



H.Con.Res. 369 – Honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 35th anniversary

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 369 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 Mark Souder (R-IN) on June 10, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 369 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 8, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 369 resolves that Congress:

- Congratulates the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on the occasion of its 35th anniversary;
- Honors the heroic sacrifice of the agency's employees who have given their lives or have been wounded or injured in service of our Nation; and
- Gives heartfelt thanks to all the men and women of the DEA for their past and continued efforts to defend the American people from the scourge of illegal drugs and terrorism.

BACKGROUND

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) was created in 1973 by an Executive Order of President Richard Nixon to combat "an all-out global war on the drug menace." The DEA is tasked with countering drug smuggling and use within the United States, as well as U.S. drug investigations abroad. The DEA currently operates 227 offices in the United States, as well as an additional 87 offices in foreign countries. The Acting Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration is Michele Leonhart. The DEA has a workforce of almost 11,000 employees.

In 2007, the DEA made over 27,000 domestic arrests and seized over 454,000 kilograms of narcotics. Over 70 DEA Agents and other personnel have been killed in the line of duty. Many other DEA employees have also been wounded in the line of duty.

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