

**COUNTER-TERRORISM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine counterterrorism legislation and proposals, including the USA PATRIOT ACT (P.L. 107-56), and S. 1709, to amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to place reasonable limitations on the use of surveillance and the issuance of search warrants, (the SAFE Act), after receiving testimony from Senators Craig and Durbin; former Representative Bob Barr; James B. Comey, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and Daniel P. Collins, Munger, Tolles, and Olson, LLP, Los Angeles, Cali-

fornia, former Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher A. Boyko, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senator DeWine and Representative LaTourette, and Beryl A. Howell, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Senator Leahy, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Measures Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 5119-5128; and; 11 resolutions, Con. Res. 495-496, and H. Res. 784, 786-793 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4555, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend provisions relating to mammography quality standards, amended (H. Rept. 108-694); and

H. Res. 785, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108-695).

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Austin DeLoach, Jr., Pastor, Southside Baptist Church in Lakeland, Georgia.

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**Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05:** The House passed H.R. 5025, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and Independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, by a yea and nay vote of 397 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 465. The bill was also considered on Tuesday, September 14, Wednesday, September 15, and Tuesday, September 21.

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Agreed Tuesday, September 14, to limit further amendments offered and the time for debate on such amendments.

The unanimous consent agreement was amended on Wednesday, September 15 to strike any provision

for the amendment by Representative Flake regarding Cuba.

A separate vote was demanded on the Stenholm amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement any suspension of issuance of obligations of the U.S. for purchase by the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund, to implement any suspension of issuance of obligations of the U.S. for purchase by the Thrift Savings Fund for the Government Securities Investment Fund, or to implement any sale or redemption of securities, obligations, or other invested assets of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund before maturity, which was agreed to yesterday, September 21, by a voice vote (agreed to by a recorded vote of 404 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 463);

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a yea and nay vote of 201 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 464.

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Agreed to:

Lee amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the amendments made to the Code of Federal Regulations relating to specific licenses for U.S. academic institutions;

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Waters amendment (no. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of September 15) that prohibits the use of funds to implement any sanction imposed by the U.S. on private commercial sales of agricultural commodities, medicine, or medical supplies to Cuba (agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to vitiate the request for a recorded vote); and

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Olver amendment prohibits the use of funds to issue or implement the proposed regulation entitled Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Certification of Compliance With Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, published in the Federal Register on March 19, 2002 (by a recorded vote of 339 ayes to 70 noes, Roll No. 462).

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Rejected:

Rangel amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the economic embargo of Cuba (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 461).

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H. Res. 770, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Tuesday, September 14.

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Act:* H.R. 2449, amended, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War;

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*Hudson-Fulton-Champlain 400th Commemoration Commission Act of 2003:* H.R. 2528, amended, to establish the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain 400th Commemoration Commission;

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*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Preparedness Month:* H. Con. Res. 489, supporting the goals and ideals of National Preparedness Month;

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*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Week:* H. Res. 772, supporting the goals and ideals of National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Week and recognizing the importance to the Nation of residents of long-term care facilities, including senior citizens and individuals living with disabilities;

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*Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should designate September 11 as a national day of voluntary service, charity, and compassion:* H. Con. Res. 473, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that the President should designate September 11 as a national day of voluntary service, charity, and compassion;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: expressing the sense of Congress that it is appropriate to annually observe Patriot Day, September 11, with voluntary acts of service and compassion. Page H7361

*Eva Holtzman Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 5039, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at United States Route 1 in Ridgeway, North Carolina, as the "Eva Holtzman Post Office";

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*United States Postal Service Henry Johnson Annex Redesignation Act:* H.R. 480, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 747 Broadway in Albany, New York, as the "United States Postal Service Henry Johnson Annex";

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*Congratulating Lance Armstrong on his record-setting victory in the 2004 Tour de France:* H. Res. 761, congratulating Lance Armstrong on his record-setting victory in the 2004 Tour de France;

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*Recognizing the outstanding efforts of those who assisted the North Platte Canteen in Nebraska during WWII from December 25, 1941 to April 1, 1946:* H. Con. Res. 161, amended, recognizing the outstanding efforts of the individuals and communities who volunteered or donated items to the North Platte Canteen in North Platte, Nebraska, during World War II from December 25, 1941, to April 1, 1946;

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*Recognizing military unit family support volunteers for their service:* H. Con. Res. 486, recognizing and honoring military unit family support volunteers for their dedicated service to the United States, the Armed Forces, and members of the Armed Forces and their families;

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*Commending the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:* H. Con. Res. 488, amended, commending the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its employees for its dedication and hard work during Hurricanes Charley and Frances;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: commending the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its employees for its dedication and hard work during Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Ivan.

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*Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building Designation Act:* H.R. 3428, to designate a portion of the United States courthouse located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building";

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*Joe Skeen Federal Building Designation Act:* H.R. 3734, to designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building";

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*Calling for the suspension of Sudan's membership on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights:* S. Con. Res. 137, calling for the suspension of Sudan's membership on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights;

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**Condemning the terrorist attack in Jakarta, Indonesia, that occurred on 9/9/04:** H. Res. 767, amended, condemning the terrorist attack in Jakarta, Indonesia, that occurred on September 9, 2004;

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**Encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select New York City as the site of the 2012 Olympic Games:** H. Con. Res. 475, encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select New York City as the site of the 2012 Olympic Games;

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**Supporting the goals of National Farm Safety and Health Week:** H. Con. Res. 494, supporting the goals and purposes of National Farm Safety and Health Week and applauding the men and women who provide a stable supply of food and fiber for the United States and the world;

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**Pine Springs Land Exchange Act:** H.R. 4806, amended, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico;

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**Authorizing a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River:** H.R. 4045, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River; and

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**Creating the Office of Chief Financial Officer for the Government of the Virgin Islands:** H.R. 3589, amended, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, September 23.

**Adoption Tax Relief Guarantee Act:** H.R. 1057, to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

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**Pledge Protection Act of 2004—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 781, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2028, to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts inferior to the Supreme Court over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance, by voice vote.

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**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the Moore motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability

of the child tax credit. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page 7331.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2279 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7346–47, H7347, H7349, H7350, H7351. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REPAIRING THE 21ST CENTURY CAR

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Repairing the 21st Century Car: Is Technology Locking the Consumer Out?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### E-RATE PROGRAM INVESTIGATION

**Committee on Energy and Commerce:** Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Problems with the E-rate Program: Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Concerns in the Wiring of Our Nation’s Schools to the Internet.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: H. Walker Feaster, III, Inspector General; and Jeffrey Carlisle, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau; and public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at the hearing, the following individuals: Judy Green, former E-rate Consultant and Salesperson, Video Network Communications, Inc., and Quentin R. Lawson, National Alliance of Black School Educators, invoked Fifth Amendments privileges.

### 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

**Committee on Financial Services:** Held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Implement the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Stuart A. Levey, Under Secretary, Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence; and Brian C. Roseboro, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance.

### DRUG TREATMENT ACCESS

**Committee on Government Reform:** Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Access to Recovery: Improving Participation and Access in Drug Treatment.”