

landings have principally been during the pre-dawn hours at one of the several cays on the island of St. John, there have also been landings on all three islands with 15 Chinese nationals being apprehended on St. John and St. Thomas as recently as this past April 19th. According to the U.S. Attorney for the Virgin Islands, "we don't know who these people are who are smuggled into the territory from China."

Because of the lack of a Border Patrol Unit in the territory, other federal agencies such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have to spend a significant amount of man-hours apprehending, processing, detaining and watching aliens in custody. ICE has to use between 6 and 8 agents in every landing of 12 to 15 aliens. At a rate of on average 3 to 4 landings per month more than 80 hours are spent processing these aliens. Time which could be used to investigate conspiracies, smuggling organizations and dismantling rings.

Mr. Speaker, having a Border Patrol Unit assigned in the territory would also enable us to deal with the other serious problem we face which is drug smuggling. ICE has identified several trafficking organizations that use the U.S. Virgin Islands to conduct drug smuggling operations, with marijuana, cocaine and heroin being shipped to the territory on a weekly basis.

We also know Mr. Speaker, of the very real connection and relationship between drugs and terrorism: One third of listed terrorist organizations are involved in drug trafficking; according to published reports Al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden financed the development of a highly addictive liquid heroin as part of their multi-pronged terrorists campaign to destabilize western society; and according to a UN report, "Funds used from the production and trading of opium and heroin are used to buy arms and other war materials and to finance the training of terrorists and support the operations of extremist."

Mr. Speaker, it is a proven fact that it's more beneficial to stop undocumented aliens and contraband before it enters the United States, rather than attempt to catch everything after it has already entered. Having a Border Patrol in the Virgin Islands will increase exponentially the ability of our country to intercept the next potentially dangerous terrorist before he or she reaches our shores or the drugs that could be used the finance another 9/11 type operation. I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REVISED  
INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER  
PROTECTION ACT OF 2004

**HON. CLIFF STEARNS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, today, along with JAN SCHAKOWSKY, I am introducing a revised International Consumer Protection Act of 2004.

This revision reflects changes agreed in negotiations among a number of Federal agencies including the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice to settle questions of inter-agency cooperation.

The changes from the Committee Reported bill are as follows:

LIST OF CHANGES FROM H.R. 3143 AS  
INTRODUCED

S. 1234, §1: Includes statements of findings and purpose.

S. 1234, §4(b) (adding FTC Act, 6(j)(3)): Requires FTC to consider the U.S. public interest as a whole, not only consumers' interest, in determining whether to provide investigative assistance to a foreign agency.

S. 1234, §4(b) (adding FTC Act, §6(j)(4)): Clarifies State Department oversight of the development of international agreements.

S. 1234, §4(b) (adding FTC Act, §6(j)(6)); also 4(d): Excludes investigative assistance to a foreign law enforcement agency in matters targeting a bank, savings and loan institution, federal credit union, or common carriers.

S. 1234, §4(b) (adding FTC Act, §6(j)(7)); also §6(a) (amending FTC Act, §21(b)(6)): Ensures no support given to countries on Secretary of State's "terrorism list."

S. 1234, §5: Clarifies and simplifies provision on FTC's cooperation with DOJ regarding foreign litigation.

S. 1234, §6(a) (amending FTC Act, §21(b)(6)): Provides the appropriate Federal banking agency or NCUA with a right of prior approval before FTC provides a foreign agency with materials obtained under compulsory process for a matter targeting a bank, savings and loan institution, or Federal credit union.

S. 1234, §6(b) (amending FTC Act, §21(f)): Makes the section more parallel to SEC provision and eliminates a reference in existing FTC Act to "exemption" from FOIA; does not alter the scope of the FTC's current ability to protect domestic information from disclosure.

S. 1234, §7(a) (adding FTC Act, §21A(b)): Tracks more closely the language of RFPA and ECPA for orders under those laws delaying notice or prohibiting disclosure, for a limited time, of an FTC request for information, because of anticipated adverse results. Clarifies that a court has discretion whether to issue such an order. Makes use of terms consistent throughout the section.

S. 1234, §7(a) (adding FTC Act, §21A(c)): Clarifies provision authorizing the FTC to seek a court order prohibiting disclosure of an FTC request for information in an appropriate case and for a limited time: applies only when neither RFPA nor ECPA requires notice. Does not apply to investigative targets or disclosures to Federal agencies.

S. 1234, §7(a) (adding FTC Act, §21A(d)): Clarifies that protection from legal liability for not disclosing an FTC request applies only if neither RFPA nor ECPA requires notice of the request, and does not apply to an obligation to notify a Federal agency of the request.

S. 1234, §7(a) (adding FTC Act, §21A(g)): Restructures the list of adverse results, but retains the same items.

S. 1234, §8 (adding FTC Act, §§21B(a) and (c)): Clarifies protection from liability for voluntary provision of information to the FTC. Precludes protection for a failure to meet any notice obligation to a Federal agency.

S. 1234, §8 (adding FTC Act, §21 B(b)): Narrows protection from liability for voluntary disclosures by financial institutions to the FTC of possible law violations, in accordance with existing law, 31 U.S.C. 5318(g)(3); clarifies that the protection reaches disclosures related to implicated assets and suspicious chargeback information.

S. 1234, §8 (adding FTC Act, §21B(d)): Clarifies that a domain name registrar or registry is eligible for the protection only in its capacity as such, not in any other business it may conduct.

S. 1234, §9 (adding FTC Act, §25A): States expressly that foreign participants in staff

exchanges become employees of the FTC subject to the same ethics standards as other employees. Corrects the citations to appointing authorities.

S. 1234, §11: Provides an overall savings clause for existing authority.

S. 1234, §13(9): Requires report to Congress on FTC litigation brought in foreign courts.

A TRIBUTE TO RONALD E. JONES

**HON. RICK BOUCHER**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. BOUCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fine Virginian, Ronald E. Jones, who has served our state and community as a teacher, a committed volunteer, a good Democrat and a fine family man.

Ronald E. Jones was born in Richlands, Virginia and has devoted his life to educating the children of Russell and Buchanan Counties. Mr. Jones was a music teacher and taught not only music but lessons about life. In addition to his duties as a teacher, Mr. Jones devoted countless hours to his students and community as Band Director for Lebanon High School, Cleveland Middle School and Council High School. Many fine musicians in our part of Virginia studied with Mr. Jones and his work has touched the lives of each of his students.

Mr. Jones is also an active member of his community. He has been a Mason, a member of the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, and a member of the Virginia Jaycees where he still serves as an "Exhausted Rooster" with that organization. Mr. Jones has also utilized his musical skills to honor our nation's heroes and as a bugler has played Taps at military funerals across Southwest Virginia. He is honored that the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia recognized his service by naming him a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

In addition to his community and musical endeavors, Mr. Jones has also served his community in both the governmental and political arena. He served the Town of Lebanon as a Councilman and as Vice Mayor. A proud Democrat, he served on the Russell County Democratic Party nominating committee for many years and is a life long member of the Democratic Party.

Mr. Jones is a valued and cherished member of his community. I am glad that this body can recognize his service today and thank him, his wife of almost 40 years Bonnie Sue, and his son Bradley E. Jones, for the service that he has provided to my area of Virginia.

TRIBUTE TO EDGAR UHLEIN

**HON. PHILIP M. CRANE**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2004*

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend Edgar Uihlein of Northbrook, Illinois.

I first got to know Ed Uihlein when I was running for Congress for the first time in 1969. Ed encouraged me just as he has helped other conservative candidates and organizations, including the Leadership Institute.