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To amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide a mandatory life penalty for certain offenses involving methamphetamine.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 1997

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. SALMON, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. CRANE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. LAZIO of New York, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MICA, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BOB SCHAFER of Colorado, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BAKER, Mr. HASTERT, and Mr. COOKSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Speed Trafficking Life
3 in Prison Act of 1997”.

4 **SEC. 2. MANDATORY LIFE PENALTY FOR CERTAIN METH-**
5 **AMPHETAMINE OFFENSES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401 of the Controlled
7 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841) is amended—

8 (1) by striking clause (viii) of subsection

9 (b)(1)(A);

10 (2) by striking clause (viii) of subsection

11 (b)(1)(B); and

12 (3) by adding at the end of subsection (b) the
13 following:

14 “(h) Whoever engages in a violation of subsection (a)
15 involving methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, or salts of
16 its isomers shall be fined not more than \$8,000,000 (if
17 an individual) or \$20,000,000 (if other than an individual)
18 and shall be imprisoned for life, unless the death penalty
19 is imposed.”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) CIVIL PENALTY.—Section 405(a) of the
22 Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 844a) is
23 amended by inserting “or described in section
24 401(h),” after “401(b)(1)(A)”.

1 (2) CONTINUING CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE.—Sec-
2 tion 408 of the Controlled Substances Act (21
3 U.S.C. 848) is amended—

4 (A) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by inserting
5 “a substance described in section 401(h) or”
6 after “involved”;

7 (B) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by inserting
8 “a substance described in section 401(h) or”
9 after “distribution of”; and

10 (C) in subsection (e)(1)(A), by inserting
11 “section 841(h),” after “punishable under”.

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