



H.Res. 811– Condemning the November 6, 2007, terrorist bombing in Afghanistan and expressing condolences to the people of Afghanistan and the members of the Wolesi Jirga

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 811 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 David Price (D-NC) on November 8, 2007. The bill and was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs but was never considered.

H.Res. 811 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on November 13, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 811 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Condemns in the strongest terms the November 6, 2007, attack in the Baghlan province of Afghanistan and all other attacks against the democratic freedom and sovereignty of the Afghan people;
- Expresses its condolences to the people of Afghanistan and the members of the Wolesi Jirga;
- Supports the efforts of the Government of Afghanistan to investigate the attack and bring the perpetrators to justice;
- Reaffirms the long-term commitment of the United States to the establishment of security, the strengthening of democratic and civil institutions, and the promotion of economic opportunity as the basis for a stable, secure, and democratic Afghanistan; and
- Calls upon the United States and other responsible nations to strengthen their efforts to further the goals and standards set forth in the Afghanistan Compact for improvements in security, governance, and economic development.

BACKGROUND

On November 6, 2007, a terrorist carried out a suicide bombing in the Baghlan province of Afghanistan that deliberately targeted a delegation of 18 members of the Wolesi Jirga, the directly elected chamber of the National Assembly of Afghanistan.

This bombing was the deadliest suicide attack since the liberation of Afghanistan from the brutal Taliban regime in 2001, reportedly killing at least 50 Afghan citizens, including several schoolchildren, and wounding dozens of others. At least six members of the Wolesi Jirga were killed in the attack.

The international community, including the United States, has expressed its ongoing commitment to supporting the efforts of the Government and people of Afghanistan to build a stable, secure, and democratic nation with the achievement of the Afghanistan Compact in 2006.

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