reauthorization language in as well as the chemical weapons measure. We are awaiting a final decision with regard to that. It is still under negotiation.

Mr. GEJDENSON. I hope the chairman could at this point release the chemical treaty while he is negotiating in the omnibus. The advantage of that, of course, is that this is an important thing that I think the chairman should if he does not, I think he does support, we ought to get that done and you can continue to negotiate on the other matter.

Mr. GILMAN. If the gentleman will yield further, we certainly recognize the importance of the chemical weapons bill. I want to assure the gentleman we will try our best to try to make certain that we get the reauthorization language and the chemical weapons measure before the full House before we adjourn.

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

In concluding, Mr. Speaker, this bill says to terrorists they can run but

they cannot hide. Terrorists everywhere will have to live with the paranoia that a price is on their head dead or alive, and it sends a very important message, too, toward criminals, Number 1; and 2, Karadzic and Milosevic that their days of freedom are numbered.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support for the measure.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BALLENGER). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 4660.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 3:00 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 3:00 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) at 3 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2370. An act to amend the Organic Act of Guam to clarify local executive and legislative provisions in such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3055. An act to deem the activities of the Miccosukee Tribe on the Miccosukee Reserved Area to be consistent with the purposes of the Everglades National Park, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2536. An act to protect the safety of United States nationals and the interests of the United States at home and abroad, to improve global cooperation and responsiveness to international crime and terrorism, and to more effectively deter international crime and acts of violence.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1525) "An Act to provide financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public safety officers