

and religious and legal experts in the field of religious freedom."

(j) FOREIGN SERVICE AWARDS.—

(1) PERFORMANCE PAY.—Section 405(d) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: "Such service in the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, including the right to religious freedom, shall serve as a basis for granting awards under this section."

(2) FOREIGN SERVICE AWARDS.—Section 614 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "Distinguished, meritorious service in the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, including the right to religious freedom, shall serve as a basis for granting awards under this section."

SEC. 14. COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPOSITION.—

(1) GENERALLY.—There is established the United States Commission on International Religious Persecution (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission").

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

(A) APPOINTMENT.—The Commission shall be composed of—

(i) the Director; and

(ii) four other members, who shall be appointed as follows:

(I) Two Senators, one of whom shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate upon the recommendations of the Majority Leader, and one of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader.

(II) Two Members of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon the recommendations of the Majority Leader, and one of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader.

(B) CHAIR.—The Commission shall elect one of its members as chair.

(C) TIME OF APPOINTMENT.—The appointments required by subparagraph (A) shall be made not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) TERMS.—The term of office of each member of the Commission shall be 2 years, except that an individual may not serve more than 2 terms.

(4) QUORUM.—Three members of the Commission constitute a quorum of the Commission.

(5) MEETINGS.—Not more than 15 days after the issuance of an annual report under section 6, the Commission shall convene.

(6) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Director shall provide to the Commission such staff and administrative services of the Office as may be necessary for the Commission to perform its functions. The Secretary of State shall assist the Director and the Commission by detailing staff resources as needed and as appropriate.

(7) COMPENSATION.—

(A) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the Commission shall receive no pay for services performed as such a member, but shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission.

(B) NO COMPENSATION FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any member of the Commission who is an officer or employee of the United States shall receive no additional compensation for services performed as a member of the Commission.

(b) DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.—

(1) In general.—The Commission shall have as its primary responsibility the consideration of the facts and circumstances of cat-

egory 1 or category 2 persecution presented in each annual report issued under section 6 and the consideration of United States Government policies to promote religious freedom and prevent religious persecution, and to make appropriate policy recommendations to the President, the Secretary of State, and the Congress.

(2) POLICY REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPONSE TO VIOLATIONS.—The Commission, in evaluating United States Government policies, shall consider and recommend policy options to further enhance the effectiveness of sanctions related to religious persecution and human rights.

(3) POLICY REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPONSE TO PROGRESS.—The Commission shall make and provide an assessment of—

(A) the progress of sanctions imposed under section 7 on a country or responsible entity toward achieving termination of religious persecution, as well as the potential deterrence of religious persecution as a result of this Act in countries on which sanctions have not been imposed under this Act;

(B) diplomatic and other steps the United States has taken or should take to further accomplish the intended objectives of the sanctions, including the promotion of multilateral adoption of comparable measures;

(C) comparable measures undertaken by other countries;

(D) additional policy options to promote the objectives of this Act and an assessment of their potential effectiveness;

(E) any obligations of the United States under international treaties or trade agreements with which sanctions imposed under section 7 have conflicted or proposed policy options under paragraph (2) may conflict;

(F) any retaliation resulting from sanctions imposed under section 7 and the likelihood that a proposed policy option under paragraph (2) will lead to retaliation against United States interests, including agricultural interests; and

(G) the estimated impact from sanctions imposed under section 7 and proposed policy options under paragraph (2) on United States foreign policy, national security, economic, and humanitarian interests, including benefit or harm to United States businesses, agriculture, and consumers, the competitiveness of United States businesses, and the international reputation of the United States as a reliable supplier of products, technology, agricultural commodities, and services.

(4) EFFECTS ON RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS.—Together with specific policy recommendations provided under paragraphs (2) and (3), the Commission shall also indicate its evaluation of the potential effects of such policies, if implemented, on the religious communities and individuals whose rights are found to be violated in the country in question.

(5) MONITORING.—The Commission shall, on an ongoing basis, monitor facts and circumstances of religious persecution, in consultation with independent human rights groups and nongovernmental organizations, including churches and other religious communities, and make such recommendations as may be necessary to the appropriate agencies and officials of the United States Government.

(c) REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 of each year, the Commission shall submit a report to the President and the Congress setting forth its recommendations for changes in United States policy based on its evaluations under subsection (b).

(2) CLASSIFIED FORM OF REPORT.—The report may be submitted in classified form, together with a public summary of recommendations.

(3) INDIVIDUAL OR DISSENTING VIEWS.—Each member of the Commission may include the individual or dissenting views of the member.

(d) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate 8 years after the initial appointment of its members.

SEC. 15. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c), this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR.—The Director shall be appointed not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) REGULATIONS.—Each Federal department or agency responsible for carrying out any of the sanctions under section 7 shall issue all necessary regulations to carry out such sanctions within 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MILLER of Florida, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

A quorum not being present,

The roll was called under clause 4, rule XV, and the call was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the affirmative { Yeas 375 Nays 41 Answered present 1

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[Roll No. 155]

YEAS—375

Table listing names of members of the House of Representatives, including Abercrombie, Ackerman, Aderholt, Allen, Andrews, Archer, Armye, Bachus, Baesler, Baker, Baldacci, Ballenger, Barcia, Barr, Barrett (NE), Barrett (WI), Bartlett, Barton, Bass, Becerra, Bentsen, Bereuter, Berman, Berry, Bilbray, Bilirakis, Bishop, Blagojevich, Bliley, Blunt, Boehlert, Boehner, Bono, Borski, Boswell, Boucher, Boyd, Brady, Brown (FL), Brown (OH), Bryant, Bunning, Burr, Burton, Buyer, Callahan, Calvert, Camp, Campbell, Canady, Cannon, Capps, Cardin, Carson, Castle, Chabot, Chambliss, Christensen, Clayton, Clement, Clyburn, Coble, Coburn, Collins, Combust, Condit, Cook, Cooksey, Costello, Cox, Coyne, Cramer, Cubin, Cummings, Cunningham, Danner, Davis (FL), Davis (IL), Davis (VA), Deal, DeFazio, Delahunt, DeLauro, DeLay, Deutsch, Diaz-Balart, Dixon, Doggett, Doolittle, Doyle, Dreier, Duncan, Dunn, Edwards, Ehlers, Ehrlich, Emerson, Engel, Ensign, Eshoo, Etheridge, Evans, Everett, Ewing, Farr, Fattah, Fawell, Filner, Foley, Forbes, Ford, Fossella, Fox, Frank (MA), Franks (NJ), Frelinghuysen, Frost, Furse, Gallegly, Ganske, Ganske, Gejdenson, Gekas, Gephardt, Gilchrest, Gillmor, Gilman, Goode, Goodlatte, Goodling, Gordon, Goss, Graham, Granger, Green, Greenwood, Gutierrez, Gutknecht, Hall (OH), Hall (TX), Hansen, Hastert, Hastings (WA), Hayworth, Hefley.

Herger	McGovern	Sanchez
Hill	McHale	Sandlin
Hilleary	McHugh	Sawyer
Hinchey	McInnis	Saxton
Hinojosa	McIntosh	Scarborough
Hobson	McIntyre	Schaefer, Dan
Hoekstra	McKeon	Schaffer, Bob
Holden	McKinney	Schumer
Hooley	McNulty	Scott
Horn	Meehan	Sensenbrenner
Hostettler	MEEK (FL)	Serrano
Hoyer	Meeks (NY)	Sessions
Hulshof	Menendez	Shadegg
Hunter	Metcalfe	Shaw
Hutchinson	Mica	Shays
Hyde	Millender-	Sherman
Inglis	McDonald	Shimkus
Istook	Miller (CA)	Shuster
Jackson (IL)	Miller (FL)	Sisisky
Jackson-Lee	Minge	Skeen
(TX)	Moakley	Skelton
Jenkins	Moran (KS)	Slaughter
John	Morella	Smith (MI)
Johnson (WI)	Murtha	Smith (NJ)
Johnson, E.B.	Myrick	Smith (OR)
Johnson, Sam	Nadler	Smith (TX)
Jones	Neal	Smith, Linda
Kanjorski	Nethercutt	Snowbarger
Kaptur	Neumann	Solomon
Kasich	Ney	Souder
Kelly	Northup	Spence
Kennedy (MA)	Norwood	Sperr
Kennedy (RI)	Nussle	Stabenow
Kennelly	Olver	Stark
Kildee	Ortiz	Stearns
Kilpatrick	Owens	Stenholm
Kim	Oxley	Strickland
Kind (WI)	Packard	Stupak
King (NY)	Pallone	Sununu
Kingston	Pappas	Talent
Klecza	Parker	Tanner
Klink	Pascarell	Tauzin
Klug	Pastor	Taylor (MS)
Knollenberg	Paxon	Taylor (NC)
Kucinich	Payne	Thomas
LaFalce	Pease	Thompson
LaHood	Pelosi	Thornberry
Lampson	Peterson (MN)	Thune
Lantos	Peterson (PA)	Thurman
Largent	Petri	Tiahrt
Latham	Pickering	Tierney
LaTourette	Pitts	Towns
Lazio	Pomeroy	Turner
Leach	Porter	Upton
Lee	Portman	Velazquez
Levin	Poshard	Vento
Lewis (GA)	Price (NC)	Visclosky
Lewis (KY)	Pryce (OH)	Walsh
Linder	Radanovich	Wamp
Lipinski	Rahall	Watkins
Livingston	Ramstad	Watts (OK)
LoBiondo	Redmond	Waxman
Lofgren	Regula	Weldon (FL)
Lowe	Reyes	Weldon (PA)
Lucas	Riley	Weller
Luther	Rivers	Wexler
Maloney (CT)	Rodriguez	Weygand
Maloney (NY)	Roemer	White
Manton	Rogan	Whitfield
Manzullo	Rogers	Wicker
Markey	Rohrabacher	Wise
Martinez	Ros-Lehtinen	Wolf
Mascara	Rothman	Woolsey
McCarthy (MO)	Roukema	Wynn
McCarthy (NY)	Roybal-Allard	Yates
McCollum	Royce	Young (AK)
McCrery	Rush	Young (FL)
McDade	Ryun	

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Blumenauer	Gibbons	Pickett
Bonilla	Hamilton	Pombo
Brown (CA)	Hastings (FL)	Rangel
Chenoweth	Hilliard	Sabo
Clay	Houghton	Salmon
Conyers	Jefferson	Sanford
Crane	Johnson (CT)	Smith, Adam
Crapo	Kolbe	Snyder
DeGette	Matsui	Stokes
Dicks	McDermott	Stump
Dingell	Mink	Tauscher
Dooley	Moran (VA)	Waters
English	Oberstar	Watt (NC)
Fazio	Paul	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—15

Bateman	Hefner	Riggs
Dickey	Lewis (CA)	Sanders
Fowler	Mollohan	Skaggs
Gonzalez	Obey	Torres
Harman	Quinn	Traficant

So the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶45.14 COMMITTEE ELECTION—MINORITY

Mr. FAZIO, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 434):

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

To the Committee on Small Business, the following Member:

DONNA CHRISTIAN GREEN of the Virgin Islands.

When said resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶45.15 ADJOURNMENT OVER

On motion of Mr. FOLEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, May 18, 1998 at 12 o'clock noon.

¶45.16 HOUR OF MEETING

On motion of Mr. FOLEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Monday, May 18, 1998, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 1998, for "morning-hour debate".

¶45.17 CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

On motion of Mr. FOLEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That business in order for consideration on Wednesday, May 20, 1998, under clause 7, rule XXIV, the Calendar Wednesday rule, be dispensed with.

¶45.18 SPEAKER AND MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS, APPOINT COMMISSIONS

On motion of Mr. FOLEY, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, May 18, 1998, the Speaker and the Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments to commissions, boards and committees duly authorized by law or by the House.

¶45.19 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3616

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-535) the resolution (H. Res. 435) providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropria-

tions for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶45.20 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 436

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-536) the resolution (H. Res. 436) providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 432) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the President's assertions of executive privilege, and for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 433) calling upon the President of the United States to urge full cooperation by his former political appointees and friends and their associates with congressional investigations.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶45.21 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted—

To Mrs. FOWLER, for today; and

To Mr. QUINN, for today.

And then,

¶45.22 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. DOOLITTLE, pursuant to the special order heretofore agreed to, at 4 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m., the House adjourned until 12 noon on Monday, May 18, 1998.

¶45.23 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 435. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3616) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-535). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SOLOMON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 436. Resolution providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 432) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the President's assertions of executive privilege, and for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 433) calling upon the President of the United States to urge full cooperation by his former political appointees and friends and their associates with congressional investigations (Rept. No. 105-536). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶45.24 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TALENT, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. PITTS, Mr. EN-