



H.Res. 1429 - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the employees of the Department of Homeland Security, their partners at all levels of government, and the millions of emergency response providers and law enforcement agents nationwide should be commended for their dedicated service on the Nation's front lines in the war against acts of terrorism

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1429 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 Yvette Clark (D-NY) on September 11, 2008. This legislation was sent to the Committee on Homeland security, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1429 is expected to be considered on the floor on September 27, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1429 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Commends the public servants of the Department of Homeland Security and other Federal agencies for their outstanding contributions to our Nation's homeland security;
- Salutes the dedication of State, local, territorial, and tribal government officials, the private sector, and citizens across the country for their efforts to enhance the Nation's ability to prevent, deter, protect against, and prepare to respond to potential acts of terrorism;
- Expresses the Nation's appreciation for the sacrifices and commitment of our law enforcement and emergency response personnel in preventing and preparing to respond to acts of terrorism;
- Supports the goals and ideals of National Preparedness Month as they relate to the threat of terrorism; and
- Urges the Federal Government, States, localities, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, other entities, and the people of the United States to observe National Preparedness Month with appropriate events and activities that promote citizen and community preparedness to respond to acts of terrorism.

BACKGROUND

After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the United States established a commission to review the events leading up to that day, our preparedness and response to those events and recommendations to avoid future attacks. The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission) was headed by former New Jersey governor Thomas Kean and was comprised of 5 Republicans and 5 Democrats. The Commission found that there were loopholes in our nation's security dealing primarily with our intelligence organizations not being able to communicate effectively with each other.

The commission suggested the creation of a new Federal department to coordinate homeland security reforms. The authorization to form the Department was given on November 25, 2002, when President George W. Bush signed H.R. 5005 into law. The legislation was introduced by Representative Richard Arme on June 24, 2002.



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Since its inception, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has been tasked to protect the territory of the U.S. from terrorist attacks and respond to natural disasters. With over 200,000 employees, DHS is the third largest Cabinet department in the U.S. federal government

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