



H.RES. 945 – RAISING AWARENESS AND PROMOTING EDUCATION ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BY ESTABLISHING MARCH 2008 AS "NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE MONTH"

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 945 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ted Poe (R-TX) on January 28, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but was never considered.

H.Res. 945 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 11, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 945 resolves that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that:

- National Criminal Justice Month provides an opportunity to educate Americans on the criminal justice system; and
- Americans should be aware of the causes and consequences of crime, how to prevent crime, and how to respond to crime; and
- the House of Representatives urges policymakers, criminal justice officials, educators, victim service providers, nonprofits, community leaders, and others to promote awareness of how to prevent and respond to crime through National Criminal Justice Month.

BACKGROUND

H.Res. 945 resolves to designate March 2008 as National Criminal Justice Month for the purpose of promoting the education of individuals on the causes and consequences of crime, as well as on the strategies and developments for preventing and responding to crime. Within the American Criminal Justice System today, there are approximately three million Americans employees, and approximately three million adults on probation, on parole, or in incarceration. In 2005, Federal, State, and local governments increased spending toward police corrections, judicial, and legal activities by \$204 billion dollars, or 5.5 percent.

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