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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,

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Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.


With best wishes,
Sincerely,

HOWARD L. BERMAN,
Chairman.

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FOREWORD

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,

Under rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 136 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the Committee on International Relations is authorized to exercise continuous surveillance of the execution by the executive branch of laws within the committee’s jurisdiction. The review of “oversight” activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs was augmented by the adoption of section 118 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (Public Law 91–150), as amended by Public Law 92–136. This provision requires standing committees of the House and the Senate after January 1, 1973, to make reports to their respective Houses on their activities in reviewing and studying the “application, administration, and execution of those laws or parts of laws, the subject of which is within the jurisdiction of that committee.” House committees are required to file such reports “not later than January 2 of each odd-numbered year.” It is in fulfillment of the obligation of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to account to the House for its legislative review activities during the 110th Congress that this report has been prepared and submitted.

The report was prepared by Laura L. Rush, Legislative Coordinator for the Committee.
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Mr. BERMAN, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

I. INTRODUCTION: OVERSIGHT IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS FIELD

A. Authorities for Legislative Review

The responsibilities and potentialities of legislative review are reflected in the multiple authorities which are available to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The most prominent is section 118 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (Public Law 91–510):

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW BY STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Scope of assistance.

In order to assist the Congress in—

(1) Its analysis, appraisal, and evaluation of the application, administration, and execution of the laws enacted by the Congress, and

(2) Its formulation, consideration, and enactment of such modifications of or changes in those laws, and of such additional legislation, as may be necessary or appropriate, each standing committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, and execution of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of that committee. Such committees may carry out the required analysis, appraisals, and evaluation themselves, or by contract, or may require a Government agency to do so and furnish a report thereon to the Congress. Such committees may rely on such techniques as pilot testing, analysis of costs in compar-
son with benefits, or provision for evaluation after a defined period of time.¹

A second type of authority fostering legislative review is the special oversight granted by the House Committee Reform Amendments of 1974 (H. Res. 988, approved Oct. 8, 1974). Special oversight, which is intended to enable committees to conduct comprehensive oversight of matters directly bearing upon their specified responsibilities even if those matters fall within the jurisdiction of other standing committees, permits an expansion of the legislative review jurisdiction of a committee. The Committee on International Relations currently has special oversight jurisdiction in four areas under clause 3(f) of House Rule X.

3. (f) The Committee on International Relations shall have the function of reviewing and studying, on a continuing basis, all laws, programs, and Government activities dealing with or involving customs administration, intelligence activities relating to foreign policy, international financial and monetary organizations, and international fishing agreements.

Frequently reporting requirements in legislation obligate various agencies, directly or through the President, to submit reports of certain activities to the Committee on Foreign Affairs to the Speaker of the House, who then transmits them to the committee. The House Committee on International Relations is the recipient of one of the largest quantities of required reports from the executive branch.

In addition to the authorities noted above, the congressional budget process provides the committee with another important tool for oversight. Pursuant to section 301 (c) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Act of 1974, each standing committee of the House is required to submit to the Committee on the budget, no later than March 15 of each year, a report containing its views and estimates on the President’s proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. This requirement affords the committee and its subcommittees the opportunity to review those items in the President’s budget which fall under the committee’s jurisdiction, and to establish possible guidelines for subsequent action on authorizing legislation.

A final authority which can have an impressive oversight impact is implicit in the authorization process. Regular and frequent reauthorization of programs or agency operations by committees presents the opportunity to investigate administrative personnel hiring and promotion practices, agency organization, employee development and benefit programs, policy guidance, and administrative rules and regulations regarding the implementation and execution of policy, among other items. The authorization process also permits program evaluation, an important oversight technique.

The legislative review activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs are sanctioned by various and extensive authorities—the basic mandate of the 1970 Legislative Reorganization Act, the broadened jurisdiction and special oversight provided by the House Committee

¹ Section 701 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–344) amended the original mandate and authority of the 1970 act by adding the last two sentences regarding program review and evaluation.
Reform Amendments of 1974, statutory reporting requirements, and the authorization process.

B. Oversight Developments in the Committee on Foreign Affairs

During the 95th Congress, the committee received jurisdictional authority over export controls involving nonproliferation of nuclear technology and nuclear hardware, and international commodity agreements involving cooperation in the export of nuclear technology and nuclear hardware. This new jurisdictional authority was provided for by House Resolution 5, which passed the House on January 4, 1977.

In the 96th Congress, the committee's jurisdiction was not enlarged. However, the committee in its organization for the 96th Congress reduced the number of subcommittees from nine to eight. Deleted was the Subcommittee on International Development whose jurisdiction included: (1) dealing with the Agency for International Development and other U.S. agencies' operations affecting development; (2) administration of foreign assistance; (3) oversight of multilateral assistance programs; (4) population and food programs; and (5) legislation and oversight with respect to the Peace Corps, which was subsumed by the full committee. The subcommittees for the 96th Congress, representing a mix of geographical and functional responsibilities, were as follows: Subcommittee on International Security and Scientific Affairs; Subcommittee on International Operations; Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East; Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade; Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs; Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs; Subcommittee on Africa; and Subcommittee on International Organizations.

In the 97th Congress, the subcommittees remained the same with the exception of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, whose name was changed to the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations, in order to delineate clearly its jurisdiction over the subject of human rights.

In the 98th Congress, the subcommittees remained the same; however, the name of the Subcommittee on Inter-American Affairs was changed to the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs. In addition, a special task force was created under the aegis of the full committee, the Task Force on International Narcotics Control. The purpose of this task force was to provide oversight of narcotics-related developments and programs over which the committee has jurisdiction pursuant to rule X of the Rules of the House, which included the following:

- Narcotics control programs conducted by the Department of State; Narcotics-related projects carried out by the Agency for International Development (AID); Overseas activities of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the Department of Defense; and the U.S. Customs Service; Narcotics control programs carried out by international organizations; Intelligence issues related to narcotics trafficking and control; Prisoner exchange programs and their impact on U.S. narcotics control efforts; Narcotics interdiction programs and agreement; Narcotics-related efforts by the U.S. Information Agency; and Relationship between international banking/financial transactions and narcotics trafficking.
Because of the importance of narcotics control issues, the Task Force was reconstituted every six months through the 102nd Congress.

Subcommittee structure remained the same for the 99th Congress; however, the name of the Subcommittee on International Security and Scientific Affairs was changed to the Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Security and Science. This change was made to reflect the committee’s and subcommittee’s concern over the important issue of arms control. The jurisdiction of the subcommittee was redefined in the rules of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to read, “To deal with * * * all aspects of arms control and disarmament with particular emphasis on the investigation and evaluation of arms control and disarmament proposals and concepts; * * *.”

Under the Rules of the House, the Committee on International Relations has jurisdiction over issues involving international terrorism pursuant to rule X of the Rules of the House, paragraphs (I)(1), (I)(4–10), and (I)(12–16). For the 99th Congress, two subcommittee jurisdictional changes were made to reflect the committee’s concern with international terrorism. The Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Security and Science was given jurisdiction over “* * * international terrorism with special focus on the U.S. Government’s policies and programs for combating international terrorist movements and actions; * * *.” The Subcommittee on International Operations jurisdictional responsibility was redefined to include “* * * international terrorism with special emphasis on policies and programs relating to the enhancement for embassy security and the protection of U.S. personnel and institutions abroad; * * *.”

In addition, two subcommittees had language added to their respective definitions providing responsibility for oversight of international communication and information policy. Lastly, the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations was given the responsibility for international law.

No changes were made in subcommittee structure or jurisdiction for the 100th, 101st, or 102nd Congresses.

In the 103rd Congress, the Committee was required by the Rules of the Democratic Caucus to reduce the number of subcommittees from eight to six. However, due to concern about retaining a subcommittee with exclusive focus on Africa, the Committee received a waiver of Rule 35(B) of the Democratic Caucus and retained seven subcommittees. The Subcommittee on Arms Control, International Security, and Science, and the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations were merged to create the Subcommittee on International Security, International Organizations, and Human Rights. The jurisdiction of that subcommittee was essentially a merger of the jurisdictions of the two subcommittees. However, specific reference to “* * * law enforcement issues to include terrorism and narcotics control programs and activities * * *” was added to the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, thereby consolidating all jurisdiction over narcotics and terrorism in one subcommittee. The Committee also added specific reference to environmental issues to the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade and changed the name of the subcommittee to the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, Trade, and
Environment to reflect that addition. In addition, jurisdiction over
the operating expenses of the Agency for International Develop-
ment and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency was added
to the Subcommittee on International Operations. Finally, the
Committee made minor conforming changes to the names of two of
its regional subcommittees.

In the 104th Congress, pursuant to H. Res. 6, passed January 4,
1995, the name of the Committee was changed from “Foreign Af-
fairs” to “International Relations.” In addition, the number of sub-
committees was decreased from seven to five. The Subcommittee on
International Security, International Organizations, and Human
Rights, and the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East were
dissolved. The Europe and Middle East Subcommittee jurisdiction
was reabsorbed by the full Committee. The Subcommittee on Eco-

domic Policy, Trade, and Environment dropped “environment” from
its title, returning its name to the “Subcommittee on International
Economic Policy and Trade.” The Subcommittee on International
Security, International Organizations, and Human Rights and the
Subcommittee on International Operations were combined, with a
name change to “Subcommittee on International Operations and
Human Rights.”

No changes were made in subcommittee structure or jurisdiction
for the 105th or 106th Congresses.

In the 107th Congress, the Committee on International Relations

gained a subcommittee, making the total number of subcommittees
six. Three of the Subcommittees remained the same: Africa; Inter-
national Operations and Human Rights; and Western Hemisphere.
The three new subcommittees were: East Asia and the Pacific; Eu-


e; and Middle East and South Asia.

In the 108th Congress, the Committee reorganized the sub-
committees, changing the “Subcommittee on the Middle East and
South Asia” to the “Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central
Asia.” Also, the “Subcommittee on International Operations and
Human Rights” was changed to the “Subcommittee on Inter-
national Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights.”

In the 109th Congress, the Committee gained a 7th Sub-
committee, the “Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations,”
and the other six subcommittees were somewhat reorganized. The
Subcommittee on Africa became the “Subcommittee on Africa,
Global Human Rights and International Operations”; the Sub-

committee on Europe became the “Subcommittee on Europe and
Emerging Threats”; the Subcommittee on International Terrorism,
Nonproliferation and Human Rights, became the “Subcommittee on
Terrorism and Nonproliferation.”

In the 110th Congress, the name of the full committee changed
from “International Relations,” back to “Foreign Affairs.” The Com-
mittee had 7 subcommittees that were similar in name to the sub-
committees of the 109th, with some rearrangement of oversight,
and adding global health and global environment issues to the Afri-
can Subcommittee, and the Asia-Pacific Subcommittee, respectively.

C. Oversight Activities and Criteria

The oversight activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in-
clude a variety of instruments and mechanisms—full committee
and subcommittee hearings, members’ and staff study missions
abroad, special Congressional Research Service studies, and General Accounting Office assistance and reports in the field of international relations.

Committee and subcommittee hearings may be conducted for numerous purposes and may simultaneously serve more than one function, i.e., oversight, legislation, or public education. Thus, oversight may exist even when the hearing is not explicitly intended for that purpose. The criteria for determining whether a hearing performs the oversight function were identified by the House Select Committee on Committees in 1973 and are as follows:²

1. To review and control unacceptable forms of bureaucratic behavior;
2. To ensure that bureaucracy implements the policy objectives of the Congress;
3. To analyze national and international problems requiring Federal action; and
4. To determine the effectiveness of legislative programs and policies.

These same purposes help to define other committee activity which relates to its legislative review function. It should be noted that not all such activity can be included in this report. Oversight may occur informally, not only through the formal processes and mechanisms noted above. Informal discussions between committee members and executive branch officials may constitute oversight in certain instances as may staff examination of agency activity and behavior and staff consultation with agency personnel apart from the normal hearing process.

In summary, the legislative review activities of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs for the 110th Congress rely on extensive authorities embodied in the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 and reinforced through the authorization process, subsequent legislation, and reporting requirements.

D. Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs—110th Congress

The following section is set out in compliance with Clause (2)(d) of Rule X.

Almost all of the Committee’s day-to-day activities, including hearings and informal meetings, involve oversight of the Administration or afford the Committee the opportunity to learn of the impact of the Administration’s foreign policy on foreign nations or the American people.

The Committee’s Oversight Plan is set out below in full. Although the Committee did not accomplish each planned oversight item, most of them were accomplished to some degree, some with hearings, others by way of staff work.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Oversight Plan of the Committee

110th Congress

(Adopted January 23, 2007)

Pursuant to Rule X, clause 2(d) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee,” has adopted this oversight plan for the two year period of the 110th Congress. As required by that rule, the Committee has submitted this plan to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration, not later than February 15 of the first session of the Congress. It includes the areas in which the Committee intends to conduct oversight during this Congress. New developments always change the Committee’s priorities. The oversight work of the Committee may therefore change.

The Committee will consult with other Committees having jurisdiction over the same or related laws, programs, or agencies as are within its jurisdiction, including its special oversight jurisdiction; and it will use such mechanisms as joint briefings and coordination of staff work and travel to meet the requirements of Rule X(2)(d)(1)(A). As required by Rule X(2)(d)(1), in the course of its oversight work, it will remain continually alert for the existence of Federal rules, regulations, statutes, and court decisions that are ambiguous, arbitrary, or nonsensical, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals, and it will review Federal programs with a view to insuring against duplication of such programs.

1. Priority Oversight Matters

a. Iraq—The U.S. involvement in Iraq is one of the most critical issues for U.S. foreign policy. The Committee will review all aspects of U.S. policy, including the military dimension of the U.S. presence, internal political developments, U.S. reconstruction assistance, and regional and international diplomatic efforts to help stabilize Iraq and the role of external financial and material support for insurgents and terrorist groups in that country.

b. Afghanistan—The Committee will review all aspects of U.S. policy toward Afghanistan, including factors contributing to the resurgence of the Taliban and their basis for support, U.S. assistance programs and their reauthorization, the increasing rate of narcotics production, the ineffectiveness of international reconstruction projects, the state of the Afghan national security forces, the role of NATO Member States in security and reconstruction matters, the lack of progress in judicial reform, the status of women and children, U.S.-Afghan trade development and promotion, and other matters.

c. Iran—Iran has increasing influence over key events in Lebanon, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and continues to develop a nuclear ca-

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3The fact that an issue is listed here does not mean that the Committee will necessarily hold a formal meeting devoted solely to that issue. The Committee, in the course of its oversight work, may also rely on briefings by business and non-governmental organizations and by U.S. government officials, officials of foreign governments, as well as on Member and staff travel, and investigations. It is the intention of the Committee that, wherever practicable, oversight activities will be planned on a bipartisan basis.
pability that could lead to the development of weapons of mass de-
struction. The Committee will critically evaluate U.S. policy toward
Iran and its proxies, particularly Iran's development of a nuclear
capability, the ongoing talks with the European 3 and the members
of the UN Security Council, and U.S. security guarantees to Middle
East allies to address the Iranian threat. The Committee will also
review the political situation within Iran, sources of instability, in-
cluding ethnic tension (Persians, Azeris, Arabs, etc.), the economy,
internal threats to the regime, and Iran's foreign policy, especially
regarding the Persian Gulf. The Committee will also review rela-
tions with other countries, including Russia and China, and how
they may be contributing to or restraining Iran's foreign policy.
d. North Korea—The Committee will review the nuclear and mis-
sile threat posed by North Korea, its continuing human rights vi-
olations, and efforts to assist North Korean refugees. The Com-
mittee will review the status of the Six Party Talks and examine
proposals to engage in bilateral dialogue with North Korea as a
supplement to the multilateral negotiations. Review the role of
other countries, especially China, in helping to end the problem.
e. Cuba—The Committee will review U.S.-Cuba policy and evalu-
ate how the United States should approach a transition in Cuba (as
defined in U.S. law), examining future opportunities and persistent
challenges in the U.S.-Cuba relationship.
f. Foreign Assistance Authorization, Implementation and Re-
form—The Committee will review the planning, budgeting, and im-
plementation of U.S. foreign assistance programs, including the
need for reauthorization of U.S. foreign assistance accounts and
programs. The Committee will review the ongoing changes in the
implementation of U.S. foreign assistance, including the develop-
ment of centralized planning and budgeting by the new Director of
Foreign Assistance, the implementation of the new Foreign Assis-
tance Strategic Framework, the decreased role of the U.S. Agency
for International Development in developing foreign assistance pol-
icy, the continuing obstacles facing the Millennium Challenge Cor-
poration, the increasingly important role of other agencies besides
the U.S. Agency for International Development in providing U.S.
assistance, and the role of U.S. embassies in overseeing the pres-
ence and activities of personnel of various USG agencies imple-
menting assistance programs in other countries.
g. Other Middle East Flashpoints—The Committee will review
other Middle East flashpoints such as the Israeli-Palestinian con-
lict, the ongoing political turmoil in Lebanon, and prospects for re-
form throughout the region.
h. Assessing a rising China and its growing global role—The
Committee will review current thinking as to the degree to which
China is prepared to become a responsible stakeholder in the inter-
national system of states in dealing with situations such as that re-
garding North Korea. It will also review China's growing role in re-
gions far from its borders, including Africa and the Western Hemi-
sphere, and China's growing role in the world economy and its in-
creasing impact on the world's environment. The Committee will
also review human rights, corruption, environmental damage and
social unrest in China and the prospects for democratic reforms.
i. The Rise of India—The Committee will review the status of
U.S.-India relations, define the U.S. interests and objectives related
to that relationship, and assess the future prospects for that relationship. The Committee will consider the likely role India will play in the world community in the coming years, and its relations with Russia, China, the EU and other international states and entities.

j. U.S.-Russian Relations—The Committee will review U.S. policy and interests and approaches toward Russia, Russian foreign policy objectives, the role of nationalism in Russian politics, and the approach of the 2008 Russian presidential election. The Committee will examine the Russian approach toward democracy, human rights and economic freedom, the Russian Government’s use of energy supplies as strategic leverage over neighboring states, and Russian sales of advanced arms and proliferation of technology related to weapons of mass destruction.

k. Central Asia—The Committee will review U.S. policy toward the Central Asian states, including the establishment of energy pipelines within and to the surrounding regions, the implementation of democracy promotion activities, and the roles neighboring countries play in regional relations.

l. Stopping Nuclear Black Markets and the Proliferation of Other Weapons of Mass Destruction—The Committee will review the critical problem of “loose nukes” around the world, such as unprotected enriched uranium in Russia, and what new tools may be needed to combat nuclear black markets such as the one created by A.Q Khan.

m. Improving Cooperation with Traditional U.S. Allies—Relations with traditional U.S. allies have frayed over differences regarding approaches to terrorism, the Middle East and trade. The Committee will review ways in which to improve these traditional alliances, including review of areas of consensus between the United States and its partners, as well as continuing differences, such as the disagreements over how to handle detainees. Review of staffing levels at posts in Europe and Eurasia, as foreign service personnel are required to take on increasing duties in the areas of allied cooperation in out-of-area operations, Muslim outreach, public diplomacy, and other areas while overall personnel levels are reduced.

n. Sudan—The Committee will review the continuing genocide in Darfur to determine what steps need to be taken to stop the violence and to provide humanitarian relief to those who are continuing to suffer. The Committee will review the implementation of the North-South peace agreement, political and economic developments in Southern Sudan, and the role of outside states and entities (e.g., China, the Arab League) in helping or preventing a solution.

o. Somalia—The Committee will review the conditions leading up to the Ethiopian intervention and the subsequent U.S. air strikes; current conditions; implications for the war on terror; next steps in reconstruction and stabilization operations (including lessons learned from Iraq and Afghanistan).

p. Global AIDS Crisis and the Risk of an Avian Flu Epidemic—The Committee will review global health challenges from all perspectives, including national security implications of transboundary epidemics, the continuing humanitarian crisis caused by AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis and plans to prepare, respond, and combat the avian influenza virus, including a review of the four inter-
national donor conferences on avian influenza. The Committee will review existing policies as it prepares to reauthorize the U.S. leadership assistance program against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

q. Global Warming—The Committee will hold oversight hearings on U.S. efforts to address international environmental issues, and will consider ways to help other nations reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, including through promoting the export from the United States of “green” technology to the developing world, including China.

r. Plan Colombia and Counter-Narcotics—The Committee will review the effectiveness of Plan Colombia and U.S. counternarcotics strategy and consider proposals for improving the fight against the scourge of illicit narcotics. The Committee will also review the role of outside forces (e.g., President Chavez of Venezuela) and the views of surrounding countries.

2. General review of U.S. foreign policy

a. Meetings with foreign political leaders: The Committee’s ongoing program of informal and formal meetings with foreign political leaders gives it the opportunity to explore the effectiveness of United States foreign policy with those who are major players.

b. Meetings with Administration officials: The Committee’s formal and informal meetings with Administration officials allow Members and staff to explore the effectiveness of the Administration’s implementation of foreign policy.

c. Meetings with key stakeholders and constituencies: The Committee’s formal and informal meetings with key stakeholders on foreign policy allow for an opportunity to explore the effectiveness of foreign policy with those who are keenly interested.

3. International Security/UN/Peacekeeping/General

a. Oversight of arms transfer procedures and legislation, including the implementation of previous laws and modifications made to the Arms Export Control Act regarding arms transfers. Review of: policy regarding unmanned aerial vehicles; the Taiwan Relations Act (to ensure effective implementation); efforts to negotiate a multilateral “Code of Conduct” regarding conventional arms transfers; and government-to-government arms sales and end-use monitoring programs.

b. Peacekeeping oversight, including: Administration policy implementing existing Presidential Decision Directives on peacekeeping; supporting new peacekeeping operations and terminating existing missions; UN peacekeeping reform; the Global Peace Operations Initiative; command and control issues; implementation of the Code of Conduct; and special attention to the status of the international peacekeeping efforts in Kosovo, Bosnia, Africa (particularly Sudan, Liberia, Cote d’Ivoire, Darfur, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea-Ethiopia, Western Sahara, Somalia), Afghanistan, Lebanon, Gaza, East Timor, Haiti and the Middle East.

c. “Rogue Regimes”—Review of the problems of security threats from so-called “rogue regimes” that have or could gain the power to create or use weapons of mass destruction.

d. Review of National/International Missile Defense and its relationship to U.S. relations with allies, Russia, China and others; its
impact on long-term U.S. security and nonproliferation goals; and other related issues.
e. National Missile Defense—Review of foreign policy aspects including implications of modifying radars in the United Kingdom and Denmark.
f. Nonproliferation and disarmament topics:
   i. Nunn-Lugar Program—Review implementation of program aimed at dismantlement and destruction of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons in the former Soviet Union, including waiver issues and expanding geographic scope of the program.
   ii. Compliance with existing arms control agreements and review of agreements to which the U.S. is not party, including the Comprehensive Test Ban (CTBT) Treaty and the Land Mine Ban Treaty, and the negotiation of future arms control arrangements, particularly a treaty related to the banning of fissile material production.
   iii. Review of nonproliferation sanctions and technology control regimes including feasibility of establishing new international missile control and other regimes and investigating the scope of global black market activities and networks in the sale of nuclear, chemical, biological and missile materials and equipment, as well as reviewing U.S. efforts to combat and terminate these activities and networks.
   iv. Re-evaluate the Nonproliferation Treaty’s “Atoms for Peace” bargain.
   v. Status of the implementation of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism, including ways to broaden its participants organization and activities.
   vi. Pakistan—Review of nonproliferation cooperation.
   vii. Assess U.S. policy in reducing the role of China in the proliferation of WMDs and missiles.
   viii. Review implications of the A.Q. Khan Nuclear Network—Require CIA/DIA briefings and reports on the matter.
   ix. Evaluate the merits and requirements of U.S. support for IAEA Director General el-Baradei’s January 7, 2005 proposed 5-year moratorium on the construction of any additional enrichment or reprocessing capacity and international fuel banks.
   x. Review of programs regarding the disposition and elimination of excess weapons-grade plutonium stores worldwide.
   xi. The status of the land mine treaty ban and U.S. efforts to develop alternative land mine technologies.
g. Security Assistance—
   i. Review overall effectiveness and implementation of security assistance programs including Foreign Military Financing (FMF), Economic Support Funds (ESF), International Military Education and Training (IMET), International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL), draw-downs, Excess Defense Article transfers, antiterrorism, and nonproliferation and export control assistance (specific programs requiring additional oversight include security assistance for new NATO Member States and Middle East states).
   ii. Review military assistance programs implemented directly by the Department of Defense.
   iii. Consider possible amendments to the statutory framework governing non-military public security assistance
   i. Implementation of U.N. reform/arrearages legislation, progress of additional international organization reform efforts, and oversight of the effectiveness of the promotion and protection of human rights within the United Nations system, particularly through the Human Rights Council:
      i. Assess issues including: reform of fiscal management, procurement, ethics, accountability and transparency, hiring of Americans to work in the U.N. system, budgeting issues, institutionalization of work on the reform agenda within the United States Mission to the United Nations, etc.
      ii. Review the work of the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations.
      iii. Review status of developments relating to UN Security Council Resolution 1540 and the U.S. Proliferation Security Initiative, including a discussion of related legal issues such as the ratification of the Law of the Sea Convention.
      iv. Oversight of implementation of the Intelligence Reform Act provisions regarding efforts to support the Democracy Caucus at the United Nations.
      v. Review of U.S. strategy to combat United Nations’ practice of continuous actions against Israel.
      vi. Assess the “cluster approach” of the U.N. system toward addressing the needs of internally displaced persons.

j. International crime—
   i. Growing links between organized crime, illicit drugs, and global terrorism.
   ii. Impact of U.S. foreign assistance on advancing the rule of law and anticorruption activities on U.S. ability to combat international crime.
   iii. International criminal organizations in Africa, oversight of existing International Law Enforcement Academies (ILEA).
   iv. Impact of international trafficking of humans, arms, and narcotics; document fraud; and money laundering.
   vi. International intellectual property piracy issues: how piracy is being used to support international crime and terrorism, and its impact on the American economy.
   vii. International economic espionage and how it hurts American business and interests.
   viii. Extraterritorial prosecutions of U.S. law violations.

k. Oversight of agency implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act.

l. Narcotics—
   i. The continuing heroin and methamphetamine crises in the United States and the Administration’s plans for dealing with them.
   ii. Source nation strategies, with special attention to Afghanistan, Colombia, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador.
   iii. Eradication efforts and their effectiveness; alternative development.
iv. The “certification process” and the annual drug certification determinations for the major drug producing and transit nations around the globe.

v. Aggressive oversight of the war on drugs in the Western Hemisphere and of the Administration’s implementation of Plan Colombia and consideration of possible legislation for the consolidation phase of Plan Colombia.

vi. Efforts to avoid disruption of U.S. counternarcotics aerial interdiction operations.

m. International terrorism/espionage—

i. Review the evolution and current organization of al-Qaeda, examining the current status of al-Qaeda, its efforts to obtain WMD, its changing organizational structure as it becomes a more decentralized organization, its relationship and cooperation with other radical Islamic terrorist organizations, the extent to which it is inspiring new terrorist groups around the world, and its current recruitment effort.

ii. Review U.S. Government and allied efforts to capture or kill al-Qaeda’s leaders, U.S. policies towards detention, treatment and rendition, including U.S. efforts to create a common coalition approach to such policies.

iii. Explore the existing U.S. Government strategy to deal with terrorists and the degree to which such efforts are based on systematic analysis; review various alternatives to win the long-term struggle against the ideologies of those who use terrorism.

iv. Oversight of the State Department’s Antiterrorism Assistance Program, terrorism financing efforts, coordination of diplomatic initiatives with foreign governments in the global war on terrorism; oversight of Office of Foreign Assets Control, FBI, etc., as they continue to work the international aspects of terrorism.

v. The threat of fundamentalist terrorism in Latin America and Africa.

vi. Explore the activities of the Southeast Asian terrorist group, Jemah Islamiyah.

vii. The AMIA (Buenos Aires Jewish Community Building) bombing.

viii. Effectiveness of the U.S. technological response to terrorism.

ix. Border security programs, to include overseas visa lookout system in light of the new provisions of law relative to the exclusion of aliens who are members of foreign terrorist organizations.


xi. Expenditure of post security funds, to include a review of personnel increases and asset management to minimize cost of property acquisition.

xii. Review of the Federal Government’s efforts at coordinating international counterterrorism programs through the State Department.

xiii. Assessment of the effect of U.S. counter-terrorism activities, including activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, on the recruitment and support of terrorist groups and activities.

xiv. Assessment of PKK operations against Turkey.
n. Effectiveness and expansion of multilateral technology transfer/export controls, including international Code of Conduct for arms sales.

o. Review International Criminal Court and ongoing prosecutions; review of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and the Special Court for Sierra Leone, justice efforts for Darfur genocide.

p. Cooperation with INTERPOL.

q. Review reorganization of arms control and Bureau for International Security and Nonproliferation.

4. State Department and related agencies operations

a. Hearing with the Secretary of State on the FY2008 and 2009 budgets and authorization issues, including GPRA issues, supplemental spending plans, public diplomacy and reorganization plans, “Transformational Diplomacy,” etc.

b. Review trust fund organizations: East/West Center, Asia Foundation, Eisenhower Foundation, and others.

c. Overseas property management: management of the foreign buildings; expenditures of supplemental funds; progress on asset management (property disposal and acquisitions).

d. Management of the foreign affairs agencies’ workforce-implementation and development of staffing models, including review of the future of the Foreign Service; personnel practices, and management of overseas presence; assignment process; utilization of the Civil Service; size of the Senior Foreign Service and Senior Executive Service.

e. American Institute in Taiwan (general oversight).

f. International Border Commissions.

g. State Authorization Initiatives—further review of public diplomacy to include consideration of a central news/information function to provide posts with current web-based information on breaking issues; consular staffing; diplomatic security reforms.

h. Review of the separation of the international broadcasting function and the organizational structure of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, language service modernization plans, quality control issues of VOA and RFE/RL and the Broadcasting Board of Governors’ responsibility to assure broadcasts are of the highest quality.

i. Review of practices and procedures for receiving exchange and other visitors, especially foreign parliamentarians and other prominent officials.

j. Review of public diplomacy programs and issues arising from the consolidation of programs formerly conducted by the United States Information Agency; ability of the Department to measure the results of its efforts in this area and to plan and sequence its activities so as to most strongly support United States foreign policy.

k. Review of the role of the State Department in ensuring full compliance with The Hague treaty on international adoption and the Intercountry Adoption Act; review of the implementation of the Intercountry Adoption Act, and review of the Office of Children’s Services with an emphasis on services related to abducted and adopted children.
l. Review of implementation of “rightsizing” of U.S. overseas posts.
m. Review of the U.S. use of private military contractors for security and related functions.

n. Review of the operations of the Office of Foreign Missions.
o. Embassy/post security, staffing, engagement; new embassy/consulate construction.
p. Review Diplomatic Security Bureau (DS)-overall activities, but focus on visa and passport fraud investigations; effectiveness of substantial staffing increases for DS during the past 3 years.

q. Consular processes—including concerns of the academic, student, and business communities as well as national security concerns.
r. Monitor Case-Zablocki Act modifications and compliance.
s. Reform of the Executive Branch reporting requirements.

5. Foreign Assistance

a. Hearings with the Director of Foreign Assistance: (1) on the FY2007 reprogramming request for fast-track countries and USAID missions identified by the Director of Foreign Assistance, and on the FY2008 foreign assistance budget request; and (2) on the underlying legislative authorities, objectives, design, implementation and effectiveness, on-going reform, reorganization and management of the U.S. foreign assistance program.

b. Review size, purpose and effectiveness of FY2008 and FY2009 International Affairs Function 150 budgets—special emphasis will be given to expected Administration initiatives, such as:

i. Budget oversight/review of FY07 Supplemental.

ii. Increases for HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis, and the Millennium Challenge Account initiative.

iii. Increases in the Economic Support Funds program.

iv. Implementation of the Foreign Assistance Strategic Framework, including the views of nongovernmental and other private sector entities to such framework.

c. Conduct special review of programs with noted problems focusing on activities highlighted in USAID Inspector General and GAO reports—special emphasis will be given to USAID (and to the Office of the Director of Foreign Assistance, as the case may be):

i. Missions and Operations.

ii. Microenterprise Programs.

iii. Reforms to USAID’s Management Structure.

iv. Strategic Objectives.

v. Enterprise Fund Management and potential expansion of the use of such funds.

vi. Changes to or elimination of the “R4” (“Review of Resources, Requirements, and Results”) process.

vii. Oversight of “monetization” programs.

viii. Review of program evaluation policies.

ix. Acquisitions and Assistance Process.

x. “Manage the Budget” exercise being implemented by USAID.

xi. Roles of entities involved in assistance deliveries, including private for-profit enterprises, non-governmental organizations and governmental and intergovernmental agencies.
d. Special attention will be given to the effectiveness of programs that have consumed large amounts of Congressional attention in recent years, including:
   i. U.S. participation in, and contributions to, international population planning activities and related programs and policies.
   ii. U.S. participation in, and contributions to, international child survival activities and related programs and policies.
   iii. Review of refugee and migration assistance programs and administrative expenses of the bureau charged with carrying out the purposes of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 and emergency response capability.
   iv. U.S. participation in, and contributions, to international education, including basic education, activities and related programs and policies.

e. Review role and implementation of impact evaluation and monitoring processes in U.S. foreign assistance programs.

f. Oversight of U.S. global efforts against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, including U.S. support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria.

g. Review status, funding and implementation of the Millennium Challenge Account, including oversight of activities of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

h. Review of U.S. poverty-reduction programs, including the role of the U.S. in helping to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and the role of international organizations and financial institutions in poverty reduction.

i. Impact of corruption on development and anticorruption in the developing world. Review of anticorruption foreign assistance programs and other programs designed to reduce corruption in foreign countries.

j. Oversight and review of the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization.

k. Review cost, management, donor coordination and impact of U.S. foreign assistance programs for specific regions and countries or specific needs. Special emphasis will be given to major aid programs in:
   i. Iraq.
   ii. Afghanistan.
   iii. Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, with a particular focus on the states of Central Asia, on the status of U.S. law enforcement reform assistance in the former Soviet states and on assistance for democratic reforms and energy development and transit to export markets.
   iv. Eastern Europe.
   v. Bosnia (refugee return).
   vi. The Andean region and Central America.
   vii. Haiti.
   viii. Africa.
   ix. Activities that are research and promotional in character relating to international cooperation on environmental and other scientific issues.

x. Review of implementation of the Northern European Initiative and the Northern Europe Cross-Border Cooperation Act,
especially environmental issues related to decommissioned Russian nuclear submarines.

x. Egypt.

xi. North Korea.

xii. Oversight and review of the implementation of reconstruction and other assistance to countries affected by the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunamis.

l. Tour of worldwide progress of democracy; review efficiency and effectiveness of U.S. Government-funded democracy programs, including roles of grantees and contractors.

m. U.S. public diplomacy efforts, branding and labeling U.S. assistance. (Are we getting credit for our good works?)

n. Victims of terrorism compensation.

o. Review current practices and suggestions to address perceived inequities and review of USAID’s antiterrorism certification for contractors and grantees.

p. Review status and role of international labor programs implemented by the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

q. Peace Corps—Mark up Peace Corps Reauthorization Act and conduct oversight of plans for expansion, security and safety concerns, and the better utilization of returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

r. Oversight and review of the implementation of the Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act.

6. Africa

a. Periodic review of sub-Saharan Africa with the Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs and of North Africa with the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

b. Food Aid, Agricultural Development, and Trade in Africa—The Committee will review the effectiveness of present food aid and agricultural assistance programs in Africa and the U.S. contribution to address the UN Millennium Development Goal to eradicate extreme hunger and poverty.

c. Democracy, Governance, and Rule of Law—The Committee will review the effectiveness of present efforts to promote the development of democratic institutions and practices, capacity of public institutions to govern effectively and efficiently, and the adherence to established and transparent rules, standards, and procedures as a safeguard against arbitrary rule.

d. Periodic review of conflict areas in Africa, including but not limited to the Mano River region, the Gulf of Guinea, Zimbabwe, the Great Lakes region, and the Horn of Africa.

e. Libya—Review of U.S. policy toward Libya including the path toward cautious re-engagement, progress in addressing and compensating victims of previous terrorist aggression, and ongoing governance and human rights concerns.

f. Sudan—Continued investigation into the situation in Darfur following declarations of genocide by the Congress and the Administration; assessment of the implementation of the final peace agreement between the Government of Sudan (GoS) and the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM); oversight of U.S. assistance to support implementation of the Comprehensive Peace in Sudan

g. Zimbabwe—Review of U.S. policy toward Zimbabwe, including oversight of U.S. efforts to support civil society and promote political and economic reform and implementation of the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act (P.L. 107–99).


i. Liberia—Oversight of U.S. support for democratic transition in Liberia and U.N. peacekeeping operations in the region.

j. Nigeria—Review of U.S. policy toward Nigeria, including efforts to promote economic and democratic reform, combat corruption, support civil society, address human rights concerns and foster regional security.

k. Somalia—Review of U.S. policy toward Somalia, including efforts to counter extremism, foster peace and promote regional stability in a collapsed state.

l. Northern Uganda—Oversight of U.S. efforts to promote a just and sustainable peace in Northern Uganda.

m. Ethiopia—Review of political and economic developments in Ethiopia and emerging political tensions in the Horn of Africa.

n. Assessment of Africa’s cooperation in the war on terrorism, with particular focus on U.S. efforts to provide counterterrorism training, equipment, and support for “front-line states,” including the East Africa Counter-Terrorism Initiative (EACTI) and the Trans-Sahara Counter Terrorism Initiative (TACTI).

o. Oversight of African Contingency Operations Training and Assistance (ACOTA), the Global Peace Operations Initiative, and other U.S. efforts to provide training, equipment, and support for regional peacekeeping efforts in Africa.

p. Evaluation of U.S. relations with African regional and sub-regional organizations, including but not limited to the African Union (AU), NEPAD, ECOWAS, COMESA, and SADC.

q. Assessment of U.S. trade and investment in Africa, including oversight of the African Growth and Opportunity Act and review of non-tariff trade barriers and their connection to trade, corruption, and development, and evaluation of the success of USAID efforts in these areas.

r. Assessment of the impact of multilateral and bilateral debt on African economies, and the role of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank (WB), and other International Financial Institutions (IFIs) in Africa.

s. Review of China’s growing engagement in Africa.

t. Oversight of United States efforts to promote transparency and accountability in Africa, including the Chad-Cameroon Pipeline Project and the Clean Diamond Trade Act (P.L. 108–19).

u. Review of ongoing democratization efforts in Africa, including the growth of institutions promoting freedom of the press, pluralism, and the participation of civil society.

v. Oversight of Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) programs in North Africa.
w. Oversight of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act of 2004 and other USAID-backed conservation programs in Africa.
x. Oversight of the Administration’s efforts to combat infectious diseases in Africa, particularly HIV/AIDS, including U.S. support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria and PEPFAR.
y. Oversight of the U.S.-backed Special Court for Sierra Leone, including the trial of former Liberia President Charles Taylor.
z. Oversight of U.S. efforts to address corruption and organized crime in Africa, including the International Law Enforcement Academy in Botswana.
   aa. Assessment of slavery in Africa.
   bb. Review of growing religious tensions on the Continent.
   cc. Assessment of gaps in official presence in Africa.

7. Asia and the Pacific
   a. Periodic reviews of the region with the Assistant Secretaries of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and for European and Eurasian Affairs.
   b. Overview of U.S. interests and foreign policy in the Asia-Pacific region: bilateral alliances; ASEAN and other regional organizations; USAID programs; public diplomacy; international terrorism and counterterrorism cooperation; democracy promotion and human rights; military-to-military relations; U.S. trade policy, including proposed free trade agreements; “great power” relations in the region; health (HIV/AIDS) and environmental concerns; and efforts to better coordinate antitrafficking in human persons policies.
   c. Tsunami relief and reconstruction—In coordination with Full Committee, review Tsunami relief/reconstruction efforts in South-east and South Asia.
   d. North Korean strategic challenge—Oversight focused on diplomatic and alternative policy options for eliminating North Korea’s nuclear weapons programs and capabilities, as well as efforts to curb proliferation and other illicit activities by the North Korean Government.
   e. Managing Sino—American relations in the 21st Century—Oversight hearing examining broad trends in economic, political, and security relations between the U.S. and the PRC.
   f. U.S.-Japan Relationship—Oversight of the continuing vital partnership between the United States and Japan and Japan’s continuing emergence as a more active participant in the international system.
   g. U.S. Security Policy in Asia and the Pacific—Oversight on counterterrorism, strategic trends in Asia, and U.S. security policy with PACOM Commander.
   h. Maintaining Stability in the Taiwan Strait—Review of cross-Strait relations, strategic posture and relevant U.S. policy, including sales of defensive weapons under the Taiwan Relations Act.
   j. U.S. interests in Indonesia—Oversight hearing on issues including tsunami recovery, military-to-military relations, human
rights, democratization, economic reform, decentralization, and U.S. public diplomacy.

k. U.S.-ROK Alliance Management—Oversight focused on the future of the U.S.-ROK alliance, the implication of U.S. force relocation for bilateral relations, and U.S. public diplomacy efforts, particularly toward the younger generation in South Korea.


n. Unrest in Vietnam’s Central Highlands—Oversight focusing on what is arguably the most sensitive issue in U.S.-Vietnamese relations.


p. Energy Security in Asia and the Pacific—Oversight focusing on Asia’s growing energy requirements and the implications of such on geopolitics and grand strategy in the region and beyond.

q. U.S. Economic and Trade Policy toward the People’s Republic of China—Oversight hearing focusing on commercial relations with China and prospects for better balance in bilateral trade relations.

r. Cultural and public diplomacy toward Asia and the Pacific—Oversight hearing focusing on the adequacy of U.S. cultural and public diplomacy in Asia, particularly Southeast Asia.

s. Visa policy and U.S. interests in Asia and the Pacific—oversight hearing examining whether the U.S. has adequately balanced U.S. security interests post 9/11 with foregone academic, commercial and tourist opportunities as a result of current restrictions.


u. U.S. counterterrorism and counterproliferation policy in Central Asia

v. Extending reform mandate to Central Asia.

w. Review and monitor delivery and implementation of democracy promotion and assistance to the countries of Central Asia.

x. Rise of Islamist extremism in Central Asia.

8. Europe

a. Periodic reviews of the region with the Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs. Oversight of the declining SEED Act assistance and Freedom Support Act funding for nations in Central and Eastern Europe that have not yet reached a level of democratic maturity; status of political and economic reforms.

b. U.S.-Russian relations. Review of U.S. policy and interests and approaches toward Russia, including Russian foreign policy objectives, the role of nationalism in Russian politics and the approach of the 2008 presidential election, and reported corrupt activities within the Russian Government and confiscation of privately-owned assets on a large scale using tax penalties and other legal
charges and legislative changes in investment requirements. Monitor implementation of the Russian Democracy Act; review the Russian Government's use of energy supplies as strategic leverage over neighboring states; Russian sales of advanced arms and proliferation of technology related to weapons of mass destruction; the status of political and economic freedoms in Russia.

c. Review of European energy security generally.

d. Review of peace process in Northern Ireland.

e. Turkey's accession to the EU, resolution of the situation in Cyprus, Turkish policy toward Iraq, and U.S.-Turkish relations.

f. Future of the “Special Relationship” with Great Britain after the departure of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

g. Review U.S.-EU relations (political, security, trade and financial issues; European integration; cooperation in the campaign against global terrorism; cooperation and viewpoints regarding Iran's nuclear program and other nonproliferation matters; transparency in European rulemaking and legislating) on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the signing of the “New Transatlantic Agenda” and the 50th anniversary of the Rome Treaty. Review EU enlargement; European Security and Defense Policy and its implications for the United States; economic relations; counterterrorism cooperation; and EU Arms Embargo on China.

h. Immigration and integration of Muslims in Europe. Implications for the United States regarding Muslim radicalism in Europe.

i. Review of NATO including: Defining U.S. strategic interests in pursuit of military cooperation with European states and how best to accomplish such objectives; NATO's role in Afghanistan; transformation; the enlargement process; intelligence/threat assessment, NATO-EU relations; oversight of new NATO headquarters building in Brussels and headquarters operations.

j. Developments in, and U.S. policy toward, Serbia and Montenegro and review of situation in Kosovo.

k. Black Sea Strategy—An overview of the political and economic situation among nations encircling the Black Sea, including the conflicts in Georgia and Moldova.

l. Developments in the Northern European Region including U.S. interests, policy and events in the Baltic states and the surrounding region.

m. Anticorruption and antihuman-trafficking in Eastern Europe. Progress made, barriers that still need to be overcome, and best strategies to achieve objectives.

n. Overview of U.S. relations with specific regions or countries in Europe including: France, Germany, Italy, Spain.

o. Challenges in the South Caucasus.


9. Middle East

a. Periodic reviews of the region with the Assistant Secretaries of State for Near Eastern Affairs, European and Eurasian Affairs and South Asian Affairs.

b. Oversight of 9/11 bill implementation and legislation relating to Middle East.
i. Engaging the struggle of ideas and promoting reform to prevent terrorism (including oversight of the Middle East Partnership Initiative and the Broader Middle East and North Africa initiative)
ii. Terrorist sanctuaries
iii. Broadcasting

c. Iraq political, economic and security situation—Assess reconstruction and the U.S. policies toward and role in Iraq; construction of new Embassy in Iraq.
d. Review of the Middle East peace process and related issues, including U.S. policy towards the peace process; the implications of Hamas’ role in the Palestinian Authority; assistance to the Palestinians, including regional people-to-people programs, a possible “Marshall Plan for the Middle East,” and operations of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.
e. Paul Simon Water Act—Review options to authorize multi-year funding for cooperative water projects in the Jordan River Basin.
g. Differences between the U.S. and Europe in the Middle East.
h. Review of the UBS Case (Iran and Cuba)—Assessing the lessons learned.
i. The Future of Gaza after Israel’s disengagement.
j. Egypt—Review of GAO reports on cash transfer and the arms program.
k. Status of political and economic reform in the Middle East.

10. South Asia

a. Periodic reviews of the region with the Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs.
b. Oversight of 9/11 bill implementation and legislation relating to South Asia.
c. Review the U.S. policies toward and role in Afghanistan, including U.S. efforts against Al-Qaeda and Taliban militants, the status of political and economic reconstruction, the implications of the narcotics crisis in that country, U.S. assistance programs in Afghanistan (including security assistance and counter-narcotics assistance from all sources), the rights of women and children, and Afghan-Pakistan relations.
d. India as a rising power—Oversight focusing on India’s deepening economic, political and strategic engagement in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond and on review of U.S.-India Nuclear Cooperation Agreement negotiations and implementation.
e. U.S. Policy toward Pakistan—Oversight focusing on U.S. interests in and policy toward this front-line state in the global war on terrorism including review of Pakistan’s agreement with Taliban and tribal leaders in Afghanistan-Pakistan border areas. As appropriate, also review progress in the Indo-Pakistani composite dialogue, progress towards democratic reform and the conflict in Baluchistan.
f. Pakistan earthquake reconstruction—in coordination with the full committee, review relief/reconstruction efforts in the earthquake-affected areas of Pakistan.
g. Oversight of India-Pakistan relations generally, including boundary disputes and potential increases in nuclear arsenals of each country.
h. Nepal—Review of the situation in Nepal, the peace accords and the restoration of democracy.
i. Bangladesh—Review of the situation in Bangladesh and the risk of erosion of democratic institutions.

11. Western Hemisphere

a. Periodic reviews of the region with the Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs.
b. In General—U.S. efforts in support of democratic institutions, political stability, and economic growth in the region.
c. U.S. counternarcotics and counterterrorism support in Colombia and other Western Hemisphere countries.
d. Review of status of agreement with countries of the region by the U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation.
e. General overview of progress of democracy in the region after the 2006 “year of elections.”
f. Growing influence of China in the Western Hemisphere—Overview of China’s heavy investment in Latin America.
g. Latin America & Caribbean aid authorization bills and general oversight of U.S. foreign assistance to the region.
h. Cooperation on Border Security—Assess border security cooperation between the United States and its neighbors.
j. Review and oversight of U.S. policy toward Cuba, including efforts to assist dissidents and reform advocates in Cuba, U.S. support for victims of Communist Government repression in Cuba and overall U.S.-Cuba policy.
k. Nicaragua—Review of the political transition in Nicaragua.
l. Brazil—Assess U.S. relations with Brazil as an emerging regional power.
m. U.S. policy regarding the expropriation of property from U.S. citizens by governments in the Western Hemisphere.
n. Review progress toward completing Free Trade Agreements in Latin America, including Free Trade Agreements with Colombia and Peru, and their impact on business and labor in signatory countries.
o. Investigate methods to support institutional strengthening of the Organization of American States (OAS) and its Inter-America Democratic Charter.
p. Evaluate feasibility and implications of facilitating targeting remittances from persons in the U.S. to their home countries for development purposes.
q. Public health issues in the Western Hemisphere.
r. Assessment of Western Hemisphere’s cooperation on the War on Terror.
s. Review U.S. efforts to achieve strengthened democratic institutions and judicial reform in Western Hemisphere countries.

t. Review of diplomatic strategy toward the nations of the Caribbean and oversight of Third Border Initiative.

u. Review status of indigenous populations and Afro-descended communities, in Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean.

v. GAO assessment of reconstruction in the Caribbean after recent hurricanes and proposals for disaster mitigation.

w. Guatemala—Oversight of Guatemala's efforts to address outstanding provisions of Peace Accords and create a Commission of Inquiry, or similar commission.

x. Mexico—Oversight of efforts to support democratic institutions in Mexico, the implications of the 2006 Presidential elections, and the status of a potential migration accord with that country. Review the impact of NAFTA and of sources of instability.

y. Citizen security—Evaluate strategies to help countries in the region respond to rising crime rates, lack of personal security and embedded practices of impunity.

z. Energy—Oversight of policies and programs to ensure stable supply of resources from the Hemisphere.

aa. GAO assessment of public diplomacy efforts in Latin America and the Caribbean.

bb. Evaluate impact of escalating crime rates, particularly as driven by gang violence and immigration, on Mexico, Central America and other countries in the region.

12. Human Rights


b. Assessing trafficking in persons threat to tsunami victims—Exploring the trafficking in persons situation in tsunami-devastated areas, including prevention and protection efforts by local governments and USG involvement and support.

c. Review of U.S. policy to promote democracy and create country strategies to promote democracy and human rights, including review of the State Department’s annual “Supporting Human Rights and Democracy” Report.

d. Status of Cuban human rights situation; democracy movement, jailed dissidents, and the impact of the resumption of official contact with the European Union and European countries.


g. U.S. policy towards individual detained in the war on terrorism and on U.S. policy regarding treatment of such individuals.

h. International refugee protection and resettlement—Assess U.S. Refugee policy and oversight on USG refugee initiatives, status and goals, and humanitarian assistance efforts and challenges.

j. Combating the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe (possible joint hearing).


l. Review U.S. efforts to assist in meeting the psycho-social needs of post-terrorist attack victims on School No. 1 in Beslan, North Ossetia.

m. Review and assess U.S. strategy regarding Burma’s continuing human rights violations.

n. Humanitarian crisis plaguing Uganda’s children.

o. Oversight of the newly-authorized Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center.


q. Review of People’s Republic of China (political and religious repression, forced abortion and sterilization, forced labor, situation of Tibetan and Uighur minorities, North Korean refugees).

r. Central Africa (human rights and refugee issues in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, and surrounding countries).

s. Vietnam (religious and political persecution, access to U.S. resettlement programs, and related issues).


a. Assess loss of American jobs to the growing capabilities and exports from China.

b. Assess loss of American jobs due to outsourcing, non-immigrant visa policies and implementation of Free Trade Agreements.

c. International intellectual property issues.

d. International energy policy issues.

e. Enterprise Funds.

f. Overview of global trade situation and implementation of International Monetary Fund terms and conditions.

g. Trade distorting actions by foreign governments (bribery, economic espionage, manipulation of customs rules, import licensing, skewing health and safety standards, etc.); Mutual Recognition Agreements (“MRAs”); and efforts by other foreign governments to implement the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention.

h. TDA/EXIM Oversight; Commerce Department trade promotion and enforcement activities.

i. Oversight of OPIC and review of possible reauthorization legislation, including review of OPIC’s transparency initiative, accountability ombudsman, and protection of international labor rights, human rights, and international environmental standards.

j. Overview of the Export Administration Act (EAA) and the views of the Administration on legislation reauthorizing and modernizing its provisions.

k. Implementation of sanctions against Iran and other regimes by the Departments of State and Treasury.

l. Global environmental trends: international instability and national security.

m. The U.S. Government position on global warming/Kyoto Protocol.

n. How environmental cooperation can enhance bilateral relations and U.S. interests abroad.
o. Impact on U.S. business due to the lack of foreign export credit agency environmental standards.
p. Role of regional trade agreements in promoting a new global trade round and global economic growth; progress toward a new global trade round; foreign government adoption of standards adverse to U.S. interests.
q. International cooperation for access to the international space station.

14. American Red Cross

Hearing on the role of the American Red Cross in international disaster response and the review of governance audit leading to possible legislation amending the American Red Cross' charter.

15. Miscellaneous

b. Codify U.S. foreign policy law.

II. GENERAL REVIEW ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

A. Executive Branch Reports

Reporting requirements in legislation and the reports submitted in response to them constitute one of the oldest information systems used by Congress. On every subject Congress covers, required reports offer a way to oversee and review the implementation of legislation by the executive branch.

In the foreign policy field, it is particularly important to insure that reporting requirements and the resultant reports submitted by the executive branch are an efficient mechanism for supplying Congress with information. Information on domestic problems is often easier to obtain from sources outside the executive branch than information on problems from abroad. Moreover, the executive branch has sometimes attempted to shield its activities in the foreign policy field from public view and treat it as its exclusive domain. The lack of information on foreign policy problems and executive branch activities has been one of the major reasons it has been more difficult for Congress to play its legitimate role in the making of foreign policy, although the Constitution expressly shares such powers between Congress and the President.

For the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the improvement of the system of required reports offers more than tidier housekeeping. It offers another step toward a better supply of information that Congress needs to make foreign policy decisions. Through the careful placing of reporting requirements in legislation, the patient monitoring of the reports submitted by the executive branch in response to the requirements and utilization of the data supplied in them, Congress can improve its capacity for an effective foreign policy role.

B. Reference Documents

Periodically the Committee on Foreign Affairs compiles, prints, and distributes official documents which are useful to the membership in exercising the oversight function as well as other respon-
ibilities. These include the Legislation on Foreign Relations. This 5-volume set is prepared under the direction of the staff of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations with the assistance of the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division of the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress. This collection of laws and related materials contains texts referred to by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Foreign Relations Committee, amended to date, and annotated to show pertinent history or cross references. The collection includes all laws concerning foreign relations, codified and in force, treaties in force, as well as executive agreements and orders, State Department regulations and State Department delegations of authorities.

C. Study Missions and Participation in International Conferences and Events

The committee has kept itself informed of the latest developments in foreign affairs. The usual frequent conferences with high government officials, both civil and military, have been augmented by special study missions to various parts of the world to obtain firsthand knowledge of the problems of foreign countries and the administration of U.S. programs and operations falling within the purview of the committee. Committee members have also been designated to serve as official delegates to a number of international conferences and events. The following are interparliamentary exchanges that Members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs participated in during the 110th Congress.

Meetings of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
Meetings of the U.S.-Canada Interparliamentary Group
Meetings of the U.S.-Mexico Interparliamentary Group
Meetings of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue
Meetings of the U.S.-OSCE interparliamentary delegation
Meetings of the British-American Parliamentary Group

III. SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Legislation Enacted into Law

S. 676 (Biden)—To provide that the Executive Director of the inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation—P.L. 110–38 (June 21, 2007).
H.R. 1 (Thompson)—Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007—(The final version, enacted into public law, includes the Committee-passed ADVANCE Democracy Act,


H.R. 3528 (Lantos)—To provide authority to the Peace Corps to provide separation pay for host country resident personal services contractors of the Peace Corps—P.L. 110–86 (September 27, 2007).


H.R. 2419 (Peterson)—Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008—(The House and Senate passed H.R. 2419 over veto, enacting 14 of 15 farm bill titles into law. The trade title (title III) was inadvertently excluded from the enrolled bill. To remedy the situation, both chambers re-passed the farm bill conference agreement (including the trade title) as H.R. 6124, again over veto. H.R. 6124, in section 4, repealed P.L. 110–234 and amendments made by it, effective on the date of that Act’s enactment.) P.L. 110–234 (May 22, 2008).


H.R. 5690 (Berman)—To remove the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, and for other purposes—(eliminates a U.S. Government-imposed prohibition on granting visas to members and former members of the African National Congress; removes from U.S. databases any notation characterizing the ANC and its leaders—including Nobel Laureate and former South African President Nelson Mandela—as terrorists). P.L. 110–257 (July 1, 2008).

H.R. 3890 (Lantos)—Tom Lantos Block Burmese JADE (Junta’s Anti-Democratic Efforts) Act of 2008—(Keeps Burmese gems from entering U.S. markets via third-party countries, prevents Burma’s military regime from earning hundreds of millions of dollars each year, and makes Burmese regime leaders, military officers and their families ineligible for visas to the United States). P.L. 110–286 (July 29, 2008).

Omnibus energy legislation was enacted in H.R. 6, which became P.L. 110–140 on 12/19/07. P.L. 110–289 (July 30, 2008).

H.R. 5501 (Berman)—Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008—(five-year extension of the landmark U.S. effort to fight HIV/AIDS around the world; authorizes $48 billion for prevention, treatment and care where they are most needed, and expands the program substantially to reach millions of people, primarily in Africa). P.L. 110–293 (July 30, 2008).

H.R. 6456 (Berman)—To provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes—P.L. 110–321 (September 19, 2008).


H.R. 1084 (Farr)—Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act—(authorizes assistance for stabilizing and reconstructing a country or region that is in, or is in transition from, conflict or civil strife; provisions of this bill were included in the text of S. 3001, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of 2009)—P.L. 110–417 (October 14, 2008).


Legislation Passed by the House and Senate

H.R. 2631 (Schiff)—Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act

H. Con. Res. 20 (Smith-NJ)—Inquiry into the murder of Patrick Finucane

H. Con. Res. 236 (Dreier)—Recognizing the close relationship between the U.S. and the Republic of San Marino

H. Con. Res. 318 (Payne)—Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation

H. Con. Res. 322 (Pelosi)—Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel

H. Con. Res. 337 (Allen)—Honoring the 15th anniversary of the Seeds of Peace organization

Legislation Passed by the House


H.R. 885 (Lantos)—International Nuclear Fuel for Peace and Nonproliferation Act of 2007

H.R. 957 (Ros-Lehtinen)—To amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed

H.R. 1302 (Smith-WA)—Global Poverty Act of 2007

H.R. 1400 (Lantos)—Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007

H.R. 1441 (Giffords)—Stop Arming Iran Act
H.R. 1469 (Lantos)—Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007
H.R. 1567 (Engel)—Stop Tuberculosis Now Act of 2007
H.R. 1678 (Smith-NJ)—Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2007
H.R. 2185 (Kirk)—Amend the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998
H.R. 2293 (Ackerman)—Requiring Secretary of State to submit report regarding Palestinian terrorists
H.R. 2446 (Lantos)—Afghanistan Freedom and Security Support Act of 2007
H.R. 2798 (Sherman)—OPIC Reauthorization Act of 2008
H.R. 2828 (Jackson)—Foreign Service Victims of Terrorism Act of 2007
H.R. 2929 (Lee)—Limit funds for U.S. forces in Iraq
H.R. 2949 (Wexler)—Eurasia Foundation Act
H.R. 2956 (Skelton)—Responsible Deployment from Iraq Act
H.R. 3062 (Faleomavaega)—Pacific Island Economic and Educational Development Act of 2007
H.R. 3096 (Smith-NJ)—Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2007
H.R. 3527 (Sherman)—OPIC extension for two months
H.R. 3658 (Fortuno)—Amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to U.S. territories for members of the Foreign Service
H.R. 5443 (Royce)—U.S.-Republic of Korea Defense Cooperation Improvement Act of 2008
H.R. 5916 (Berman)—Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Reform Act of 2008
H.R. 6646 (Ros-Lehtinen)—To require the Secretary of State to consult Congress on discussions of arms sales to Taiwan
H.R. 6899 (Rahall)—Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act
H.R. 7112 (Berman)—Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2008
(Note: Some of the above bills may have been incorporated into omnibus appropriations bills or other legislation.)
H. Con. Res. 7 (Lee)—Darfur
H. Con. Res. 21 (Rothman)—Calling on UN Security Council to charge Iranian leader Ahmadinejad
H. Con. Res. 63 (Skelton)—Disapproving the President’s troop surge in Iraq
H. Con. Res. 80 (Johnson, Hank)—Uganda
H. Con. Res. 100 (Lantos)—Zimbabwe
H. Con. Res. 118 (Emanuel)—Congratulating Chicago for 2016 Olympic games
H. Con. Res. 136 (Chabot)—Visits to U.S. by Taiwan officials
H. Con. Res. 139 (Franks)—India
H. Con. Res. 151 (Smith-NJ)—Murders of journalists in Russia
H. Con. Res. 152 (Lantos)—40th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem
H. Con. Res. 154 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko
H. Con. Res. 188 (Ros-Lehtinen)—AMIA attack in Buenos Aires in 1994
H. Con. Res. 200 (King)—Release Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in Burma
H. Con. Res. 203 (Kirk)—Iran
H. Con. Res. 234 (Royce)—China
H. Con. Res. 236 (Dreier)—San Marino
H. Con. Res. 255 (Ferguson)—Preservation of religious and cultural sites
H. Con. Res. 278 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Taiwan elections
H. Con. Res. 283 (Payne)—Kenya elections
H. Con. Res. 290 (Manzullo)—175th anniversary of U.S. relationship with Thailand
H. Con. Res. 317 (Holt)—Burma
H. Con. Res. 332 (Fortenberry)—60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
H. Con. Res. 344 (Jackson-Lee)—Global food crisis
H. Con. Res. 350 (Rahall)—End commercial whaling
H. Con. Res. 361 (Schakowsky)—Honoring Irena Sendler
H. Con. Res. 371 (Wexler)—Restitution for property confiscated by Nazi and Communist regimes
H. Con. Res. 374 (Wamp)—Support of interfaith dialogue
H. Res. 24 (Price)—Establishing House Democracy Assistance Commission
H. Res. 32 (Jackson-Lee)—Denouncing female genital mutilation
H. Res. 34 (Jackson-Lee)—Honoring Desmond Tutu
H. Res. 52 (McGovern)—Tribute to Reverend Waitstill Sharp and Martha Sharp
H. Res. 64 (Kirk)—Bangladesh journalist Salah Choudhury
H. Res. 98 (Payne)—Sudan's Dr. John Garang de Mabior
H. Res. 100 (Solis)—Guatemala murders
H. Res. 107 (Ackerman)—Calling for release of Israeli soldiers
H. Res. 121 (Honda)—Comfort women
H. Res. 125 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Use of civilians as human shields
H. Res. 137 (Nadler)—Jacob Birnbaum
H. Res. 149 (Schakowsky)—International Women’s Day
H. Res. 158 (Pitts)—200th anniversary of abolition of British slave trade
H. Res. 185 (Nadler)—Concern with creation of refugee populations in Middle East
H. Res. 196 (Blumenauer)—World Water Day
H. Res. 208 (Drake)—Operation Smile 25th anniversary
H. Res. 222 (McCarthy, Carolyn)—Good Friday Agreement
H. Res. 226 (Woolsey)—War Refugee Board
H. Res. 228 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Greece
H. Res. 230 (Wexler)—50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome
H. Res. 233 (Stearns)—Liechtenstein
H. Res. 238 (Crowley)—Indonesia elections
H. Res. 240 (Hastings)—International Tracing Service
H. Res. 243 (Smith-NJ)—Vietnam
H. Res. 272 (Lee)—200th anniversary of abolition of Atlantic slave trade
H. Res. 287 (Hastings)—500th anniversary of “America”
H. Res. 294 (Watson)—Lesotho
H. Res. 295 (King)—Korea
H. Res. 347 (Baca)—Cinco de Mayo
H. Res. 355 (Faleomavaega)—East-West Center
H. Res. 378 (Fortuño)—Commending Red Cross, Red Crescent, Magen David Adom Societies
H. Res. 379 (Poe)—Congratulating Nicolas Sarkozy
H. Res. 380 (Sali)—Congratulating Idaho on hosting 2009 Special Olympics Winter Games
H. Res. 395 (Lamborn)—Supporting ideals of Olympics
H. Res. 397 (Shimkus)—Estonia
H. Res. 405 (Bilirakis)—Cyprus
H. Res. 412 (Boozman)—Gratitude to the Queen of England
H. Res. 416 (King)—Tony Blair
H. Res. 418 (Engel)—CARICOM
H. Res. 422 (Lee)—People’s Republic of China
H. Res. 426 (McGovern)—Colombia
H. Res. 427 (Lantos)—Urging Canada to end seal hunts
H. Res. 430 (Van Hollen)—Iran
H. Res. 435 (Klein)—Threatening behavior by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
H. Res. 467 (Murphy)—British university boycott of Israeli academia
H. Res. 482 (Gallegly)—Northern Ireland
H. Res. 497 (Ros-Lehtinen)—People’s Republic of China suppression of Uighur people
H. Res. 500 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Opposition to natural gas cartel
H. Res. 508 (Saxton)—Japan
H. Res. 518 (Meeks)—Malaysia
H. Res. 521 (Gillibrand)—75th anniversary of the 1932 Olympics
H. Res. 548 (Ackerman)—Lebanon/Syria
H. Res. 550 (Honda)—Ethiopia
H. Res. 557 (Campbell)—U.N. Human Rights Council ignoring human rights abuses
H. Res. 564 (Engel)—Central America instability
H. Res. 573 (Moran)—Sudan crisis
H. Res. 575 (Baird)—Jordan
H. Res. 583 (Klein)—Sir Nicholas Winton
H. Res. 624 (Hastings)—Israel chairing UN committee
H. Res. 629 (Sarbanes)—Greece
H. Res. 635 (Johnson, Eddie Bernice)—Ramadan
H. Res. 639 (Gallegly)—German terrorism prevention commended
H. Res. 642 (Solis)—Sympathy to Central America for recent hurricane disasters
H. Res. 651 (Engel)—Brazil
H. Res. 676 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Taiwan
H. Res. 708 (Sanchez, Loretta)—Luciano Pavarotti
H. Res. 726 (DeLauro)—Sexual violence against women
H. Res. 738 (Ackerman)—Syria
H. Res. 740 (Jackson-Lee)—Sudan
H. Res. 747 (Wilson)—Diwali
H. Res. 811 (Price-NC)—Afghanistan terrorist bombing
H. Res. 812 (Sanchez, Linda)—Mexico
H. Res. 838 (McCotter)—Pope Benedict XVI’s first visit to U.S.
H. Res. 842 (Rothman)—Cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh
H. Res. 847 (King-IA)—Christmas importance
H. Res. 854 (Hastings-FL)—Gratitude to International Tracing Service
H. Res. 865 (Clarke)—Crime and violence in Caribbean countries
H. Res. 909 (Meek)—Haiti
H. Res. 912 (Ackerman)—Pakistan
H. Res. 937 (Burgess)—American Red Cross
H. Res. 947 (Royce)—Conratulating President of the Republic of Korea
H. Res. 951 (Garrett)—Condemning Palestinian rocket attacks on Israel
H. Res. 997 (Wexler)—NATO Membership Action Plan with Georgia and Ukraine
H. Res. 1008 (Kirk)—Persecution of Iranian Bahai’s
H. Res. 1011 (Wolf)—Chad
H. Res. 1022 (Capps)—Reducing maternal mortality
H. Res. 1024 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Greek independence anniversary
H. Res. 1063 (Wu)—Treaty of Paris
H. Res. 1069 (Crowley)—Condemning the broadcasting of incitement of violence in Middle East
H. Res. 1077 (Pelosi)—China/Tibet/Dalai Lama
H. Res. 1090 (Jefferson-LA)—Nelson Mandela’s birthday
H. Res. 1109 (Sires)—Dith Pran
H. Res. 1127 (Ackerman)—Freedom of press in Middle East
H. Res. 1159 (Cummings)—Sloop-of-War Constellation
H. Res. 1166 (Wexler)—Russia/Georgia
H. Res. 1181 (Crowley)—Burma
H. Res. 1194 (Berman)—Lebanon
H. Res. 1195 (Wu)—Earthquake in China
H. Res. 1227 (Maloney, Carolyn)—Congo
H. Res. 1230 (Payne)—Zimbabwe
H. Res. 1254 (Engel)—Joint Action Plan with Brazil to end discrimination
H. Res. 1266 (Galleghy)—Albania/Croatia
H. Res. 1270 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Zimbabwe
H. Res. 1279 (Terry)—Special Olympics
H. Res. 1307 (Baird)—Kingdom of Bhutan
H. Res. 1314 (Levin)—Ukrainian famine
H. Res. 1351 (Chabot)—UNAMID in Darfur
H. Res. 1361 (Berman)—Durban conference
H. Res. 1369 (Lee)—Peace between Israelis and Palestinians
H. Res. 1370 (Berman)—PRC human rights abuses
H. Res. 1383 (Wilson)—Bulgaria
H. Res. 1402 (Crowley)—Bangladesh
H. Res. 1420 (Hoyer)—9–11 attacks
H. Res. 1435 (Hodes)—70th anniversary of the Night of Broken Glass
H. Res. 1451 (McGovern)—Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Establishment
H. Res. 1461 (Scott)—Tanzania
H. Res. 1527 (Emanuel)—Paralympic Games
H. Res. 1532 (McCarthy, Carolyn)—India

Resolutions of Inquiry

There were no Resolutions of Inquiry considered by the Committee during the 110th Congress.

A. Full Committee Markup Summaries

Foreign Affairs Committee—110th—Legislation Marked Up

2/15/07

H.R. 957 (Ros-Lehtinen), To amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed Iran Sanctions Act Amendments—was reported favorably to the House, as amended.

The Chair asked Unanimous Consent that the following legislation be considered by the House under suspension of the rules. There was no objection:

H. Res. 98 (Payne), Honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of the Sudan (as amended);
H.R. 987 (Tanner), NATO Freedom Consolidation Act of 2007;
H.R. 1003 (Watson), To amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy;
H. Res. 107 (Ackerman), Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldiers held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah, and for other purposes (as amended);
H. Res. 149 (Schakowsky), Supporting the goals of International Women’s Day; and
H. Res. 64 (Kirk), Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Bangladesh should immediately drop all pending charges against Bangladeshi journalist Salah Uddin Shoaiib Choudhury (as amended).

3/27/07

The following bills were favorably reported to the House by voice vote:

H.R. 982 (Lantos)—the ADVANCE Democracy Act of 2007;
H.R. 1405 (DeLauro)—the Wildlife Global Animal Information Network for Surveillance Act (as amended by a Lantos amendment in the nature of a substitute);
H.R. 1441 (Giffords)—to prohibit the sale by the Department of Defense of parts for F–14 fighter aircraft;
H.R. 1469 (Lantos)—the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007;
H.R. 1678 (Smith-NJ)—the Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2007; and
H.R. 1681 (Lantos), the American National Red Cross Governance Modernization Act of 2007 (as amended by two Jackson-Lee amendments to Sec. 2(b)(4) and Sec. 2(a)(5)).

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to move the following resolutions to the House Floor to be considered under suspension of the rules (and there was no objection):

H. Res. 100 (Solis)—Expressing the sympathy of the House of Representatives to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and encouraging the Government of Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes;

H. Res. 125 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Expressing deep concern over the use of civilians as 'human shields' in violation of international humanitarian law and the law of war during armed conflict, including Hezbollah's tactic of embedding its forces among civilians to use them as human shields during the summer of 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and the State of Israel (as amended by the Ros-Lehtinen amendment);

H. Res. 158 (Pitts)—Observing the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery, and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world (as amended by the Lantos amendment);

H. Res. 196 (Blumenauer)—Supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day;

H. Res. 240 (Hastings-FL)—Urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany;

H. Res. 267 (Kirk)—Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of British marines and sailors held captive by Iran, and for other purposes; and

H. Con. Res. 100 (Lantos)—Condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society.

5/23/07:

H.R. 2420, the International Climate Cooperation Re-Engagement Act of 2007, was favorably reported to the House, as amended, by a recorded vote of 29–16.

The following bills were favorably reported to the House, by voice vote:

H.R. 885, International Nuclear Fuel for Peace and Nonproliferation Act of 2007, AS AMENDED (Lantos substitute); and


The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to request that the following measures be considered by the House under suspension of the rules, and there was no objection:

S. 676, To provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation;

H. Con. Res. 80, Calling on the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to recommit to a political solution to the conflict in northern Uganda and to recommence vital peace talks, and urging immediate and substantial support for the ongoing peace process from the United States and the international community, as amended;

H. Con. Res. 151, Noting the disturbing pattern of killings of dozens of independent journalists in Russia over the last decade, and calling on Russian President Vladimir Putin to authorize cooperation with outside investigators in solving these murders, as amended;

H. Con. Res. 152, Relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem;

H. Res. 137, Honoring the life and six decades of public service of Jacob Birnbaum and especially his commitment freeing Soviet Jews from religious, cultural, and communal extinction, as amended;

H. Res. 226, To recognize John Pehle for his contributions to the Nation in helping rescue Jews and other minorities from the Holocaust during World War II, as amended;

H. Res. 233, Recognizing over 200 years of sovereignty of the Principality of Liechtenstein, and expressing support for efforts by the United States continue to strengthen its relationship with that country, as amended;

H. Res. 295, Recognizing the strong alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States and expressing appreciation to the Republic of Korea for its efforts in the global war against terrorism, as amended;

H. Res. 395, Supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic movement; H.

H. Res. 397, Condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia, as amended;

H. Res. 412, Expressing gratitude to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for their State Visit to the United States and reaffirming the friendship that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom, as amended;

H. Res. 418, Recognizing and welcoming the delegation of Presidents, Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers from the Caribbean to Washington, D.C., and commending the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for holding the Conference on the Caribbean;

H. Res. 422, Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan; and

H. Res. 430, Calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately release Dr. Haleh Esfandiari, as amended.
H.R. 1400 (Lantos)—Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007—reported favorably to the House, as amended, by a vote of 37–1.

H.R. 2844 (Lantos)—Food Security and Agricultural Development Act of 2007—reported favorably to the House by a vote of 38–9, as amended.

H. Res. 121 (Honda)—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge, apologize, and accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequivocal manner for its Imperial Armed Force’s coercion of young women into sexual slavery, known to the world as “comfort women”, during its colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II—reported favorably to the House, by a vote of 39–2, as amended.

H.R. 2798 (Sherman)—Overseas Private Investment Corporation Reauthorization Act of 2007—reported favorably to the House, as amended, by a vote of 23–5, with one voting “present.”

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to report the following bills favorably to the House, and there was no objection:

- H.R. 176 (Lee)—Shirley A. Chisholm United States-Caribbean Educational Exchange Act of 2007, as amended; and

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to request that the following measures be considered by the House under suspension of the rules, and there was no objection:

- H.R. 2293 (Ackerman)—To require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on efforts to bring to justice the Palestinian terrorists who killed John Branchizio, Mark Parson, and John Marin Linde;
- S. 377—United States-Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange Act of 2007;
- H. Res. 208 (Drake)—Honoring Operation Smile in the 25th Anniversary year of its founding, as amended;
- H. Res. 287 (Hastings-FL)—To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the first use of the name “America”, and for other purposes, as amended;
- H. Res. 294 (Watson)—Commending the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women’s Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights, as amended;
- H. Res. 378 (Fortuno)—Honoring World Red Cross Red Crescent Day, as amended;
- H. Res. 380 (Sali)—Commending Idaho on winning the bid to host the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games;
- H. Res. 426 (McGovern)—Recognizing 2007 as the Year of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons in Colombia, and offering support for efforts to ensure that the internally displaced people of Colombia receive the assistance and protection they need to rebuild their lives successfully, as amended;
- H. Res. 427 (Lantos)—Urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt;
- H. Res. 467 (Patrick J. Murphy)—Condemning the decision by the University and College Union of the United Kingdom to support a boycott of Israeli academia, as amended;
H. Res. 482 (Gallegly)—Expressing support for the new power-sharing government in Northern Ireland;
H. Res. 497 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release from custody the children of Rebiya Kadeer and Canadian citizen Huseyin Celil and should refrain from further engaging in acts of cultural, linguistic, and religious suppression directed against the Uyghur people, and for other purposes;
H. Res. 500 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in opposition to efforts by major natural gas exporting countries to establish a cartel or other mechanism to manipulate the supply of natural gas to the world market for the purpose of setting an arbitrary and nonmarket price or as an instrument of political pressure, as amended;
H. Con. Res. 136 (Chabot)—Expressing the sense of Congress regarding high level visits to the United States by democratically-elected officials of Taiwan, as amended; and
H. Con. Res. 139 (Franks-AZ)—Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should address the ongoing problem of untouchability in India, as amended.

7/31/07

H.R. 3096 (CHRIS SMITH), Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2007—reported favorably to the House, as amended by an amendment in the nature of a substitute (Smith-NJ), by voice vote.
H.R. 1567 (ENGEL), Stop Tuberculosis (TB) Now Act of 2007—reported favorably to the House, as amended by an amendment in the nature of a substitute (Engel), by voice vote.
The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to request consideration of the following legislation in the House under suspension of the rules, and there was no objection:
H.R. 1302 (ADAM SMITH), Global Poverty Act of 2007, as amended;
H.R. 2185 (KIRK–R), To amend the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 to provide debt relief to developing countries that take action to protect forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems, to reauthorize such Act through fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes, as amended;
H.R. 3062 (FALEOMAVAEGA), South Pacific Economic and Educational Development Act of 2007, as amended;
H. Res. 32 (JACKSON-LEE), Denouncing the practices of female genital mutilation, domestic violence, “honor” killings, acid burning, dowry deaths, and other gender-based persecutions and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that participation, protection, recognition, and independence of women is crucial to achieving a just, moral, and honorable society, as amended;
H. Res. 34 (JACKSON-LEE), Recognizing the 75th birthday of Desmond Mpilo Tutu, South African Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient, as amended;
H. Res. 238 (CROWLEY), Commending the first democratic elections in Aceh, a province in Sumatra, Indonesia, and expressing support for the further democratic development and implementation of the Helsinki Memorandum of Understanding;
H. Res. 508 (SAXTON–R), Recognizing the strong security alliance between the Government of Japan and the United States and expressing appreciation to Japan for its role in enhancing stability in the Asia-Pacific region and its efforts in the global war against terrorism, as amended;

H. Res. 518 (MEEKS), Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Malaysia’s independence, as amended;

H. Res. 548 (ACKERMAN), Expressing the ongoing concern of the House of Representatives for Lebanon’s democratic institutions and unwavering support for the administration of justice upon those responsible for the assassination of Lebanese public figures opposing Syrian control of Lebanon, as amended;

H. Res. 557 (CAMPBELL–R), Strongly condemning the United Nations Human Rights Council for ignoring severe human rights abuses in various countries, while choosing to unfairly target Israel by including it as the only country permanently placed on the Council’s agenda, as amended;

H. Res. 564 (ENGEL), Recognizing that violence poses an increasingly serious threat to peace and stability in Central America and supporting expanded cooperation between the United States and the countries of Central America to combat crime and violence;

H. Res. 575 (BAIRD), Commending the people and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for their continued commitment to holding elections and broadening participation, and for other purposes; and

H. Res. 583 (RON KLEIN), Recognizing the remarkable example of Sir Nicholas Winton who organized the rescue of 669 Jewish Czechoslovakian children from Nazi death camps prior to the outbreak of World War II.

9/26/07

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to request consideration of the following legislation in the House under suspension of the rules, and there was no objection:

H.R. 2828, To provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of United States Embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998, as amended;

H.R. 3432, 200th Anniversary Commemoration Commission of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act of 2007, as amended;

H. Res. 405, Expressing the strong support of the House of Representatives for implementation of the July 8, 2006, United Nations-brokered agreement between President of the Republic of Cyprus Tassos Papadopoulos and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat relating to the reunification of Cyprus, as amended;

H. Res. 624, Congratulating the State of Israel on chairing a United Nations committee for the first time in history, as amended;

H. Res. 635, Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith, as amended;

H. Res. 651, Recognizing the warm friendship and expanding strategic relationship between the United States and Brazil, commending Brazil on successfully reducing its dependence on oil by finding alternative ways to satisfy its energy needs, and recog-
nizing the importance of the March 9, 2007, United States-Brazil Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on biofuels cooperation, as amended;

H. Con. Res. 200, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, as amended; and

H. Con. Res. 203, Condemning the persecution of labor rights advocates in Iran, as amended.

H.R. 2003, the Ethiopia Democracy and Accountability Act of 2007, as amended;


H. Res. 676, Declaring that it should continue to be the policy of the United States, consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act, to make available to Taiwan such defense articles and services as may be necessary for Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability, as amended.

10/10/07

H. Res. 106 (Schiff)—Affirmation of the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide Resolution—motion to report favorably: agreed to by a vote of 27–21.

10/23/07

The following bills were favorably reported by the Committee by voice vote:

H.R. 3887 (Lantos), William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2007, as amended; and

H.R. 275 (Smith–NJ), Global Online Freedom Act of 2007, as amended.

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent that the following bills be favorably reported by the Committee, and there was no objection:

H.R. 1746 (Ros-Lehtinen), Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2007, as amended; and

H.R. 3890 (Lantos), Block Burma JADE Act of 2007, as amended.

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to request consideration of the following legislation in the House under suspension of the rules, and there was no objection:

H.R. 2705 (Christensen), Compacts of Free Association Amendments Act of 2007, as amended;

H.R. 2949 (Wexler), Eurasia Foundation Act, as amended;


H.R. 3912 (Lantos), Naval Vessel Transfer Act of 2007;

H.R. 3913 (Ros-Lehtinen), To amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act;

H. Res. 435 (Klein–FL), Expressing concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Iranian regime and its leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and the activities of terrorist organizations sponsored by that regime in Latin America, as amended;

H. Res. 550 (Honda), Congratulating the people of Ethiopia on the second millennium of Ethiopia, and for other purposes, as amended;
H. Res. 573 (Moran–VA), Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes, as amended;

H. Res. 726 (DeLauro), Calling on the President of the United States and the international community to take immediate steps to respond to and prevent acts of rape and sexual violence against women and girls in Darfur, Sudan, eastern Chad and the Central African Republic, as amended;

H. Res. 740 (Jackson-Lee), Condemning in the strongest terms the attacks on African Union peacekeepers that occurred in Haskanita, Darfur, Sudan, on September 29, 2007, as amended;

H. Res. 747 (Wilson–SC), Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali;

H. Con. Res. 234 (Royce), Calling on the government of the People's Republic of China to respect the human rights of North Korean refugees; and

H. Con. Res. 236 (Dreier), Recognizing the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino, as amended.

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H.R. 5501 (Berman)—The Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008—reported favorably by voice vote.

H.R. 1084 (Farr)—Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act of 2007—the Chairman asked Unanimous Consent that H.R. 1084 be favorably reported by the Committee, as amended (Berman substitute), and there was no objection.

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to request consideration of the following legislation in the House under suspension of the rules, and there was no objection:

H. Res. 185 (Nadler)—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations, as amended (Berman substitute);

H. Res. 854 (Hastings–FL)—Expressing gratitude to all of the member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting open access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany, as amended (Wexler substitute);

H. Res. 865 (Clarke)—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries to address crime and violence in the region, as amended (Engel substitute);

H. Res. 951 (Garret–NJ)—Condemning the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians, and for other purposes, as amended (Berman/Ros-Lehtinen substitute);
H. Con. Res. 154 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Expressing the sense of Congress that the fatal radiation poisoning of Russian dissident and writer Alexander Litvinenko raises significant concerns about the potential involvement of elements of the Russian Government in Mr. Litvinenko’s death and about the security and proliferation of radioactive materials, as amended (Ros-Lehtinen substitute);

H. Con. Res. 255 (Ferguson)—Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the United States commitment to preservation of religious and cultural sites and condemning instances where sites are desecrated, as amended (Wexler substitute);

H. Con. Res. 278 (Ros-Lehtinen)—Supporting Taiwan’s fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008, as amended (Berman/Ros-Lehtinen substitute); and

H. Con. Res. 290 (Manzullo)—Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the special relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand, as amended (Manzullo substitute).

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to request consideration of the following legislation in the House under suspension of the rules, and there was no objection:

H.R. 3658 (Fortuno), To amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service;

H. Res. 1011 (Wolf), Calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace and good governance in Chad, as well as in the wider region that includes the northern region of the Central African Republic and the Darfur region of Sudan, as amended (Berman);

H. Res. 1063 (Wu), Marking the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris of 1783, which ended the Revolutionary War with the Kingdom of Great Britain and recognized the independence of the United States of America, and acknowledging the shared values and close friendship between the peoples and governments of the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

H. Res. 1109 (Sires), Honoring the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life’s work and continuing to acknowledge and remember the victims of genocides that have taken place around the globe;

H. Res. 1127 (Ackerman), Condemning the endemic restrictions on freedom of the press and media and public expression in the Middle East and the concurrent and widespread presence of anti-Semitic material, Holocaust denial, and incitement to violence in the Arab media and press, as amended (Ackerman);
H. Res. 1166 (Wexler), Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding provocative and dangerous statements and actions taken by the Government of the Russian Federation that undermine the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia;

H. Con. Res. 317 (Holt), Condemning the Burmese regime’s undemocratic constitution and scheduled referendum;

H. Con. Res. 318 (Payne), Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation, as amended (Payne);

H. Con. Res. 332 (Fortenberry), Recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as amended (Berman); and

H. Con. Res. 337 (Allen), Honoring the Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict.

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The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to request consideration of the following legislation in the House under suspension of the rules and there was no objection:

H. Res. 1194 (Berman)—Reaffirming the support of the House of Representatives for the legitimate, democratically-elected Government of Lebanon under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora; and

H. Res. 1195 (Wu)—Expressing condolences and sympathy to the people of the People’s Republic of China for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by the massive earthquake centered in Sichuan Province.

There were no amendments to the above.

H.R. 6028 (Berman)—the Merida Initiative to Combat Illicit Narcotics and Reduce Organized Crime Authorization Act of 2008, was reported favorably to the House, as amended, by voice vote. The following amendments were considered:

1) Mr. Burton—to Sec. 123(4)(A)—regarding microenterprise development assistance—AGREED TO BY VOICE VOTE
2) Mr. Fortenberry—to Sec. 503(b)—regarding displacement and diversion of drug trafficking patterns—AGREED TO BY VOICE VOTE
3) Mr. Poe—to Sec. 115(a) and at the end of the bill—regarding funds to U.S. border law enforcement agencies—WITHDRAWN
4) Mr. Meeks—to Sec. 2(2)—includes Haiti and the Dominican Republic—AGREED TO BY VOICE VOTE
5) Mr. Bilirakis—to Sec. 503(b)—regarding impact on border violence and security—AGREED TO BY VOICE VOTE
6) Mr. McCaul—at the end of Title IV—adds new section for funding certain DOJ programs—WITHDRAWN
7) Mr. Tancredo—to Section 301(a) and Section 301(b)—adds to conditions on provision of assistance—DEFEATED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 10–23

Voting yes: Giffords, Burton, Rohrabacher, Royce, Tancredo, Wilson, Barrett, McCaul, Poe and Bilirakis

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(8) Ms. Jackson Lee—at the end of Title IV—adds new section on report on U.S. Government resources—WITHDRAWN

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H.R. 3202 (Smith-NJ), Foreign Service Overseas Pay Equity Act of 2007, was reported favorably to the House, as amended (Smith Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute), by voice vote;

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to report the following legislation in the House, as amended (Berman Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute), and there was no objection:

H.R. 6328 (Berman), To develop a policy to address the critical needs of Iraqi refugees.

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to request consideration of the following legislation in the House under suspension of the rules, and there was no objection:

H.R. 6456 (Berman), To provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes, as amended (Fortuno amendment adding new section regarding U.S. territories);

H. Res. 937 (Burgess), Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the emergency communications services provided by the American Red Cross are vital resources for military service members and their families, as amended (Berman/Ros-Lehtinen Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute);

H. Res. 1008 (Kirk), Condemning the persecution of Baha’is in Iran, as amended (Berman/Ros-Lehtinen Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute);

H. Res. 1069 (Crowley), Condemning the use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children, as amended (Bilirakis/Crowley Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute);

H. Res. 1159 (Cummings), Recognizing the historical significance of the United States sloop-of-war Constellation as a surviving witness to the horrors of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and a leading participant in America’s effort to end the practice;

H. Res. 1254 (Engel), Supporting the values and goals of the ‘Joint Action Plan Between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United States of America to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and Promote Equality’, signed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Brazilian Minister of Racial Integration Edson Santos on March 13, 2008, as amended (Engel amendment striking the preamble and inserting new whereas clauses);

H. Res. 1266 (Gallegly), Congratulating Albania and Croatia on being invited to begin accession talks with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and expressing support for continuing to enlarge the alliance, as amended (Gallegly Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute);

H. Res. 1279 (Terry), Recognizing the Special Olympics’ 40th anniversary;

H. Res. 1290 (Berman), Joining the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in observance of World Refugee Day and calling on the United States Government, international organizations, and aid groups to take immediate steps to secure urgently needed humanitarian relief for the more than 2,000,000 peo-
ple displaced by genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan, as amended (Berman Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute);

H. Res. 1307 (Baird), Commemorating the Kingdom of Bhutan's participation in the 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival and commending the people and the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan for their commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation;

H. Con. Res. 344 (Jackson Lee), Recognizing that we are facing a global food crisis, as amended (Jackson Lee Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute);

H. Con. Res. 361 (Schakowsky), Commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope; and

H. Con. Res. 371 (Wexler), Strongly supporting an immediate and just restitution of, or compensation for, property illegally confiscated during the last century by Nazi and Communist regimes, as amended (Wexler Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute).

7/24/08

(1) H.R. 6574 (Berman), United States-Russian Federation Nuclear Cooperation Agreement Act of 2008—was reported favorably to the House, by voice vote.

(2) H. Res. 1370 (Berman), Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to immediately end abuses of the human rights of its citizens, to cease repression of Tibetan and Uighur citizens, and to end its support for the Governments of Sudan and Burma to ensure that the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games take place in an atmosphere that honors the Olympic traditions of freedom and openness.

• agreed by voice vote to an en bloc amendment offered by Mr. Smith (NJ) comprised of:

  Smith (NJ) amendment on coercive population control;
  Smith (NJ) amendment on political prisoner list published by the Congressional-Executive Commission on China; and
  Rohrabacher amendment to the title and text (deleting the word “citizens” after Uighur and inserting the word, “people”), and striking the word “reportedly” in the 18th Whereas clause.

• motion offered that the Chairman seek consideration of H. Res. 1370, as amended, in the House under suspension of the rules, and was agreed to by voice vote.

The Chairman asked Unanimous Consent to request consideration of the following legislation in the House under suspension of the rules, and there was no objection:

H. Res. 1351 (Chabot), Expressing support for the United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) and calling upon United Nations Member States and the international community to contribute the resources necessary to ensure the success of UNAMID, as amended by a Berman amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H. Res. 1361 (Berman), Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should lead a high-level diplomatic effort to defeat the campaign by some members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to divert the United Na-
tion’s Durban Review Conference from a review of problems in their own and other countries by attacking Israel, promoting anti-Semitism, and undermining the Universal Charter of Human Rights and to ensure that the Durban Review Conference serves as a forum to review commitments to combat all forms of racism;

H. Res. 1369 (Lee), Recognizing nongovernmental organizations working to bring just and lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians; and

H. Con. Res. 374 (Wamp), Supporting the spirit of peace and desire for unity displayed in the letter from 138 leading Muslim scholars, and in the Pope’s response, as amended by the Berman/Ros-Lehtinen amendment in the nature of a substitute.

9/17/08

H.R. 6911 (Berman)—the STAND for Georgia Act of 2008

—Smith (NJ) en bloc amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

A motion was offered that the Chairman request consideration of the legislation, as amended, in the House under suspension of the rules. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 24–9.

Voting AYE: Berman, Ackerman, Faleomavaega, Payne, Wexler, Engel, Carnahan, Woolsey, Crowley, Wu, Miller, Scott, Costa, Sires, Giffords, Klein, Ros-Lehtinen, Smith (NJ), Chabot, Pence, Wilson, Barrett, Inglis, and Bilirakis.

Voting NO: Sherman, Delahunt, Meeks, Smith (WA), Gallegly, Rohrabacher, Royce, Paul, and Flake.

B. Legislative Reports Filed


H.R. 957—To amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed (H. Rept. 110–163, part 1)


H.R. 1084—Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act of 2008 (H. Rept. 110–537)

H.R. 1400—Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007 (H. Rept. 110–294, part 1)


H.R. 1567—Stop Tuberculosis (TB) Now Act of 2007 (H. Rept. 110–381, part 1)

H.R. 1678—Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2007 (H. Rept. 110–103, part 1)

H.R. 1681—American National Red Cross Governance Modernization Act of 2007 (H. Rept. 110–87)


IV. LIST OF MEETINGS OF THE FULL COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Full Committee Hearings

2007

January 11th—Briefing on Iraq—The Honorable Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State

January 11th—Briefing on Next Steps in the Iran Crisis—The Honorable Thomas R. Pickering, Former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; The Honorable R. James Woolsey, Jr., Former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency

January 17th—Briefing on Iraq—The Honorable Madeleine Albright, Former Secretary of State

January 18th—Briefing on North Korea—The Honorable William Perry, Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution; Former Secretary of Defense; The Honorable James Lilley, Former Ambassador to South Korea
January 19th—Briefing on The Baker Hamilton Commission Report—The Honorable Lee Hamilton, Co-Chair of the Iraq Study Group (Baker Hamilton Commission)

January 23rd—FC Markup—H. Res. 24, Establishing the House Democracy Assistance Commission for the One Hundred Tenth Congress; and H. Con. Res. 20, Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process.

January 31st—Understanding the Iran Crisis—Dr. Abbas Milani, Co-Director of Iran Democracy Project, Hoover Institution, Stanford; Dr. Ray Takeyh, Senior Fellow for Middle East on Council of Foreign Relations; Mr. Enders Wimbush, Director of Center for Future Security Strategy

February 7th—The Int’l Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2008—The Honorable Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State

February 8th—The Escalating Crisis in Darfur: Are There Prospects for Peace?—The Honorable Andrew Natsios, Special Envoy to Sudan

February 13th—The Future of the UN under Ban Ki-Moon—The Honorable Timothy E. Wirth, President, United Nations Foundation, Former United States Senator, Colorado; The Honorable George Mitchell, Former United States Senate Majority Leader, Former Co-Chair, United States Institute for Peace Task Force on the United Nations; The Honorable John Bolton, Former United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations

February 15th—FC Markup:
- H. Res. 98, Honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to a just and lasting peace in the Republic of the Sudan;
- H.R. 957, To amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to expand and clarify the entities against which sanctions may be imposed Iran Sanctions Act Amendments;
- H.R. 1003, To amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy;
- H. Res. 107, Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldiers held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah, and for other purposes;
- H. Res. 149, Supporting the goals of International Women’s Day; and
- H. Res. 64, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Bangladesh should immediately drop all pending charges against Bangladeshi journalist Salah Uddin Shoaiib Choudhury.

February 15th—Afghanistan on the Brink: Where Do We Go from Here?—

Panel I: The Honorable Mark Steven Kirk, Member of Congress
Panel II: Lieutenant General David Barno, USA, Retired, Director Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies; Mr. Peter Bergen, Journalist and Senior Fellow, New America Foundation;
Mr. Anthony H. Cordesman, Arleigh A. Burke Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies

February 28th—Iraq and U.S. Foreign Policy—The Honorable Richard C. Holbrooke, Vice Chairman, Perseus LLC, Former United States Ambassador to the United Nations; Mr. Frederick W. Kagan, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute

February 28th—North Korea: The February 13th Agreement—The Honorable Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

March 6th—The Iranian Challenge—The Honorable Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, U.S. State Department

March 8th—Foreign Assistance Reform—The Honorable Randall L. Tobias, Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance and USAID Administrator, U.S. Department of State

March 13th—Tibet: Status of the Sino-Tibetan Dialogue—The Honorable Paula J. Dobriansky, Under Secretary, Democracy and Global Affairs, U.S. Department of State; His Excellency Lodi G. Gyari, Special Envoy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Mr. Richard Gere, Chairman of the Board of Directors, International Campaign for Tibet

March 14th—The American Red Cross Governance Reform—The Honorable Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, Chairwoman American Red Cross; Karen Hastie Williams, J.D., Partner, Retired, Crowell & Moring, LLP

March 20th—Proposed Legislation on Iraq—Members of Congress

March 22nd—Foreign Policy & National Security Implications of Oil Dependence—The Honorable John M. Deutch, Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency); Daniel Yergin, Ph.D., Chairman, Cambridge Energy Research Associates, Inc.; Ariel Cohen, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation

March 27th—FC Markup:

H. R. 982, the ADVANCE Democracy Act of 2007;
H. R. 1405, Wildlife Global Animal Information Network for Surveillance Act;
H. R. 1441, to prohibit the sale by the Department of Defense of parts for F–14 fighter aircraft;
H. R. 1469, the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007;
H. R. 1678, the Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2007;
H. R. 1681, the American Red Cross Governance Modernization Act of 2007;
H. Res. 100, Expressing the sympathy of the House of Representatives to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala and encouraging the Government of Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes;
H. Res. 125, Expressing deep concern over the use of civilians as “human shields” in violation of international humanitarian law and the law of war during armed conflict, including Hezbollah’s tactic of embedding its forces among civilians to use them as human shields during the summer of 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and the State of Israel;
H. Res. 158, Observing the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade and encouraging the people of the United States, particularly the youth of the United States, to remember the life and legacy of William Wilberforce, a member of the British House of Commons who devoted his life to the suppression and abolition of the institution of slavery, and to work for the protection of human rights throughout the world;

H. Res. 196, Supporting the goals and ideals of World Water Day;

H. Res. 240, Urging all member countries of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) to expedite the ratification process to allow for open access to the Holocaust archives located at Bad Arolsen, Germany;

H. Res. 267, Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of British marines and sailors held captive by Iran, and for other purposes; and

H. Con. Res. 100, Condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society.

March 29th—The 2007 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices and the promotion of Human Rights in U.S. Foreign Policy—The Honorable Harold Hongju Koh, Dean, Yale Law School, (Former Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor at the Department of State); The Honorable John Shattuck, Chief Executive Officer, The John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, (Former Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor at the Department of State)

April 17th—The Outlook for the Independence of Kosovo—The Honorable R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, U.S. Department of State

April 19th—FC Markup:

H. Res. 243, Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van Dai, Le Thi Cong Nhan, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, and for other purposes;

H. Res. 272, Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade;

H. Con Res. 7, Calling on the “League of Arab States to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur.

Hearing—Current Situation in Darfur—Mr. John Prendergast, Senior Advisor, International Crisis Group; Ms. Mia Farrow, Actress, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador; Alex de Waal, Ph.D., Director, Social Science Research Council, Lecturer, Harvard University


May 1st—The Future of Political, Economic and Security Relations with China—The Honorable John D. Negroponte, Deputy Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State

May 10th—Every State a Superpower? Stopping the Spread of Nuclear Weapons in the 21st Century—The Honorable Sam Nunn, Co-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Nuclear Threat Initia-
tive, (Former U.S. Senator from Georgia); Mr. Joseph Cirincione, Vice President for National Security, Center for American Progress; Mr. Henry Sokolski, Executive Director, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center

May 15th—U.S. Re-Engagement in the Global Effort to Fight Climate Change—The Honorable Eileen Claussen, President, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, (Former Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs); David John Jhirad, Ph.D., Vice President for Science and Research, World Resources Institute; W. David Montgomery, Ph.D., Vice President, CRA International

May 17th—Russia: Rebuilding the Iron Curtain—Stephen Sestanovich, Ph.D., George F. Kennan Senior Fellow for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Council on Foreign Relations; Michael McFaul, Ph.D., Professor, Stanford University; Mr. David Satter, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute

May 22nd—Iraq: Is Reconstruction Failing?—Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., J.D., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction

May 23rd—FC Markup:

- H.R. 2446, the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2007;
- H.R. 2420, the International Climate Cooperation Re-Engagement Act of 2007;
- S. 676, To provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation;
- H. Con. Res. 80, Calling on the Government of Uganda and the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) to recommit to a political solution to the conflict in northern Uganda and to recommence vital peace talks, and urging immediate and substantial support for the ongoing peace process from the United States and the international community;
- H. Con. Res. 151, Noting the disturbing pattern of killings of dozens of independent journalists in Russia over the last decade, and calling on Russian President Vladimir Putin to authorize cooperation with outside investigators in solving these murders;
- H. Con. Res. 152, Relating to the 40th anniversary of the Six Day War and the reunification of the City of Jerusalem;
- H. Res. 137, Honoring the life and six decades of public service of Jacob Birnbaum and especially his commitment freeing Soviet Jews from religious, cultural, and communal extinction;
- H. Res. 226, To recognize John Pehle for his contributions to the Nation in helping rescue Jews and other minorities from the Holocaust during World War II;
H. Res. 233, Recognizing over 200 years of sovereignty of the Principality of Liechtenstein, and expressing support for efforts by the United States continue to strengthen its relationship with that country;

H. Res. 295, Recognizing the strong alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States and expressing appreciation to the Republic of Korea for its efforts in the global war against terrorism;

H. Res. 395, Supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic movement;

H. Res. 397, Condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia’s embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia;

H. Res. 412, Expressing gratitude to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for their State Visit to the United States and reaffirming the friendship that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom;

H. Res. 418, Recognizing and welcoming the delegation of Presidents, Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers from the Caribbean to Washington, D.C., and commending the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for holding the Conference on the Caribbean;

H. Res. 422, Calling on the Government of the People’s Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan; and

H. Res. 430, Calling for the Government of Iran to immediately release three dual American-Iranian citizens currently being held unjustly.

June 6th—U.S. Policy Challenges in North Africa—The Honorable C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State

June 14th—Deal or No Deal: The State of the Trans-Atlantic Relationship—The Honorable Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Former Secretary of State

June 19th—South America and the United States: How to Fix a Broken Relationship—Mr. Michael Shifter, Vice-President for Policy, Inter-American Dialogue; Mr. Peter H. Smith, Simón Bolívar Professor of Latin American Studies, University of California, San Diego; Jaime Daramblum, Ph.D., Director, Center for Latin American Studies, Senior Fellow Hudson Institute

June 22nd—The Future of NATO: How Valuable an Asset?—The Honorable Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State; General Bantz J. Craddock, Commander, U.S. European Command, Supreme Allied Command of Europe, United States Army

June 26th—FC Markup:

H.R. 1400, Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007;

H.R. 2844, Food Security and Agricultural Development Act of 2007;

H. Res. 121, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge, apologize, and accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequivocal manner for its Imperial Armed Force’s coercion of young women into sexual slavery, known to the world
as “comfort women”, during its colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II;

H.R. 2798, Overseas Private Investment Corporation Reauthorization Act of 2007;


H.R. 2293, To require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on efforts to bring to justice the Palestinian terrorists who killed John Branchizio, Mark Parson, and John Marin Linde;


H. Res. 208, Honoring Operation Smile in the 25th Anniversary year of its founding;

H. Res. 287, To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the first use of the name “America”, and for other purposes;

H. Res. 294, Commending the Kingdom of Lesotho, on the occasion of International Women’s Day, for the enactment of a law to improve the status of married women and ensure the access of married women to property rights;

H. Res. 378, Honoring World Red Cross Red Crescent Day;

H. Res. 380, Resolution commending Idaho on winning the bid to host the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games;

H. Res. 426, Recognizing 2007 as the Year of the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons in Colombia, and offering support for efforts to ensure that the internally displaced people of Colombia receive the assistance and protection they need to rebuild their lives successfully;

H. Res. 427, Urging the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt;

H. Res. 467, Condemning the decision by the University and College Union of the United Kingdom to support a boycott of Israeli academia;

H. Res. 482, Expressing support for the new power-sharing government in Northern Ireland;

H. Res. 497, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release from custody the children of Rebiya Kadeer and Canadian citizen Huseyin Celil and should refrain from further engaging in acts of cultural, linguistic, and religious suppression directed against the Uyghur people, and for other purposes;

H. Res. 500, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in opposition to efforts by major natural gas exporting countries to establish a cartel or other mechanism to manipulate the supply of natural gas to the world market for the purpose of setting an arbitrary and nonmarket price or as an instrument of political pressure;

H. Con. Res. 136, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding high level visits to the United States by democratically-elected officials of Taiwan; and
H. Con. Res. 139, Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should address the ongoing problem of untouchability in India.

June 27th—Iraq: Is the Escalation Working?—Major General John Batiste, USA, Retired, President, Klein Steel Services, Incorporated; Mr. Anthony H. Cordesman, Arleigh A. Burke Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Mr. Frederick W. Kagan, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute

July 11th—Passport Delays: Affecting Security and Disrupting Free Travel and Trade—The Honorable Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Paul Rosenzweig, Acting Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security


July 19th—Beyond Iraq: Envisioning a New U.S. Policy in the Middle East—The Honorable Dennis Ross, Counselor and Ziegler Distinguished Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

July 25th—Central and Eastern Europe: Assessing the Democratic Transition—Charles Gati, Ph.D., Senior Adjunct Professor in European Studies, John Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS); Martin Sletzinger, Ph.D., Director, East European Studies, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Ms. Zeyno Baran, Director, Center for Eurasian Policy, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute

July 31st—FC Markup:
H.R. 1302, Global Poverty Act of 2007;
H.R. 1567, Stop Tuberculosis (TB) Now Act of 2007;
H.R. 2185, To amend the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 to provide debt relief to developing countries that take action to protect forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems, to reauthorize such Act through fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes;
H.R. 3062, South Pacific Economic and Educational Development Act of 2007;
H. Res. 32, Denouncing the practices of female genital mutilation, domestic violence, “honor” killings, acid burning, dowry deaths, and other gender-based persecutions and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that participation, protection, recognition, and independence of women is crucial to achieving a just, moral, and honorable society;
H. Res. 34, Recognizing the 75th birthday of Desmond Mpilo Tutu, South African Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, and Nobel Peace Prize recipient;
H. Res. 238, Commending the first democratic elections in Aceh, a province in Sumatra, Indonesia, and expressing sup-
port for the further democratic development and implementa-
tion of the Helsinki Memorandum of Understanding;

H. Res. 508, Recognizing the strong security alliance be-
tween the Government of Japan and the United States and ex-
pressing appreciation to Japan for its role in enhancing sta-
bility in the Asia-Pacific region and its efforts in the global war
against terrorism;

H. Res. 518, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Malaysia’s
independence;

H. Res. 548, Expressing the ongoing concern of the House of
Representatives for Lebanon’s democratic institutions and un-
wavering support for the administration of justice upon those
responsible for the assassination of Lebanese public figures op-
posing Syrian control of Lebanon;

H. Res. 557, Strongly condemning the United Nations
Human Rights Council for ignoring severe human rights
abuses in various countries, while choosing to unfairly target
Israel by including it as the only country permanently placed
on the Council’s agenda;

H. Res. 564, Recognizing that violence poses an increasingly
serious threat to peace and stability in Central America and
supporting expanded cooperation between the United States
and the countries of Central America to combat crime and vio-

H. Res. 575, Commending the people and the Government of
the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for their continued commit-
ment to holding elections and broadening participation, and for
other purposes; and

H. Res. 583, Recognizing the remarkable example of Sir
Nicholas Winton who organized the rescue of 669 Jewish
Czechoslovakian children from Nazi death camps prior to the
outbreak of World War II.

September 5th—Iraqi Benchmarks: An Objective Assessment—
The Honorable David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the
United States, U.S. Government Accountability Office

September 6th—Beyond the September Report: What’s Next for
Iraq?—Joint with Committee on Armed Services—The Honorable
William J. Perry, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, and Professor,
Stanford University; Major General John Batiste, USA, Retired,
President, Klein Steel Services, Incorporated; General John M.
Keane, USA, Retired, Keane Advisors, LLC

September 10th—The Status of the War and Political Develop-
ments in Iraq—Joint with Committee on Armed Services—General
David H. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force—
Iraq; The Honorable Ryan C. Crocker, United States Ambassador
to Iraq

September 19th—Assessment of the Administration’s September
Report on the Status of U.S. Political and Military Efforts in Iraq—
Panel I: The Honorable Lindsey Graham, United States Senator
Panel II: The Honorable Richard C. Holbrooke, Vice Chairman,
Perseus LLC

September 25th—PEPFAR Reauthorization: From Emergency to
Sustainability—Helene Gayle, MD, MPH, Executive Director and
CEO, CARE; Joia Stapleton Mukherjee, MD, MPH, Medical Direc-
tor, Partners in Health Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard
H.R. 2828, To provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of United States Embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998;  
H.R. 3432, 200th Anniversary Commemoration Commission of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act of 2007;  
H. Res. 405, Expressing the strong support of the House of Representatives for implementation of the July 8, 2006, United Nations-brokered agreement between President of the Republic of Cyprus Tassos Papadopoulos and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat relating to the reunification of Cyprus;  
H. Res. 624, Congratulating the State of Israel on chairing a United Nations committee for the first time in history;  
H. Res. 635, Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith;  
H. Res. 651, Recognizing the warm friendship and expanding strategic relationship between the United States and Brazil, commending Brazil on successfully reducing its dependence on oil by finding alternative ways to satisfy its energy needs, and recognizing the importance of the March 9, 2007, United States-Brazil Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on biofuels cooperation;  
H. Res. 676, Declaring that it should continue to be the policy of the United States, consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act, to make available to Taiwan such defense articles and services as may be necessary for Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability;  
H. Con. Res. 200, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; and  
H. Con. Res. 203, Condemning the persecution of labor rights advocates in Iran.

October 10th—H. Res. 106, Calling upon the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide, and for other purposes.

October 18th—International Trafficking in Persons: Taking Action to Eliminate Modern Day Slavery—  
Panel I: The Honorable Nita M. Lowey, Member of Congress; The Honorable Marilyn N. Musgrave, Member of Congress  
Panel II: Ms. Barbara Shailor, Director, International Department, AFL-CIO; Sharon Cohn, J.D., Senior Vice President of Justice Operations, International Justice Mission; Reverend Monsignor...
Franklyn M. Casale, President of St. Thomas University, Miami, Florida, Chair of the Human Rights Institute of the St. Thomas School of Law, Miami, Florida; Ms. Zipora Mazengo, Trafficking Survivor

October 23rd—FC Markup:
- H.R. 275, Global Online Freedom Act of 2007;
- H.R. 2332, Syria Accountability and Liberation Act;
- H.R. 2705, Compacts of Free Association Amendments Act of 2007;
- H.R. 2949, Eurasia Foundation Act;
- H.R. 3890, Block Burma JADE Act of 2007;
- H.R. 3912, Naval Vessel Transfer Act of 2007;
- H.R. 3913, To amend the International Center Act to authorize the lease or sublease of certain property described in such Act;
- H. Res. 435, Expressing concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Iranian regime and its leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and the activities of terrorist organizations sponsored by that regime in Latin America;
- H. Res. 550, Congratulating the people of Ethiopia on the second millennium of Ethiopia, and for other purposes;
- H. Res. 573, Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes;
- H. Res. 726, Calling on the President of the United States and the international community to take immediate steps to respond to and prevent acts of rape and sexual violence against women and girls in Darfur, Sudan, eastern Chad and the Central African Republic;
- H. Res. 740, Condemning in the strongest terms the attacks on African Union peacekeepers that occurred in Haskanita, Darfur, Sudan, on September 29, 2007;
- H. Res. 747, Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali;
- H. Con. Res. 234, Calling on the government of the People’s Republic of China to respect the human rights of North Korean refugees; and

October 24th—U.S. Policy in the Middle East—The Honorable Condoleezza Rice, The Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State

October 30th—Russia on the Eve of National Elections—The Honorable Strobe Talbott, President, The Brookings Institution, Former Deputy Secretary of State; Andrei Piontkovsky, Ph.D., Visiting Fellow, Hudson Institute

October 31st—The Mexico City Policy/Global Gag Rule: Its Impact on Family Planning and Reproductive Health—Ejike Oji, MBBS, Country Director, Ipas Nigeria; Joana Nerquaye-Tetteh, Ph.D., Former Executive Director, Planned Parenthood Association
of Ghana; Duff G. Gillespie, Ph.D., Professor and Senior Scholar, Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Jean Kagia, M.D. (Kenya), Consultant, Obstetrician & Gynecologist

November 6th—Yahoo! Inc.’s Provision of False Information to Congress—Mr. Jerry Yang, Chief Executive Officer, Yahoo! Inc.; Michael J. Callahan, Esq., General Counsel, Yahoo! Inc.

November 7th—Democracy, Authoritarianism, and Terrorism in Contemporary Pakistan—The Honorable John D. Negroponte, Deputy Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State

November 14th—The Merida Initiative: Assessing Plans to Step Up our Security Cooperation with Mexico and Central America—The Honorable Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable David T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. Department of State

December 5th—After Annapolis: Next Steps in the Middle East Peace Process—The Honorable Dennis Ross, Counselor and Ziegler Distinguished Fellow, the Washington Institute for Near East Policy; David Wurmser, Ph.D., President and Founder, Delphi Global Analysis Group

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February 13th—International Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2009—The Honorable Condoleezza Rice, Secretary, U.S. Department of State

February 27th—Full Committee Markup:


H.R. 1084, Reconstruction and Stabilization Civilian Management Act of 2007;

H. Res. 185, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations;

H. Res. 854, Expressing gratitude to all of the member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting open access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany;

H. Res. 865, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries to address crime and violence in the region;

H. Res. 951, Condemning the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians, and for other purposes;

H. Con. Res. 154, Expressing the sense of Congress that the fatal radiation poisoning of Russian dissident and writer Alex-
ander Litvinenko raises significant concerns about the potential involvement of elements of the Russian Government in Mr. Litvinenko’s death and about the security and proliferation of radioactive materials;

H. Con. Res. 255, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the United States commitment to preservation of religious and cultural sites and condemning instances where sites are desecrated; and

H. Con. Res. 278, Supporting Taiwan’s fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008;

H. Con. Res. 290, Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the special relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand.

March 12th—The Balkans after the Independence of Kosova and on the Eve of NATO Enlargement—The Honorable Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

April 9th—Report on Iraq to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs—General David H. Petraeus, USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force—Iraq, U.S. Department of Defense; The Honorable Ryan C. Crocker, United States Ambassador to Iraq, U.S. Department of State

April 23rd—Foreign Assistance Reform in the New Administration: Challenges and Solutions?—Steven Radelet, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development; Lael Brainard, Ph.D., Vice President and Director, Global Economy and Development Program, Brookings Institution; Mr. Raymond C. Offenheiser, President, Oxfam America; The Honorable Jim T. Kolbe, Senior Trans-Atlantic Fellow, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, (Former Member of Congress)

April 30th—Full Committee Markup:

H.R. 5916, Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Reform Act of 2008;

H.R. 3658, To amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service;

H.R. 5834, North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2008;

H. Res. 1011, Calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace and good governance in Chad, as well as in the wider region that includes the northern region of the Central African Republic and the Darfur region of Sudan;

H. Res. 1063, Marking the 225th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris of 1783, which ended the Revolutionary War with the Kingdom of Great Britain and recognized the independence of the United States of America, and acknowledging the shared values and close friendship between the peoples and governments of the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

H. Res. 1109, Honoring the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life’s work and continuing to acknowledge and re-
member the victims of genocides that have taken place around the globe;

H. Res. 1127, Condemning the endemic restrictions on freedom of the press and media and public expression in the Middle East and the concurrent and widespread presence of anti-Semitic material, Holocaust denial, and incitement to violence in the Arab media and press;

H. Res. 1166, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding provocative and dangerous statements and actions taken by the Government of the Russian Federation that undermine the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia;

H. Con. Res. 317, Condemning the Burmese regime’s undemocratic constitution and scheduled referendum;

H. Con. Res. 318, Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Year of Sanitation;

H. Con. Res. 332, Recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

H. Con. Res. 337, Honoring the Seeds of Peace for its 15th anniversary as an organization promoting understanding, reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, and peace in the Middle East, South Asia, and other regions of conflict.

May 7th—U.S. Foreign Policy in Pakistan: Implications for Regional Security, Stability, and Development—The Honorable Richard C. Holbrooke, Vice Chairman, Perseus LLC (Former United States Ambassador to the United Nations); The Honorable Thomas R. Pickering, Vice Chairman, Hills & Company (Former United States Ambassador to the United Nations); General James L. Jones, USMC, Retired, President and CEO, Institute for 21st Century Energy (Former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe)

May 14th—Full Committee Markup:


H. Res. 1194, Reaffirming the support of the House of Representatives for the legitimate, democratically-elected Government of Lebanon under Prime Minister Fouad Siniora; and

H. Res. 1195, Expressing condolences and sympathy to the people of the People’s Republic of China for the grave loss of life and vast destruction caused by the massive earthquake centered in Sichuan Province.

May 21st—the Rise of Sovereign Wealth Funds: Impacts on U.S. Foreign Policy and Economic Interests—Gerard Lyons, Ph.D., Chief Economist, Standard Chartered Bank; Edwin Truman, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics; Gal Luft, Ph.D., Executive Director, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security

May 22nd—Rising Oil Prices, Declining National Security?—The Honorable David Sandalow, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution (Former Assistant Secretary of State); Ms. Anne Korin, Co-director, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security; Mr. Paul J. Saunders, Executive Director, The Nixon Center

June 12th—Russia, Iran, and Nuclear Weapons: Implications of the Proposed U.S.-Russia Agreement—

Panel I: The Honorable Edward J. Markey, Member of Congress
Panel II: The Honorable John C. Rood, Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: The Honorable Robert J. Einhorn, Senior Adviser, International Security Program Center for Strategic & International Studies (Former Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Nonproliferation, U.S. Department of State); Mr. Henry D. Sokolski, Executive Director, Nonproliferation Policy Education Center Member, Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism

June 18th—The Caucasus: Frozen Conflicts and Closed Borders—The Honorable Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

June 25th—Foreign Assistance Reform: Rebuilding U.S. Civilian Development and Diplomatic Capacity in the 21st Century—The Honorable M. Peter McPherson, President, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (Former Administrator of U.S. Agency for International Development); The Honorable J. Brian Atwood, Dean, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota (Former Administrator of U.S. Agency for International Development)

July 9th—U.S. Policy Toward Iran—The Honorable William J. Burns, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, U.S. Department of State

July 16th—Full Committee Markup:
- H.R. 3202, Foreign Service Overseas Pay Equity Act of 2007;
- H.R. 6328, To develop a policy to address the critical needs of Iraqi refugees;
- H.R. 6456, To provide for extensions of certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes;
- H. Res. 937, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the emergency communications services provided by the American Red Cross are vital resources for military service members and their families;
- H. Res. 1008, Condemning the persecution of Baha’is in Iran;
- H. Res. 1069, Condemning the use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children;
- H. Res. 1159, Recognizing the historical significance of the United States sloop-of-war Constellation as a surviving witness to the horrors of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and a leading participant in America’s effort to end the practice;
- H. Res. 1254, Supporting the values and goals of the “Joint Action Plan Between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United States of America to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and Promote Equality”, signed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Brazilian Minister of Racial Integration Edson Santos on March 13, 2008;
- H. Res. 1266, Congratulating Albania and Croatia on being invited to begin accession talks with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and expressing support for continuing to enlarge the alliance;
- H. Res. 1279, Recognizing the Special Olympics’ 40th anniversary;
H. Res. 1290, Joining the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in observance of World Refugee Day and calling on the United States Government, international organizations, and aid groups to take immediate steps to secure urgently needed humanitarian relief for the more than 2,000,000 people displaced by genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan;

H. Res. 1307, Commemorating the Kingdom of Bhutan's participation in the 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival and commending the people and the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan for their commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation;

H. Con. Res. 344, Recognizing that we are facing a global food crisis;

H. Con. Res. 361, Commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope; and

H. Con. Res. 371, Strongly supporting an immediate and just restitution of, or compensation for, property illegally confiscated during the last century by Nazi and Communist regimes.

July 23rd—China on the Eve of the Olympics—Kenneth G. Lieberthal, Ph.D., Arthur F. Thurnau Professor, Distinguished Fellow at the William Davidson Institute, William Davidson Professor of Business Administration, University of Michigan; David M. Lampton, Ph.D., George and Sadie Hyman Professor of China Studies, Director of the China Studies Program, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University; Yang Jianli, Ph.D., President and Founder, Initiatives for China, Fellow, Harvard University

July 24th

H.R. 6574, United States-Russian Federation Nuclear Cooperation Agreement Act of 2008;

H. Res. 1351, Expressing support for the United Nations African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) and calling upon United Nations Member States and the international community to contribute the resources necessary to ensure the success of UNAMID;

H. Res. 1361, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should lead a high-level diplomatic effort to defeat the campaign by some members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to divert the United Nation's Durban Review Conference from a review of problems in their own and other countries by attacking Israel, promoting anti-Semitism, and undermining the Universal Charter of Human Rights and to ensure that the Durban Review Conference serves as a forum to review commitments to combat all forms of racism;

H. Res. 1369, Recognizing nongovernmental organizations working to bring just and lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians;

H. Res. 1370, Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to immediately end abuses of the human rights of its citizens, to cease repression of Tibetan and Uighur citi-
zens, and to end its support for the Governments of Sudan and Burma to ensure that the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games take place in an atmosphere that honors the Olympic traditions of freedom and openness; and

H. Con. Res. 374, Supporting the spirit of peace and desire for unity displayed in the letter from 138 leading Muslim scholars, and in the Pope's response.

September 9th—U.S.-Russia Relations in the Aftermath of the Georgia Crisis

Panel I: The Honorable Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs U.S. Department of State
Panel II: Michael H. McFaul, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Political Science, Stanford University; Frederick W. Kagan, Ph.D., Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

September 17th—Full Committee Markup—H.R. 6911, the Stability and Democracy for Georgia Act of 2008.

B. Subcommittee on Africa, and Global Health

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January 24th—South Sudan: The Comprehensive Peace Agreement on Life Support—The Honorable Roger Winter, Former Special Rep for Sudan

Briefing: Minister Luca Biong Deng, Minister for Presidential Affairs, Government of South Sudan; Minister Barnaba Benjamin, Min. Regional Coop, Government of South Sudan

March 21st—The Global Threat of Drug-Resistant TB: A call to Action for World TB Day—

Briefing: Mario Raviglione, M.D., Director, Stop TB Department, World Health Organization

Panel I: The Honorable Eliot L. Engel, Member of Congress
Panel II: The Honorable Mark R. Dybul, Coordinator, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable Kent R. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
Panel III: Joia Mukherjee, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Director, Partners in Health; Elena McEwan, M.D., Senior Technical Adviser, Catholic Relief Services

March 22nd—The Prospects for Peace in Guinea—

Panel I: Ms. Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Walter North, J.D., Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Administrator of the Africa Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development

Panel II: Lansine Kaba, Ph.D., Madeleine Haas Russell Distinguished Visiting Professor, Brandeis University; Herschelle Challenger, Ph.D., Consultant on African Affairs, Former Director of Democracy and Governance in Guinea, USAID; Mr. Haskell S. Ward, Senior Vice President, Government Relations Global Alumina Corporation

April 25th—Malaria Awareness Day: Leveraging Progress for Future Advances—
Panel I: Admiral Timothy Ziemer, USN, (Retired), President’s Malaria Initiative Coordinator, U.S. Agency for International Development

Panel II: Stefano Lazzari, M.D., Senior Health Adviser, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria; Nils Daulaire, M.D., M.P.H., President and CEO, Global Health Council; Ms. Adel Chaouch, Director of Corporate Social Responsibility, Marathon Oil; Ms. Enid Wamani, Secretariat Coordinator, Uganda, African Medical & Research Foundation; Ms. Susan Lassen, Nets for Life Coordinator, Episcopal Relief and Development


May 16th—Africa’s Water Crisis and the U.S. Response—

Panel I: The Honorable Earl Blumenauer, Member of Congress

Panel II: The Honorable Claudia McMurray, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Walter North, J.D., Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development

Panel III: Mr. Peter Lochery, Director of the Water Team, CARE; Mr. Malcolm S. Morris, Chairman, Millennium Water Alliance

May 22nd—Vulture Funds and the Threat to Debt Relief in Africa: A Call to Action at the G8 and Beyond—

Panel I: Mr. Danny Glover, Chairman of the Board, TransAfrica Forum, Inc.

Panel II: Ms. Emira Woods, M.A., ABD, Co-Director for Foreign Policy in Focus, Institute for Policy Studies; Mr. Neil Watkins, National Coordinator, Jubilee USA Network

May 24th—International Food Aid Programs: Options to Enhance Effectiveness—Mr. William P. Hammink, Director, Office of Food for Peace, U.S. Agency for International Development; Thomas Melito, Ph.D., Director, International Affairs and Trade, U.S. Government Accountability Office

May 24th—International Food Aid Programs: Options to Enhance Effectiveness (Briefing)—Mr. Luı́s Eduardo Sitoe, Counselor Commercial, Embassy of the Republic of Mozambique

June 7th—Nigeria at a Crossroads—

Panel I: The Honorable Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Mr. Kenneth Wollack, President, National Democratic Institute; Wole Soyinka, Ph.D., Fellow, DuBois Institute, Harvard University (Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, 1986); Mr. Lorne W. Craner, President, International Republican Institute

June 20th—World Refugee Day: Addressing the Needs of African Refugees—

Briefers: Ms. Judy Cheng-Hopkins, Assistant High Commissioner, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Witnesses:

Panel I: Mr. William E. Fitzgerald, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, U.S. Department of State
Panel II: Ms. Anne C. Richard, Vice President, Government Relations & Advocacy, International Rescue Committee; Mr. Joel R. Charny, Vice President for Policy, Refugees International; Mr. Neal Porter, Director of International Services, The Center for Victims of Torture; Mr. Daoud I. Hari, Resettled Darfurian Refugee

June 28th—The Millennium Challenge Corporation in Africa: Promise Versus Progress—

Panel I: Mr. Rodney Bent, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation

Panel II: David Gootnick, M.D., Director, International Affairs and Trade, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Steven Radelet, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development; Mr. Anthony Carroll, Vice President, Manchester Trade Ltd.

July 12th—Beyond Oil & Gas: African Growth and Opportunity Act's Benefits to Africa—

Panel I: Ms. Florizelle Liser, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa, Office of the United States Trade Representative

Panel II: Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya, Deputy Secretary General, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa; Ms. Katrin Kuhlmann, J.D., Senior Vice President for Global Trade, Women's Edge Coalition; Mr. Stephen Hayes, President, The Corporate Council on Africa


Panel I: The Honorable Michael E. Hess, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, United States Agency for International Development

Panel II: Peter McPherson, J.D., President, The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges; Calestous Juma, Ph.D., Professor, Harvard University

August 2nd—Africa Command: Opportunity for Enhanced Engagement or the Militarization of U.S.-Africa Relations—


Panel II: Mr. Kurt Shillinger, Research Fellow, Security and Terrorism in Africa, South African Institute of International Affairs; Wafuka Okumu, Ph.D., Director, African Security Programmes, Institute for Security Studies, South Africa; J. Peter Pham, Ph.D., Director, Nelson Institute for International & Public Affairs, James Madison University

October 2nd—Ethiopia and the State of Democracy: Effects on Human Rights and Humanitarian Conditions in the Ogaden and Somalia—

Panel I: The Honorable Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Sam Zia-Zarifi, Esq., Washington Advocate, Human Rights Watch; Ms. Fowsia Abdulkadir, Founding Member, Ogaden Human Rights Committee of Canada; Ms. Bertukan Mideksa, Vice
Chair, Coalition for Unity and Democracy, Ethiopia; Berhanu Nega, Ph.D., Former Political Prisoner and Citizen of Ethiopia; J. Peter Pham, Ph.D., Director, Nelson Institute for International & Public Affairs, James Madison University

October 9th—The President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief: Is It Fulfilling the Nutrition and Food Security Needs of People Living with HIV/AIDS?

Panel I: The Honorable Mark R. Dybul, Coordinator, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Robert Einterz, Ph.D., Director and Co-founder, Indiana-Moi Partnership; Mr. Walleligne A. Bertye, Country Director, Ethiopia, Project Concern International; Ms. Annemarie Reilly, Chief of Staff, Catholic Relief Services

February 6th—The Political Crisis in Kenya: A Call for Justice and Peaceful Resolution

Panel I: Mr. James C. Swan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Gregory Gottlieb, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development

Panel II: Ms. Mia Farrow, Goodwill Ambassador, United Nations Children’s Fund; Mr. Maina Kiai, Chairman, Kenya National Commission for Human Rights, National Commission on Human Rights; Ms. Njoki Ndungu, Former Member of Parliament, Nairobi, Kenya

February 27th—Multidrug Resistant Tuberculosis: Assessing the U.S. Response to an Emerging Global Threat

Briefing: Mario Raviglione, M.D., Director, Stop TB Department, World Health Organization

Panel I: The Honorable Mark R. Dybul, Coordinator, Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable Kent R. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Also Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

March 13th—Child Survival: The Unfinished Agenda to Reduce Global Child Mortality

Panel I: The Honorable Kent R. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development

Panel II: The Honorable William Frist, Chairman, Survive to 5 Campaign, Save the Children (Former United States Senate Majority Leader); Mr. David Oot, MPH, Associate Vice President, Office of Health Development Programs for Children, Save the Children, (Also Chairman of the Steering Committee for the United States Coalition for Child Survival); E. Anne Peterson, MD, MPH, Director, Center for Global Health, World Vision International; Pierre-Marie Metangmo, MD, MPH, MBA, Dean, Future Generations; Robert L. Walley, M.D., Executive Director, MaterCare International

May 6th—Higher Education in Africa: Making the Link between Intellectual Capital and Regional Development
Panel I: Mr. Franklin Moore, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development

Panel II: M. Peter McPherson, Ph.D., President, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges; Suresh Babu, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute, Mora McLean, J.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, The Africa-America Institute

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February 15th—Protecting the Human Rights of Comfort Women—

Panel I: The Honorable Michael M. Honda, Member of Congress


Panel III: Ms. Mindy Kotler, Director, Asia Policy Point; Ok Cha Soh, Ph.D., President, Washington Coalition for Comfort Women Issues

March 1st—North Korean Human Rights: An Update—The Honorable Jay Leffowitz, Special Envoy for Human Rights in North Korea

March 15th—U.S. Policy Toward South Pacific island Nations, including Australia and New Zealand—The Honorable Glyn Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

March 27th—U.S.-China Relations—Thomas J. Christensen, Ph.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

July 11th—The Kyoto Protocol: An Update—

Panel I: Harlan Watson, Ph.D., Special Representative and Senior Climate Negotiator, Bureau of Oceans and International Environment and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Mr. Elliot Diringer, Director of International Strategies, Pew Center on Global Climate Change; Margo Thorning, Ph.D., Managing Director, International Council for Capital Formation

July 17th—The Conservation and Management of Highly Migrating Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Oceans, and Other International Fisheries Agreements of U.S. Interest in Asia and the Pacific—

Panel I: The Honorable David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Mr. John Connelly, President, National Fisheries Institute; Mr. David G. Burney, Past President, U.S. Tuna Foundation


Witnesses:

Panel I: The Honorable David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; Mr. Steven McGann, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State; David B.
Gootnick, Ph.D., Director, International Affairs and Trade, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Mr. Francis A. Donovan, Director, Office of East Asia Affairs, Bureau of Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development

Briefers:

The Honorable Gerald M. Zackios, Foreign Minister, Republic of the Marshall Islands; The Honorable Tony de Brum, Senator, Republic of the Marshall Islands; The Honorable Abacca Anjain-Maddison, Senator, Republic of the Marshall Islands; The Honorable Hiroshi Yamamura, Senator, Republic of the Marshall Islands; The Honorable Jack Ading, Senator, Republic of the Marshall Islands; Mr. James H. Plasman, Chairman, Marshall Islands Nuclear Claims Tribunal; Mr. Jonathan M. Weisgall, Legal Counsel, People of the Bikini Atoll

July 26th—Is the Millennium Challenge Corporation Overstating Its Impact: The Case of Vanuatu—David B. Gootnick, Ph.D., Director, International Affairs and Trade, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Rodney G. Bent, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation

August 1st—The Impact of Coup-Related Sanctions on Thailand and Fiji: Helpful or Harmful to U.S. Relations?—

Panel I: The Honorable Mark Steven Kirk, Member of Congress

Panel II: Mr. Eric G. John, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Southeast Asia, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Glyn T. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

September 20th—U.S. Assistance in East Asia and the Pacific: An Overview—Mr. Glyn T. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Ms. Lisa Chiles, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development

September 25th—APEC 2007: Advancing U.S. Exports to the Asia-Pacific Region—

Panel I: The Honorable Patricia Haslach, Senior Official, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Ms. Wendy Cutler, Assistant United States Trade Representative for Japan, Korea and APEC Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative

Panel II: Mr. Karl Ege, Vice Chairman and Senior Advisor, Russell Investment Group

October 17th—Crisis in Burma: Can the U.S. Bring about a Peaceful Resolution?—

Panel I: Mr. Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs U.S. Department of State; Ms. Lisa Chiles, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East U.S. Agency for International Development

Panel II: Mr. Jeremy Woodrum, Director, U.S. Campaign for Burma; Bridget Welsh, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Southeast Asia Studies, Johns Hopkins University-SAIS

October 25th—The Six Party Process: Progress and Perils in North Korea’s Denuclearization—Joint with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade—The Honorable Chris-
topher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

October 30th—Renewable Energy and the Global Environment—

Panel I: The Honorable Reno Harnish III, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. John Mizroch, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy; Mr. John A. Simon, Executive Vice President, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC); Mr. Michael W. Yost, Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Panel II: Mr. Sanjay Puri, President and CEO, U.S. India Business Alliance; Mr. Redmond Clark, Chairman and CEO, CBL Industrial Services

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February 14th—An Overview of Cambodia and the Need for Debt Recycling: How can the U.S. be of Assistance?—Mr. Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs U.S. Department of State; Mr. W. Kirk Miller, Associate Administrator/General Sales Manager, Foreign Agriculture Service U.S. Department of Agriculture

February 27th—Climate Change and Vulnerable Societies: A Post-Bali Overview—HEARING AND BRIEFING—

Panel I: Harlan Watson, Ph.D., Special Representative and Senior Climate Negotiator, Bureau of Oceans and International Environment and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Briefers:

Panel II: His Excellency Ali’ioaiga Feturi Elisaia, Permanent Representative of the Independent State of Samoa; Mr. Mason F. Smith, Charge d’affaires, a.i. of the Republic of the Fiji Islands; Mr. Charles Paul, Charge d’affaires, a.i., Republic of the Marshall Islands; His Excellency Masao Nakayama, Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia; Her Excellency Marlene Moses, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nauru

April 8th—Central Asia: An Overview—The Honorable Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary, Bureau for South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

April 23rd—A New Beginning for the U.S.-South Korea Strategic Alliance—Mr. Alexander A. Arvizu, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

May 15th—Our Forgotten Responsibility: What Can We Do To Help Victims of Agent Orange?—

Panel I: The Honorable Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Nguyen Thi Ngoc Phuong, M.D., Director General, Ngoc Tam Hospital, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Former Vice Speaker of the Vietnam National Assembly, (Member of The U.S.-Vietnam Dialogue Group on Agent Orange/Dioxin); Ms. Catharin Dalpino, Associate Professor of Southeast Asian Studies, Asian Studies Program, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Affairs, Georgetown University, (Director of the Aspen Institute Project on Agent Orange); Vaughan C. Turekian, Ph.D., Chief International Officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science, (Member of The U.S.-Vietnam Dialogue Group on Agent Orange/Dioxin); Mr.
Rick Weidman, Executive Director for Policy & Government Affairs, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA); Jeanne Mirer, J.D., Secretary General, International Association of Democratic Lawyers

May 20th—Burma in the Aftermath of Cyclone Nargis: Death, Displacement, and Humanitarian Aid—

Panel I: The Honorable Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Greg Gottlieb, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development

Panel II: Sein Win, Ph.D., Prime Minister, National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma; The Honorable Thomas H. Andrews, President New Economy Communications, (Former Member, U.S. House of Representatives)

June 12th—U.S.-Japan Relations: An Overview—Mr. Alexander A. Arvizu, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

September 17th—Exporting Toxic Trash: Are We Dumping Our Electronic Waste on Poorer Countries? Mr. John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources & Environment, U.S. Government Accountability Office

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March 15th—U.S.-Turkish Relations and the Challenges Ahead—The Honorable Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Dan Fata, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense; General Joseph W. Ralston, Special Envoy, Countering the Kurdistan Worker's Party (PKK), U.S. Department of State


March 28th—Opening up of the Bad Arolsen Holocaust Archives in Germany—

Panel I: The Honorable Alcee Hastings, Chairman, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, U.S. House of Representatives; Mr. J. Christian Kennedy, Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Mr. Paul Shapiro, Director, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum; Mr. David Schaecter, President, Holocaust Survivors Foundation USA, Inc.; Mr. Leo Rechter, President, National Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors (NAHOS)

May 3rd—Do the United States and Europe Need a Missile Defense System?—Joint with Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-proliferation and Trade—The Honorable Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable John C. Rood, Assistant Secretary,
Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, U.S. Department of State

May 24th—Expanding the Visa Waiver Program, Enhancing Transatlantic Relations—Mr. Stephen A. “Tony” Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Nathan A. Sales, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Policy Development, Office of Policy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

June 20th—Adding Hezbollah to the EU Terrorist List—Mr. Michael Jacobson, Senior Fellow, Stein Program on Terrorism, Intelligence, and Policy, The Washington Institute; Mr. Alexander Ritzmann, Senior Fellow, European Foundation for Democracy; Mr. James Phillips, Research Fellow for Middle Eastern Affairs, The Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for International Studies, The Heritage Foundation

October 3rd—America’s Role in Addressing Outstanding Holocaust Issues—

Panel I: The Honorable J. Christian Kennedy, Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Mr. Gideon Taylor, Executive Vice President, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc.; Mr. Jack Rubin, Holocaust Survivor, Member of the Advisory Committee Holocaust Survivors of West Palm Beach; Mr. Sidney Zabludoff, Former Consultant, Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc.; Mr. Alex Moskovic, Holocaust Survivor, Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee Holocaust Survivors Foundation USA, Inc.; Mr. Jehuda Evron, President, Holocaust Restitution Committee

November 14th—U.S.-Greece Relations and Regional Issues—The Honorable R. Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, U.S. Department of State

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April 23rd—The Bucharest Summit and the Way Forward for NATO—The Honorable Daniel Fried, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Daniel P. Fata, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and NATO Policy, U.S. Department of Defense

May 14th—Improving America’s Security, Strengthening Transatlantic Relations: An Update on the Expansion of the Visa Waiver Program—The Honorable Richard Barth, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy Development, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Mr. Stephen A. Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State

July 9th—Europe and Israel: Strengthening the Partnership—H.E. Rafael Bardají, Director of International Policy, FAES Foundation (National Security Advisor to former Prime Minister José María Aznar of the Kingdom of Spain); Nile Gardiner, Ph.D., Director of the Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, The Heritage Foundation; Ian Lesser, Ph.D., Senior Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States; H.E. Oded Eran, Ph.D., Director General, World Jewish Congress Israel Branch (Former Israeli Ambassador to the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)
E. Subcommittee on International Operations, Human Rights, and
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March 6th—Global Polling Data on Opinion of American Policies,
Values and People—Mr. Steven Kull, Director, Program on Inter-
national Policy Attitudes (PIPA)

March 8th—Polling Data on Latin America Opinion of U.S. Poli-
cies, Values and People— Joint with Subcommittee on the Western
Hemisphere—Mr. John Zogby, President, Zogby International

March 14th—Global Polling Data on Opinion of American Poli-
cies, Values and People—Mr. Andrew Kohut, President, Pew Re-
search Center

March 20th—Welcome to America—Mr. Geoff Freeman, Execu-
tive Director, The Discover America Partnership; Mr. Charles 
Merin, President, Travel Business Roundtable; Mr. Peter Gadiel, 
President, %11 Families for a Secure America

March 27th—Can Iraq Pay for its own Reconstruction?— Joint with the Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia—Mr. Stuart 
W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; 
The Honorable David Satterfield, Senior Adviser, Coordinator for 
Iraq U.S. Department of State, (Former U.S. Ambassador to 
Lebanon)

March 28th—African Opinion of U.S. Policies, Values and Peo-
ple—Joint with the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health— 
Devra Coren Moehler, Ph.D., Scholar, Harvard Academy for Inter-
national and Area Studies, Harvard University

April 17th—Extraordinary Rendition in U.S. Counterterrorism
Policy: The Impact on Transatlantic Relations— Joint with Sub-
committee on Europe—

Briefers:

Mr. Jonathan Evans, Member, European Parliament, Chairman, 
European Parliament Delegation for Relations with the United 
States; Mr. Claudio Fava, Member, European Parliament, Author, 
Report on the Alleged Use of European Countries by the CIA for 
the Transportation and Illegal Detention of Prisoners; Baroness 
Sarah Ludford, Member, European Parliament, Vice-Chair, Temp-
orary Committee on the Alleged Use of European Countries by the 
CIA for the Transportation and Illegal Detention of Prisoners

Witnesses:

Ms. Julianne Smith, Director and Senior Fellow, Europe Pro-
gram, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Mr. Michael 
F. Scheuer, Former Chief, Bin Laden Unit, Central Intelligence 
Agency

April 26th—Efforts to Deal with America’s Image Abroad: Are 
They Working?—

Panel I: Mr. Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs Office 
of International Affairs and Trade, U.S. Government Accountability 
Office

Panel II: Ms. Lisa Curtis, Senior Research Fellow, Asian Studies 
Center, The Heritage Foundation

May 2nd—A Review of the State Department’s 2006 Country Re-
ports on Human Rights Practices,—The Honorable Barry F. 
Lowenkron, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human 
Rights, and Labor, U.S. Department of State
May 3rd—Arab Opinion on American Policies, Values, and People—Joint with Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia—James Zogby, Ph.D., Senior Analyst, Zogby International; David Pollock, Ph.D., Visiting Fellow, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

May 9th—Economic and Military Support for the U.S. Efforts in Iraq: The Coalition of the Willing, Then and Now—

Panel I: Mr. Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, Government Accountability Office

Panel II: Mr. Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle East Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, Congressional Research Service; Nile Gardiner, Ph.D., Director, Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom, The Heritage Foundation

May 10th—Is There a Human Rights Double Standard? U.S. Policy Toward Equatorial Guinea and Ethiopia—Joint with Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health—Sulayman S. Nyang, Ph.D., Professor, African Studies Department, Howard University; Ms. Lynn Fredriksson, Advocacy Director for Africa, Amnesty International USA J. Peter Pham, Ph.D., Director, The Nelson Institute for International and Public Affairs

May 17th—Declining Approval for American Foreign Policy in Muslim Countries: Does It Make It More Difficult to Fight al Qaeda?—Steven Kull, Ph.D., Director, Program on International Policy Attitudes


June 14th—Is There a Human Rights Double Standard? U.S. Policy Toward Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Uzbekistan—Amr Hamzawy, Ph.D., Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Martha Brill Olcott, Ph.D., Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Mr. Thomas Malinowski, Advocacy Director, Human Rights Watch; Mr. Thomas W. Lippman, Adjunct Scholar, Middle East Institute

June 28th—Protection and Money: U.S. Companies, Their Employees, and Violence in Colombia—Joint with the Subcommittee on International Organization, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere and the Committee on Education and Labor's Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections—Ms. Maria McFarland, Principal Specialist on Colombia, Human Rights Watch; Daniel Kovalik, Esq., Associate General Counsel, United Steelworkers; Mr. Edwin Guzman, Former Sergeant, National Army, Republic of Colombia; Mr. Francisco Ramirez, President, Sintraminercol; The Honorable Otto J. Reich, President, Otto Reich Associates, LLC (Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs)

June 29th—International Students and Visiting Scholars: Trends, Barriers, and Implications for American Universities and
U.S. Foreign Policy—Joint with the Committee on Education and Labor’s Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness

Panel I: The Honorable Thomas A. Farrell, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable James Manning, Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education U.S. Department of Education; Mr. George Scott, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team Government Accountability Office

Panel II: Ms. Adina Abbey, Founding Director, African New Era Organization (Native of Ghana and Recent Graduate of American University); Ms. Katherine S. Bellows, Executive Director, Office of International Programs Georgetown University; Philip O. Geier, Ph.D., Executive Director, Davis United World College Scholars Program; Ms. Marlene Johnson, Executive Director and CEO, NAFSA: Association of International Educators; Jerry M. Melillo, Ph.D., Director, Senior Scientist, The Ecosystems Center Marine Biology Laboratory; Ms. Jessica Vaughan, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Immigration Studies

July 12th—Ideals vs. Reality in Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy: The Cases of Azerbaijan, Cuba, and Egypt—Ms. Jennifer L. Windsor, Executive Director, Freedom House; Morton H. Halperin, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress; Mr. Frank Calzón, Executive Director, The Center for a Free Cuba

July 31st—The Case of Ramos and Compean: The Across-Border Context—

Panel I: The Honorable Charles S. Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Mr. T.J. Bonner, President, National Border Patrol Council of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL–CIO; David L. Botsford, J.D., Botsford & Roark

October 18th—Rendition to Torture: The Case of Maher Arar—Joint with the Committee on the Judiciary’s Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties—

Panel I: Mr. Maher Arar, Via videoconference; Kent Roach, Esq., Prichard-Wilson Chair, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto Via videoconference

Panel II: Mr. Daniel Benjamin, Director, Center on the United States and Europe Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies, The Brookings Institution; David D. Cole, Esq., Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center; Frederick P. Hitz, Esq., Lecturer and Senior Fellow, Center for National Security Law University of Virginia School of Law; Michael John Garcia, Esq., Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service


November 6th—Human Rights Concerns in Vietnam—

Panel I: The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, U.S. House of Representatives; The Honorable Loretta Sanchez, U.S. House of Representa-
tives; The Honorable Christopher Smith, U.S. House of Representatives

Panel II: Mr. Scott Marcil, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Southeast Asia Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel III: Ms. Sophie Richardson, Deputy Director, Asia Program, Human Rights Watch; Mr. Cong Thanh Do, Spokesman, The People’s Democratic Party; Ms. Kathryn Cameron Porter, Founder and President, Leadership Council for Human Rights; Mr. Duy (Dan) Hoang, Central Committee Member, The Viet Tan Party; Nguyen Dinh Thang, Ph.D., Executive Director, Boat People S.O.S.

November 15th—“Diplomatic Assurances” on Torture: A Case Study of Why Some Are Accepted and Others Rejected—

Panel I: Mr. Arturo V. Hernandez, Attorney-at-Law; Mr. Blake Fleetwood, Freelance Journalist

Panel II: Mr. Peter Kornbluh, Senior Analyst, The National Security Archive, The George Washington University; Ms. Ann Louise Bardach, Bardach Reports; Roseanne Nenninger, N.D., (Naturopathic Doctor)

December 19th—The Extension of the United Nations Mandate for Iraq: Is the Iraqi Parliament Being Ignored?—Kenneth Katzman, Ph.D., Specialist in Middle East Affairs Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, Congressional Research Service; Issam Michael Saliba, Esq., Senior Foreign Law Specialist Middle East and North Africa, Law Library of Congress; Mr. Raed Jarrar, Iraq Consultant, Middle East Peace Building Program; American Friends Service Committee; Michael Rubin, Ph.D., Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research

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January 23rd—The Proposed U.S. Security Commitment to Iraq: What Will Be In It and Should It Be a Treaty?—Joint with the Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia

Panel I: Kenneth Katzman, Ph.D., Specialist in Middle East Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, Congressional Research Service

Panel II: Michael J. Matheson, Esq., Visiting Research Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School; Michael Rubin, Ph.D., Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute, Senior Lecturer Center for Civil Military Relations, Naval Postgraduate School

February 8th—The November 26 Declaration of Principles: Implications for UN Resolutions on Iraq and for Congressional Oversight—Oona A. Hathaway, Esq., Associate Professor of Law, Yale Law School; Michael J. Glennon, Esq., Professor of International Law, The Fletcher School, Tufts University; Douglas MacGregor, Ph.D., Colonel, U.S. Army, Retired, Senior Fellow, Straus Military Reform Project Center for Defense Information; Michael J. Matheson, Esq., Visiting Research Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School; Ruth Wedgewood, Esq., Edward B. Burling Professor of International Law and Diplomacy, Director of the International Law and Organizations Program, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University
February 26th—Iraqi Refugees: Can the U.S. Do More to Help?

BRIEFING—Joint with Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia

Briefer:
The Honorable L. Craig Johnstone, Deputy High Commissioner, UNHCR; Mr. Rafiq Tschanneen, Chief of Mission for Iraq and Jordan, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

February 28th—Status of Forces Agreements and UN Mandates: What Authorities and Protections Do They Provide to U.S. Personnel?—Jennifer K. Elsee, Esq., Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service; R. Chuck Mason, Esq., Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service; Michael J. Matheson, Esq., Visiting Research Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School; Laura Dickinson, Esq., Professor of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law; Ruth Wedgwood, Esq., Edward B. Burling, Professor of International Law and Diplomacy, Director of the International Law and Organizations Program, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

March 13th—War Powers for the 21st Century: The Congressional Perspective—

Panel I: The Honorable David E. Skaggs, Co-Chair, The War Powers Committee The Constitution Project (Former U.S. Representative from the State of Colorado); The Honorable Mickey Edwards, Co-Chair, The War Powers Committee The Constitution Project (Former U.S. Representative from the State of Oklahoma); Stephen G. Rademaker, Esq., Vice President, BGR International

Panel II: The Honorable Walter B. Jones, Jr., U.S. House of Representatives

March 26th—FIELD BRIEFING on "City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay? The Mistakes of Guantanamo and the Decline of America’s Image"—held in the En Banc Courtroom, 7th Floor, the John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Way, Boston, M.A.—

Briefer:
The Honorable Mark L. Wolf, Chief Judge, United States District Court District of Massachusetts; Michael E. Mone, Esq., Member, Esdaile, Barrett and Esdaile; P. Sabin Willett, Esq., Partner, Bingham McCutchen; Emi MacLean, Esq., Staff Attorney, Guantanamo Global Justice Initiative, Center for Constitutional Rights

April 2nd—United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: An Underfunded International Mandate—the Role of the United States—

Briefer:
Jane Holl Lute, Ph.D., Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations

Witness:
The Honorable Kristen Silverberg, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State

April 10th—War Powers for the 21st Century: The Constitutional Perspective—Bruce Fein, Esq., The Lichfield Group; Louis Fisher, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the Law Librarian, Law Library of Congress; Michael J. Glennon, Esq., Professor of International Law, The Fletcher School, Tufts University; Jules Lobel, Esq., Professor of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Edwin D. Williamson, Esq., Senior Counsel, Sullivan and Cromwell, LLP
April 24th—War Powers for the 21st Century: The Executive Branch Perspective—The Honorable Brian Atwood, Dean, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, (Former Administrator for U.S. Agency for International Development); The Honorable Stephen G. Rademaker, Vice President, BGR International (Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control); Richard F. Grimmett, Ph.D., Specialist in International Security, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, Congressional Research Service

May 1st—No Direction Home: An NGO Perspective on Iraqi Refugees and IDPs—Joint with Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia—

Panel I: The Honorable Earl Blumenauer, Member of Congress

Panel II: Mr. Rabih Torbay, Vice President of International Operations, International Medical Corps; Mr. David Holdridge, Middle East Regional Director, Mercy Corps; Mrs. Anastasia Brown, Director, Office of Refugee Programs, Migration and Refugee Services, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

May 6th—City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay? The Mistakes of Guantanamo and the Decline of America’s Image—Emi MacLean, Esq., Staff Attorney, Guantanamo Global Justice Initiative Center for Constitutional Rights; Michael E. Mone, Esq., Member, Esdaile, Barrett and Esdaile; Stephen H. Oleskey, Esq., Partner, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, LLP; Elizabeth P. Gilson, Esq., Attorney-at-Law; Lee A. Casey, Esq., Partner, Baker and Hostetler, LLP

May 15th—U.N. Security Resolution 1325: Recognizing Women’s Vital Roles in Achieving Peace and Security—The Honorable Swanee Hunt, Chair, Hunt Alternatives Fund (Former U.S. Ambassador to Austria); The Honorable Donald K. Steinberg, Deputy President for Policy, International Crisis Group (Former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Angola); Ms. Rina Amiri, Senior Regional Advisor, Central Eurasia Project, The Open Society Institute; Ms. Rebecca Joshua Okwaci, Secretary General, Women Action for Development; Ms. Betty Bigombe, Distinguished Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Janice Crouse, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Beverly LaHaye Institute, Concerned Women for America

May 20th—City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay? The Mistakes of Guantanamo and the Decline of America’s Image, Part II—

Panel I: Mr. Murat Kurnaz (Former detainee, Naval Base, Guantanamo), (Via videoconference)

Panel II: Lt. Colonel Stephen Abraham, U.S. Army, Reserve (Ret.); Mark P. Denbeaux, Esq., Professor of Law, Seton Hall University School of Law; Clive Stafford Smith, Esq., Director, Reprieve; P. Sabin Willett, Esq., Partner, Bingham McCutchen; Glenn M. Sulmasy, Esq., National Security and Human Rights Fellow, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

May 22nd—City on the Hill or Just Another Country? The United States and the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy—The Honorable John Shattuck, Chief Executive Officer, John F. Kennedy Library Foundation (Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic); Kenneth Roth, Esq., Executive Director, Human Rights Watch
June 4th—City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay, Part III: Guantanamo—the Role of the FBI—The Honorable Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice


Briefers:
The Honorable Nadeem Al-Jaberi, The Council of Representatives of Iraq; The Honorable Khalaf Al-Ulayyan, The Council of Representatives of Iraq; Kenneth Katzman, Ph.D., Specialist in Middle East Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, Congressional Research Service


June 10th—

Diplomatic Assurances and Rendition to Torture: The Perspective of the State Department’s Legal Adviser; The Honorable John B. Bellinger, III, Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State

June 11th—MARKUP and HEARING: Release and Review of the Subcommittee Report: “The Decline in America’s Reputation: Why?”—Esther Brimmer, Ph.D., Deputy Director and Director of Research for the Center for Transatlantic Relations, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University; Scott W. Hibbard, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, DePaul University; John Tirman, Ph.D., Principal Research Scientist and Executive Director, Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; David Frum, Esq., Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research

June 19th—Restoring America’s Leadership through Scholarships for Undergraduates from Developing Countries: The Uniting Students in America (USA) Proposal—Joint with Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness—Mr. George Scott, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Team, Government Accountability Office; Philip O. Geier, Ph.D., Executive Director, Davis United World College Scholars Program; William B. DeLauder, Ph.D., President Emeritus, Delaware State College, Counselor to the President, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges; Mr. Philip O. Clay, Director, International Admissions and Services, University of Texas—Pan American; Ms. Rachel C. Ochako, Scholar, Davis United World College Scholars Program, Middlebury College; Mr. David S. North, Fellow, Center for Immigration Studies

July 23rd—Possible Extension of the UN Mandate for Iraq: Options—HEARING AND BRIEFING—

Witnesses:
Steven Kull, Ph.D., Director, Program on International Policy Attitudes (PIPA); Michael J. Matheson, Esq., Visiting Research Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School; Ms. Danielle Pletka, Vice President, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute

Briefers:

The Honorable Ayad Allawi, The Council of Representatives, Republic of Iraq (Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq)


Panel II: Ms. Marlene Arzola, Cuban-American with Family in Cuba; Ms. Luisa Montero-Díaz, Cuban-American with Family in Cuba; Mr. Hector Palacios, Cuban Pro-Democracy Activist and Former Political Prisoner Via video and phone conference; Ms. Blanca González, Mother of Political Prisoner, Cuban Human Rights Activist

Panel III: Mr. Philip Peters, Vice President, Lexington Institute; Francisco J. Hernández, Ph.D., President, Cuban American National Foundation; Mr. Ignacio Sosa, Executive Board Member, Cuba Study Group; Ms. Ninoska Pérez Castellón, Board Member, Cuban Liberty Council; Ms. Sylvia Iriondo, President, Mothers Against Repression (M.A.R. Por Cuba)

November 19th—Renewing the United Nations Mandate for Iraq: Plans and Prospects—Oona A. Hathaway, Esq., Professor of Law, Berkeley Law, University of California Berkeley; Mr. Raed Jarrar, Iraq Consultant, Middle East Peace Building Program American Friends Service Committee; Michael J. Matheson, Esq., Visiting Research Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School; Issam Michael Saliba, Esq., Senior Foreign Law Specialist, Middle East and North Africa, Law Library of Congress; Mr. Thomas Donnelly, Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

F. Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia

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February 14th—Next Steps in the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process—Mr. David Makovsky, Director, Project on the Middle East Peace Process The Washington Institute for Near East Policy; The Honorable Martin S. Indyk, Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution; The Honorable Daniel Pipes, Director, Middle East Forum

March 7th—A Regional Overview of South Asia—The Honorable Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

March 15th—Iranian Nuclear Crisis: Latest development & Next Steps—Joint with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade—Mr. David Albright, President, Institute for Science and International Security; Matthew Levitt, Ph.D., Director, Stein Program on Terrorism, Intelligence, and Policy, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy; Daniel Byman, Ph.D., Director, Se-
curity Studies Program, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University; Mr. Ilan Berman, Vice President for Policy, American Foreign Policy Council

March 21st—U.S. Policy Toward Pakistan—Mr. Husain Haqqani, Director, Center for International Relations, Boston University; Marvin G. Weinbaum, Ph.D., Scholar in Residence, Public Policy Center, The Middle East Institute; Ms. Lisa Curtis, Senior Research Fellow, Asia Studies Center, The Heritage Foundation

March 26th—Iraqi Volunteers, Iraqi Refugees: What is America’s Obligation?

Panel I: The Honorable Ellen Sauerbrey (Invited), Assistant Secretary Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Major General Paul D. Eaton (USA, Ret.), Via videoconference; Mr. George Packer, Staff Writer, The New Yorker, Executive Board Member, PEN American Center; Ms. Kristele Younes, Advocate, Refugees International; Ms. Sarah (alias), Former employee, U.S. Embassy Baghdad, Via teleconference

April 18th—The Political Situation in Lebanon—The Honorable C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development

May 8th—Two Sides of the Same Coin: Jewish and Palestinian Refugees—Howard M. Sachar, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of History and International Affairs, The George Washington University; Shibley Telhami, Ph.D., Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development, University of Maryland

May 16th—Public Diplomacy in the Middle East and South Asia: Is the Message Getting Through?

Panel I: Mr. Jeremy Curtin, Coordinator, Bureau of International Information Programs, U.S. Department of State; Mrs. Gretchen Welch, Director, Office of Policy, Planning, and Resources, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Thomas A. Farrell, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mrs. Alina L. Romanowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Professional and Cultural Exchanges, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Mr. Joaquin F. Blaya, Board Member, Broadcasting Board of Governors; Mr. D. Jeffrey Hirschberg, Board Member, Broadcasting Board of Governors

May 23rd—U.S. Assistance to the Palestinians—The Honorable C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Lieutenant General Keith W. Dayton, United States Security Coordinator; Mr. Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development

June 19th—Working in a War Zone: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Civilians Returning from Iraq

Panel I: The Honorable George M. Staples, Director General, Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources, Department of State; Laurence G. Brown, M.D., Director, Office of Medical Services, U.S. Department of State
Panel II: Mr. Steve Kashkett, Vice President, American Foreign Service Association

June 27th—A.Q. Khan’s Nuclear Wal-Mart: Out of Business or Under New Management?—Joint with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade—Mr. Mark Fitzpatrick, Senior Fellow for Non-Proliferation, International Institute for Strategic Studies; Mr. David Albright, President, Institute for Science and International Security; Ms. Lisa Curtis, Senior Research Fellow, Asia Studies Center, The Heritage Foundation

July 18th—Reconstruction in Iraq’s Oil Sector: Running on Empty?—Mr. Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office

Panel II: Mr. Tariq Shafiq, Director, Petrolog & Associates, Via videoconference; Mr. Issam Michael Saliba, Senior Foreign Law Specialist, Middle East and North Africa Law Library of Congress

August 1st—Political Crises in South Asia: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal—

Panel I: The Honorable Frank Pallone, Member of Congress

Panel II: The Honorable Steven R. Mann, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. John A. Gastright, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

September 18th—U.S. Relations with Saudi Arabia: Oil, Anxiety, and Ambivalence—Mr. F. Gregory Gause, III, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Vermont; Mr. Lee S. Wolosky, Partner, Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP

October 4th—Counternarcotics Strategy and Police Training in Afghanistan—

Panel I: The Honorable Thomas Schweich, Coordinator for Counternarcotics and Justice Reform in Afghanistan, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Mr. Mark Schneider, Senior Vice President, International Crisis Group

October 23rd—Iran Sanctions and Regional Security—Philip H. Gordon, Ph.D., Senior Fellow for U.S. Foreign Policy, Foreign Policy Studies Program, The Brookings Institution; Mr. Ilan Berman, Vice President for Policy, American Foreign Policy Council

November 8th—Lebanon on the Brink—The Honorable C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State

December 12th—Connecting the Money to the Mission: The Past, Present, and Future of U.S. Assistance to the Palestinians—Robert M. Danin, Ph.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Charles R. Snyder, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Civilian Police and African, Asian, and European Programs, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development

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January 16th—U.S.-Pakistan Relations: Assassination, Instability and the Future of U.S. Policy—Christine Fair, Ph.D., Senior Political Scientist, Rand Corporation; Ashley J. Tellis, Ph.D., Sen-
ior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Ms. Lisa Curtis, Senior Research Fellow, Asian Studies Center, The Heritage Foundation

January 22nd—That which is not obligatory is prohibited: Censorship and Incitement in the Arab World—Mr. Joel Campagna, Middle East & North Africa Coordinator, Committee to Protect Journalists; Mr. Richard Eisendorf, Senior Program Manager for the Middle East and North Africa Freedom House; Mr. Kenneth Jacobson, Deputy National Director, Anti-Defamation League


Panel II: Oona A. Hathaway, Esq., Associate Professor of Law, Yale Law School; Lawrence J. Korb, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress


March 12th—853 Days: From Gaza Disengagement to De Facto Power?—The Honorable C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State

April 2nd—Strategic Chaos and Taliban Resurgence in Afghanistan—Lieutenant General David W. Barno, USA (Ret.), Director, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University; Seth G. Jones, Ph.D., Political Scientist, The RAND Corporation; Mr. Mark Schneider, Senior Vice President, International Crisis Group

April 17th—Between Feckless and Reckless: U.S. Policy Options to Prevent a Nuclear Iran—Joint with Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade—The Honorable Jeffrey Feltman, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau for Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Daniel Glaser, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, U.S. Department of Treasury

April 24th—U.S. Policy and the Road to Damascus: Who’s Converting Whom?—The Honorable Martin S. Indyk, Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution; Mr. Ammar Abdul Hammid, Director, The Tharwa Foundation; The Honorable Peter W. Rodman, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy The Brookings Institution
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May 8th—U.S. Assistance to the Middle East: Old Tools for New Tasks?—The Honorable C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. George A. Laudato, Administrator's Special Assistant for the Middle East, The Middle East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development

May 14th—U.S. Assistance to South Asia: Is there a strategy to go with all that money?—The Honorable Richard A. Boucher, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development

May 21st—The U.S.-Israel-Egypt Trilateral Relationship: Shoring Up the Foundation of Regional Peace—The Honorable Daniel C. Kurtzer, Lecturer and S. Daniel Abraham Professor, Middle Eastern Policy Studies, Princeton University; Mr. David Makovsky, Senior Fellow and Director, Project on the Middle East Peace Process, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

June 5th—More Than Just Enrichment: Iran's Strategic Aspirations and the Future of the Middle East—Judith Yaphe, Ph.D., Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University; Ray Takeyh, Ph.D., Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies, Council on Foreign Relations; Jon B. Alterman, Ph.D., Director and Senior Fellow, Middle East Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

June 25th—More Than Just the 123 Agreement: The Future of U.S.-Indo Relations—Stephen P. Cohen, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies, The Brookings Institution; The Honorable Teresita C. Schaffer, Director, South Asia Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Walter Andersen, Ph.D., Associate Director of the South Asia Studies Program, Professorial Lecturer, School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University

July 29th—Update on the Situation in Lebanon—The Honorable Jeffrey Feltman, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State, (Former U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon)

September 16th—Defeating al Qaeda's Air Force: Pakistan's F-16 Program in the Fight Against Terrorism—Vice Admiral Jeffrey A. Wieringa, Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency; Mr. Donald Camp, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Frank Ruggiero, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Mitchell Shivers, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian & Pacific Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense;
Major General Burton M. Field, Vice Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff

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March 28th—Trade, Foreign Policy and the American Worker

Panel I: Mr. Lou Dobbs, Anchor and Managing Editor, CNN's Lou Dobbs Tonight; The Honorable Carla A. Hills, Chair and CEO, Hills & Company Former United States Trade Representative

Panel II: Mr. Scott N. Paul, Executive Director, Alliance for American Manufacturing; Ms. Thea Lee, Policy Director, AFL-CIO; Ms. Yvette Pena Lopes, Legislative Representative, International Brotherhood of Teamsters

April 18th—Isolating Proliferators and Sponsors of Terror: The Use of Sanctions and the International Financial System to Change Regime Behavior—Joint with Financial Services' Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology

Panel I: Mr. Daniel Glaser, Bureau Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Mr. Adam J. Szubin, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Mr. Paul E. Simons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Ms. Patricia McNerney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: The Honorable Sarah Steelman, Treasurer, State of Missouri; Mr. Jack Blum, Counsel, Baker Hostetler, (Former special counsel for Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics, and Int'l Operations); Mr. Roger W. Robinson, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Conflict Securities Advisory Group; David L. Asher, Ph.D., Senior Associate Fellow, The Heritage Foundation; Victor Comras, Esq., The Eren Law Firm (Former member of United Nations al-Qaeda monitoring group)

May 24th—The Reauthorization of OPIC

Panel I: The Honorable Robert Mosbacher, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Overseas Private Investment Corporation

Panel II: Mr. Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., President and CEO, Center for Security Policy

Panel II: Jeff Vogt, Esq., Global Economic Policy Specialist, AFL-CIO; Mr. Jonathan Sohn, Senior Associate, World Resources Institute; Tim Kane, Ph.D., Director, Center for International Trade and Economics, The Heritage Foundation

June 13th—The United States-South Korea FTA: The Foreign Policy Implications—The Honorable Karan K. Bhatia, Deputy Rep-
resentative, Office of the United States Trade Representative; The Honorable Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. Department of State


July 26th—Exports Controls: Are We Protecting Security and Facilitating Exports?

Panel I: The Honorable Christopher A. Padilla, Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce; The Honorable Stephen D. Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mrs. Beth M. McCormick, Acting Director, Defense Technology Security Administration, U.S. Department of Defense

Panel II: Ms. Ann Marie Calvaresi Barr, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, U.S. Government Accountability Office

Panel III: Mr. John W. Douglass, President and CEO, Aerospace Industries Association of America; Mr. Will Lowell, Managing Director, Lowell Defense Trade, LLC (Former Director, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, U.S. Department of State)

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April 24th—U.S. Export Promotion Strategy—

Panel I: The Honorable Israel Hernandez, Assistant Secretary for Trade Promotion, U.S. Department of Commerce

Panel II: James Morrison, Ph.D., President, Small Business Exporters Association of the United States, Mr. Franklin J. Vargo, Vice President for International Economic Affairs, National Association of Manufacturers (NAM); Ms. Thea M. Lee, Policy Director, AFL-CIO; Ms. Daniella Markheim, Jay Van Andel Senior Trade Policy Analyst, Center for International Trade and Economics, The Heritage Foundation

May 20th—Export Compliance: Ensuring Safety, Increasing Efficiency—


Panel II: Mark Meneefee, Esq., Counsel, Baker & McKenzie; Mr. Peter H. Powell, Sr., Senior Counselor, National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc.; Arthur Shulman, Esq., General Counsel, Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control

June 19th—Genetics and other Human Modification Technologies: Sensible International Regulation or a New Kind of Arms Race—Paul R. Billings M.D., Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Cellpoint Diagnostics, Inc.; Jamie F. Metzl, Ph.D, Executive Vice President, Asia Society; Nigel M. de S. Cameron, Ph.D., President and Co-founder, Institute on Biotechnology and the Human Future; Richard Hayes, Ph.D., Executive Director, Center for Genetics and Society

July 17th—Aiding American Businesses Abroad: Government Action to Help Beleaguered American Firms and Investors—

Panel I: The Honorable Israel Hernandez, Assistant Secretary for Trade Promotion and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign
Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce; Mr. David D. Nelson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Mr. Alan Tonelson, Research Fellow, The U.S. Business and Industry Council Educational Foundation; Ms. Jonna Bianco, President, American Bondholders Foundation, LLC; Ms. Nancy Weinstein, CEO and Founder, Nancy’s Lifestyles

July 24th—Saving the NPT and the Nonproliferation Regime in an Era of Nuclear Renaissance—Graham Allison, Ph.D., Director, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Pierre Goldschmidt, Ph.D., Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Orde Kittrie, Esq., Professor, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, Arizona State University; Mr. Jack Spencer, Research Fellow, Thomas A. Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation

July 31st—Foreign Aid and the Fight Against Terror and Proliferation: Leveraging Foreign Aid to Achieve U.S. Policy Goals—

Panel I: The Honorable Dell L. Dailey, Ambassador-at-Large, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, U.S. Department of State; Ms. Patricia McNerney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Mr. Steven Emerson, Executive Director, The Investigative Project on Terrorism; Mr. Douglas Farah, Senior Investigator, Nine Eleven Finding Answers Foundation Senior Fellow, International Assessment and Strategy Center

H. Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere

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March 1st—U.S. Policy Toward Latin America—

Panel I: The Honorable Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Panel II: Mr. Peter Hakim, President, Inter-American Dialogue; Arturo Valenzuela, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, Former Senior Director for Inter-American Affairs at the National Security Council; Mr. Eric Farnsworth, Vice President, Council of the Americas

March 8th—Polling Data on Latin America Opinion of U.S. Policies, Values and People—Joint with Subcommittee on International Operations, Human Rights and Oversight—Mr. John Zogby, President, Zogby International

March 13th—Haiti’s Development Needs—

Panel I: Mr. Wyckel Jean, Artist, Founder of Yéle Haiti

Panel II: The Honorable Adolfo A. Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development

March 28th—Poverty and Inequality in the Americas: The Unaddressed Problem—Nancy Birdsall, Ph.D., President, Center for Global Development; Ms. Joy Olson, Executive Director, Wash-
ashington Office on Latin America; Mr. Ben Powell, Managing Partner, Agora Partnerships
April 24th—U.S.-Colombia Relations—
Panel I: The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Member of Congress, Former Speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives
Panel II: The Honorable Anne W. Patterson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable Charles Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Panel III: His Excellency Luis Gilberto Murillo Urrutia, Senior Fellow on International Policy, Phelps Stokes Fund, Former Governor of Choco, Colombia; Maria McFarland Sánchez-Morenó, Esq., Principal Researcher and Specialist on Colombia, Human Rights Watch; The Honorable Mark Schneider, Senior Vice President, Special Adviser on Latin America, International Crisis Group; The Honorable Robert Charles, President, The Charles Group, LLC, Former Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law
June 26th—Violence in Central America—
Briefers: His Excellency José Guillermo Castillo Villacorta, Ambassador of Guatemala; His Excellency Roberto Flores Bermudez, Ambassador of Honduras
Witnesses: Ms. Lainie Reisman, Director, Inter-American Coalition for the Prevention of Violence; Mr. Geoff Thale, Program Director, Washington Office on Latin America; Roy Godson, Ph.D., President, National Strategy Information Center, Professor Emeritus, Georgetown University
July 24th—Deportees in Latin America and the Caribbean—
Witnesses: Mr. Gary Mead, Assistant Director for Management, Office of Detention and Removal Operations, Bureau of U.S. Immigration and Customs Management, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; The Honorable Charles Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Briefers: Nestor Rodriguez, Ph.D., Chairman, Department of Sociology, University of Houston; Annmarie Barnes, Ph.D., Chief Technical Director, Ministry of National Security, Jamaica; Ms. Maureen Achieng, Chief of Mission for Haiti, International Organization for Migration; Allison Parker, Esq., Senior Researcher, United States Program, Human Rights Watch; Marsha L. Garst, Esq., Commonwealth’s Attorney, Rockingham County, Virginia
September 19th—U.S.-Brazil Relations and MARK UP—Mr. Paulo Sotero, Director, Brazil Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Stanley Gacek, Esq., Associate Director of the International Department, AFL-CIO; Mr. Joel Velasco, Managing Director, Stonebridge International LLC; Mr. Mark Smith, Managing Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
H. Res. 651, Recognizing the warm friendship and expanding strategic relationship between the United States and Brazil, commending Brazil on successfully reducing its dependence on oil by finding alternative ways to satisfy its energy needs, and recognizing the importance of the March 9, 2007, United
States-Brazil Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on biofuels cooperation.

October 2nd—Leveraging Remittances for Families and Communities—

**Panel I:** The Honorable Paul J. Bonicelli, Ph.D., Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development

**Panel II:** Manuel Orozco, Ph.D., Senior Associate, Remittances and Development Program, Inter-American Dialogue; Mr. Ernesto Armenteros, Chief Executive Officer, Grupo Quisqueyana; Mr. Kai Schmitz, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Microfinance International Corporation

October 25th—U.S. Security Assistance to Mexico—

**Panel I:** Mr. Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, U.S. Government Accountability Office

**Panel II:** The Honorable James R. Jones, Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, Former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico (1993–1997), Former Member of Congress; John J. Bailey, Ph.D., Professor, Center for Latin American Studies, Georgetown University; Ms. Joy Olson, Executive Director, Washington Office on Latin America; Mr. Armand B. Peschard-Sverdrup, Director, Mexico Project, Center for Strategic and International Studies

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February 7th—U.S. Obligations under the Merida Initiative—

The Honorable Thomas A. Shannon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State; The Honorable Scott Burns, Deputy Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; The Honorable Marisa R. Lino, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy/International Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Former U.S. Ambassador; The Honorable William J. Hoover, Assistant Director, Office of Field Operations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Department of Justice; Mr. Anthony P. Placido, Assistant Administrator and Chief of Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice;

Mr. Kenneth W. Kaiser, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice

March 5th With Castro Stepping Down, What’s Next for Cuba and the Western Hemisphere?—

**Panel I:** The Honorable Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State

**Panel II:** Susan Kaufmann Purcell, Ph.D., Director, Center for Hemispheric Policy, University of Miami; Marifeli Pérez-Stable, Ph.D., Vice President for Democratic Governance, Inter-American Dialogue; Mr. Christopher Sabatini, Senior Director for Policy, Council of the Americas; Ms. Nancy Menges, Editor in Chief of the Americas Report, Menges Hemispheric Security Project, Center for Security Policy

April 10th—Crisis in the Andes: The Border Dispute Between Colombia and Ecuador, and Implications for the Region

**Briefer:** His Excellency José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General, Organization of American States
Witnesses: Julia E. Sweig, Ph.D., Nelson and David Rockefeller Senior Fellow, Director for Latin America Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, Mr. Michael Shifter, Vice President for Policy, Inter-American Dialogue; Ray Walser, Ph.D., Senior Policy Analyst for Latin America, Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation

May 8th—Central America and the Merida Initiative—
Panel I: The Honorable Thomas A. Shannon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Panel II: Mr. Geoff Thale, Program Director, Washington Office on Latin America; Mr. Harold Sibaja, Regional Director, Alliance for Prevention, Creative Associates International, Inc.; Ms. Beatriz C. Casals, President and CEO, Casals & Associates, Inc.

June 11th—The New Challenge: China and the Western Hemisphere—Mr. Daniel P. Erikson, Senior Associate for U.S. Policy, Director of Caribbean Programs, Inter-American Dialogue; R. Evan Ellis, Ph.D., Associate, Adjunct Professor of International Studies, University of Miami; Francisco E. Gonzalez, Ph.D., Riordan Roett Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University

July 17th—Venezuela: Looking Ahead—
Panel I: The Honorable Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Panel II: Javier Corrales, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Amherst College; David Myers, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University; Norman A. Bailey, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor of Statecraft, The Institute of World Politics, President, Institute for Global Economic Growth; Jennifer L. McCoy, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University Director, Americas Program, The Carter Center

July 31st—Energy in the Americas—
Panel I: The Honorable Daniel S. Sullivan, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic, Energy and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Panel II: Mr. Jeremy Martin, Director, Energy Program, Institute of the Americas; Johanna Mendelson Forman, Ph.D., Senior Associate, Center for Strategic & International Studies; Mr. James L. Martin, Chairman, National Defense Council Foundation

September 16th—Foreign Assistance in the Americas—
Panel I: The Honorable Robert Menendez, United States Senate
Panel II: The Honorable Mark Schneider, Senior Vice President, Special Adviser on Latin America International Crisis Group, Former Director of the Peace Corps, 1990–2001; Nancy Birdsall, Ph.D., President, Center for Global Development; Eric Werker, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Business, Government and the International Economy Unit, Harvard Business School

September 23rd—The Hurricanes in Haiti: Disaster and Recovery—
Panel I: The Honorable Maxine Waters, United States House of Representatives; The Honorable Alcee L. Hastings, United States House of Representatives; The Honorable Barbara Lee, United States House of Representatives; The Honorable Kendrick B. Meek,
United States House of Representatives; The Honorable Yvette D. Clarke, United States House of Representatives; The Honorable Donna F. Edwards, United States House of Representatives

Panel II: Ms. Kirsten D. Madison, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State; Mr. José R. Cárdenas, Acting Assistant Administrator, Latin America and Caribbean Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; Rear Admiral Joseph D. Kernan, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, U.S. 4th Fleet

Panel III: Mathieu Eugene, Ph.D., Member, New York City Council

H. Protocol Meetings

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Members Meeting with His Excellency Juan Manuel Santos, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Colombia, Wednesday, January 31, 2007, 1:00 p.m., Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, Wednesday, January 17, 2007, 8:30 a.m., Room 2200 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, and Maj. General Omar Mahmoud Soliman, Chief of Egyptian General Intelligence Service, Tuesday, February 6, 2007, 11:00 a.m., Rm H–139, The Capitol.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Abdullah Gül, Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey, Wednesday, February 7, 2007, 3:00 p.m., Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania, Monday, February 12, 2007, 5:00 p.m., Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Liberia, Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 2:00 p.m., in Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with Her Excellency Tzipi Livni, M.K., Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, State of Israel, Wednesday, March 14, 2007, 1:30 p.m., in Room H–139 of The Capitol.


Members Meeting with His Excellency Javier Solana Madariaga, High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union (EU), Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Room 2200 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Members Meeting with The Honorable Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Wednesday, March 28, 2007, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Room 2173 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Luis Alberto Moreno, President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Thurs-
Members Meeting with His Excellency Alvaro Uribe Velez, President of the Republic of Colombia, Wednesday, May 2, 2007, 12:00 Noon, Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Rene Préval, President of the Republic of Haiti, 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 10, 2007, Room 2200, Rayburn House Office Building.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Eduardo Stein Barillas, Vice President of Guatemala, Tuesday, May 22, 2007, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Dr. Mohammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait, Thursday, May 24, 2007, 9:30 a.m., Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with 12 Members of the British House of Commons Defence Committee, Tuesday, June 5, 2007, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., in Room H–139 of the Capitol.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Khurshid M. Kasuri, Foreign Minister of Pakistan, 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2007, in Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with numerous Caribbean Heads of State and Government and their Foreign Ministers (CARICOM Meeting), Wednesday, June 20, 2007, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Members Meeting between the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, June 21, 2007, Room 2172 of the Rayburn Building: Morning session, 10:00 to 12:00 Noon, (open to the press, ambassadors of the EU and NATO, and all other interested observers) followed by a private Members meeting from 12:00–4:00.

Members Luncheon Meeting with the President of Estonia, His Excellency Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Tuesday, June 26, 2007, 12:30–1:30 p.m., Room 2200 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, Tuesday, July 10, 2007, 5:00 p.m., in Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with Members of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly's (NPA) Political Subcommittee on Transatlantic Relations (PCTR), Tuesday, July 10, 2007, 3:00–5:15 p.m., in 2172 of the Rayburn Building, followed by reception, 5:30–6:30 p.m., Room 2200 of the Rayburn Building (open to all Committee Members).

Members Meeting with His Excellency Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 2200 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Arlindo Chinaglia, President of Brazilian Chamber of Deputies and member of Workers' Party of Brazil, Thursday, July 19, 2007, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., in Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Bernard Kouchner, Foreign Minister of the French Republic, Thursday, September 20, 2007, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., in Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Festus G. Mogae, President of the Democratic Republic of Botswana, 9:00 a.m., Thursday,
September 20, 2007, in Room 2200 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Members Meeting with 13 members of the British House of Commons’ Foreign Affairs Committee, Thursday, October 18, 2007, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., in Room 2200 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Members Meeting with 11 members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands’ Parliament, Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., in Room H–139 of the Capitol.

Members Meeting with His Excellency Yanus Qanooni, Speaker of the Wolesi Jirga of Afghanistan, which is the lower house of the Afghan Parliament, Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 11:45 a.m., in Room H–139 of The Capitol.

Members Meeting with the Chairman and Members of the United States Commission on Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP Commission), Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Room 2200 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

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Mbrs. Breakfast with Sec. of Defense Gates. March 6, 2008, 2200 Rayburn HOB

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Members Mtg. w Amb. Luis Gallegos of Ecuador, March 11, 2008, 2200 Rayburn HOB


Members Meeting with Estonian Parliamentarians, Tuesday, April 1, 2008, 2255 Rayburn HOB

Members Meeting w. Foreign Minister Gheit of Egypt, Thursday, April 17, 2008, H–139, The Capitol

Members Meeting w. President Zatlers of Latvia, Thursday, April 24, 2008, H–139 The Capitol

Members Meeting w. Foreign Minister of Afghanistan, May 13, 2008, 2173 Rayburn HOB

Members Meeting with Robert Zoellick of World Bank, May 14, 2008, 2200 Rayburn HOB

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During the 110th Congress, the Full Committee and its sub-committees took testimony from witnesses in legislative and consultative hearings. Witnesses were drawn from the executive branch, Members of Congress, and private citizens with particular expertise. In addition, the full committee and subcommittees received distinguished visitors from other countries.

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The Committee on Foreign Affairs traces its origins to November 29, 1775. It was on that date that the Continental Congress by resolution created a committee “for the sole purposes of corresponding with our friends in Great Britain, Ireland, and other parts of the world.” The members chosen for this committee were Benjamin Franklin—who served as chairman and guiding spirit—Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Johnson, Jr., John Dickinson, and John Jay. Known at first as the Committee of Correspondence, the committee itself soon changed its name to the Committee of Secret Correspondence.

That committee was the first institution created to represent the United States in the foreign affairs field. The Committee on International Relations (as well as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee) is a lineal descendant of the Committee of Correspondence.

Franklin’s committee quickly entered into communication with various persons in Europe for the purpose of ascertaining sentiment there toward the Colonies and obtaining any other information which might be useful in the struggle with England. It even designated its own secret agents abroad.

By the spring of 1777, the specialized nature of the committee’s work had been recognized and its title changed to “Committee for Foreign Affairs.” Special problems in foreign relations, however, were sometimes dealt with by select or temporary committees appointed for the purpose.

After the Congress of the United States was organized under the Constitution, select committees to deal with foreign affairs were appointed. In 1807, during the Jefferson Presidency, a House committee was established in response to predatory actions by both the French and British against American commercial shipping. Following the seizure and search of the U.S. frigate Chesapeake 10 miles off the Virginia coast by a British ship, the House appointed a special Foreign Relations Committee which was also known as the Aggression Committee. That committee had an active role in foreign policy considerations through the War of 1812 and in 1822, renamed the Committee on Foreign Affairs, was designated a standing committee of the House with a membership of seven. The 150th anniversary of that event was celebrated by the committee in 1972.

Because the House is the organ of National Government closest to the citizenry, the Committee on Foreign Affairs may truly be said to have been the voice of the American people on issues of international significance for more than a century and a half. Although this important role has remained the same, the name of the
committee was changed on March 19, 1975, by a resolution (House Resolution 163) sponsored by 22 members of the committee to the Committee on International Relations. The change resulted from the extensive discussions by the members that were undertaken in relation to the reorganization of the subcommittee structure of the committee. It was the consensus that the change in the name of the full committee would more accurately reflect the organization of the committee as it had been agreed upon by its own members at that time. Subsequently, at the beginning of the 96th Congress, the committee again reorganized its subcommittee structure and agreed to the introduction of House Resolution 89, sponsored by 30 Members, to return to the committee's original name “The Committee on Foreign Affairs.” The resolution was agreed to on February 5, 1979. At the beginning of the 104th Congress, the House changed the names of many committees, and the “Committee on Foreign Affairs” was again changed to the “Committee on International Relations.” At the beginning of the 110th Congress, the name was changed back to “Committee on Foreign Affairs.”

Throughout its history, the committee has been composed of some of America's most able legislators and statesmen. Two American Presidents have served on it: James K. Polk, from 1827 to 1831, and John Quincy Adams, who became chairman in 1842 after he returned to the House following his term as the Chief Executive.

Many former chairmen of the committee have written their names into the history books. Among them was Edward Everett of Massachusetts, chairman in the 20th Congress, who also served as Secretary of State, was a Whig Vice Presidential candidate in 1860, and is remembered as one of America's greatest orators. Francis W. Pickens, who chaired the committee from 1839 to 1841, later became Governor of South Carolina and authorized the firing on Fort Sumter which precipitated the Civil War.

Serving as chairman in the aftermath of World War I, Stephen G. Porter of Pennsylvania came to be one of the most influential figures in the determination of American foreign policy in the early 1920's. Former Chairman Sol Bloom of New York and James P. Richards of South Carolina have been recognized for their contributions to America's leadership in the immediate post-World War II period. In more recent times, J. Danforth Quayle, former Vice President, served on the Committee in the 96th Congress. The longest tenure as chairman in the history of the committee was that of Hon. Thomas E. Morgan of Pennsylvania who served in that position from 1959 until the end of the 94th Congress.

Other former members of the Committee on International Relations/Foreign Affairs—Tom Connally of Texas, Champ Clark of Iowa, and J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, Mike Mansfield of Montana, Jacob Javits of New York, Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut, and Porter Goss of Florida. Eleven current members of the U.S. Senate are former members of the Committee: Robert C. Byrd from West Virginia; Olympia Snowe from Maine; Charles Schumer from New York; Sam Brownback from Kansas; Harry Reid from Nevada; Maria Cantwell from Washington; Lindsey Graham from South Carolina, John McCain from Arizona; Richard Burr of North Carolina, Sherrod Brown of Ohio, and Robert Menendez of New Jersey.
Moreover, committee experience has provided a beginning for numerous individuals who have gone on to distinguish themselves in the diplomatic service of the country. Among them was Perry Belmont, chairman in the 49th and 50th Congresses, who was U.S. Minister of Spain in 1888–89 and a noted author of work on international policies. His successor as chairman in the 51st Congress was Robert R. Hitt of Ohio who was chief of the U.S. Delegation in Paris from 1874 to 1881 and subsequently was appointed Assistant Secretary of State. Christian A. Herter, who served as Secretary of State during the Eisenhower administration, was a committee member in the 82d Congress. More recent examples are: J. Danforth Quayle, former Vice President of the United States; Lee Hamilton, Vice-Chair of the 9–11 Commission; and Porter Goss, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.
APPENDIX III

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, 110TH CONGRESS

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