

in the President's Fiscal Year 2008 request for the Office of Policy to lead this initiative.

Section 2402. Sense of the Congress Regarding the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Ideologically-Based Violence

There is no comparable House provision.

Section 1602 of the Senate bill includes extensive findings concerning the threat of radicalization in the United States as a component of the struggle against the transnational ideological movement of Islamist extremism. This provision also makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding measures that can be taken to prevent radicalization and concludes that the Secretary should work across the Federal government and with State and local officials to make countering radicalization a priority.

The Conference substitute adopts the Senate provision with changes. The changes include modifying the terms used to describe radicalization so that it is clear that protected behavior is not included. As a result, radicalization is referred to as radicalization that leads to ideologically-based violence. Additionally, while the language is intended to address the global struggle against violent extremism, the language is broadened to include ideologically-based violence from all sources.

Section 2403. Requiring Reports to Be Submitted to Certain Committees

There is no comparable House provision.

Section 1485 of the Senate bill contained a provision to provide certain Senate Committees with reports required elsewhere in the bill.

The Conference substitute adopts part of the Senate provision with updated references to certain reports.

Section 2404. Demonstration Project

There is no comparable House provision.

Section 805 of the Senate bill requires the Secretary to establish a demonstration project to conduct demonstrations of security management systems.

The Conference substitute adopts the Senate provision, while modifying it so that it defines "security management system" as a set of guidelines that address the security assessment needs of critical infrastructure and key resources that are consistent with a set of generally accepted management standards ratified and adopted by a standards making body.

Section 2405. Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security

There is no comparable House provision, as Members believe that this issue would be best addressed as part of a comprehensive homeland security authorization bill.

Section 1601 of the Senate bill elevates the position of Under Secretary for Management to a Deputy Secretary, adds qualifications for the position, and gives this newly created position a five-year term with removal only for performance reasons.

The Conference substitute adopts a modified version of the Senate provision by enhancing the Under Secretary's authority while maintaining the position at the Under Secretary level without a fixed term. Specifically, the substitute designates the Under Secretary for Management as the Chief Management Officer and the Secretary's principal advisor on management-related matters. It also requires the Under Secretary to facilitate strategic management planning, integration, transformation, and transition and succession for the Department.

The Conference substitute requires the Under Secretary to develop a transition and succession plan, and authorizes the incumbent Under Secretary to remain in the position, after a Presidential election, until a successor is confirmed in the subsequent Administration. It also expresses the Sense of

the Congress that a newly-elected President should encourage the incumbent Under Secretary to remain until a successor is confirmed, to provide continuity during the transition. The legislation also requires that the Under Secretary be accountable for his or her performance—each year, the Under Secretary must enter into a performance agreement with the Secretary and be subject to an evaluation based on the same. The substitute also enhances the President's ability to attract qualified candidates, as it elevates the Under Secretary for Management to Level II of the Executive Schedule.

Because the Department is newly formed, and in light of the integration and management challenges it has faced to date, the Conference is concerned about the impending transition between Administrations and believes this transition should be well-planned and smoothly implemented. The Conference believes that this position requires a person with strong management skills and a proven track record of success, and this legislation requires the selection of a person with such experience.

EARMARKS

Pursuant to House Rule XXI, clause 9(a)(4), the Committee of Conference attaches a list of earmarks included in the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1, including a list of Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, and limited tariff benefits in the conference report or joint statement (and the name of any Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, or Senator who submitted a request to the House or Senate Committees of jurisdiction for each respective item included in such list) or a statement that the proposition contains no Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits, as follows:

Section	Earmark	Member
Section 1204	National Disaster Preparedness Training Center, University of Hawaii Transportation Technology Center, Inc.	Sen. Daniel K. Inouye Sen. Wayne Allard Sen. Ken Salazar Rep. John T. Salazar Rep. Ed Perlmutter Sen. Christopher J. Dodd Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman Sen. Robert Menendez Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg Sen. Mark L. Pryor Sen. Charles E. Schumer Rep. Peter T. King Rep. Al Green Rep. Bennie G. Thompson
Section 1205	Connecticut Transportation Institute, University of Connecticut National Transit Institute, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey Mack-Blackwell National Rural Transportation Study Center at the University of Arkansas Homeland Security Management Institute, Long Island University Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas Tougaloo College	

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ELECTION OF MEMBER TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. PUTNAM. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res.

566) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 566

Resolved, That the following member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY.—Mr. Broun of Georgia.

(2) COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.—Mr. Broun of Georgia.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair

announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy:

Mr. COURTNEY, Connecticut
Mr. SHAYS, Connecticut

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JAMES L. OBERSTAR, Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, July 25, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 194 of title 14, United States Code, as Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I am required to designate three Members of the United States Coast Guard Academy Board of Visitors. I designate Representative Michael H. Michaud (Maine), Representative Mazie K. Hirono (Hawaii), and Ranking Member John L. Mica (Florida) to serve on the Board of Visitors.

Since its founding in 1876, the Coast Guard Academy, based in New London, Connecticut has accomplished its mission of "educating, training and developing leaders of character who are ethically, intellectually, professionally, and physically prepared to serve their country." The Board of Visitors meets annually with staff, faculty and cadets to review the Academy's programs, curricula, and facilities and to assess future needs. The Board of Visitors plays an important supervisory role in ensuring the continued success of the Academy and the tradition of excellence of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
JAMES L. OBERSTAR,
Chairman.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HONORING THE 1ST BATTALION OF THE 133RD INFANTRY OF THE IOWA NATIONAL GUARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. BRALEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the members of the 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry of the Iowa National Guard home to Iowa after a lengthy deployment in Iraq, and to honor and thank them for their service there.

Today was a momentous day in Iowa as the members of the 1-133rd, known as the "Ironman Battalion," were re-

united with their friends, family, and loved ones at a homecoming ceremony in Waterloo. This day of reunion and celebration has been anxiously awaited in Iowa since the battalion left for Iraq last year. An overflow crowd of thousands packed Riverfront Stadium to welcome the hundreds of men and women home. As they drove the final miles from Ft. McCoy in Wisconsin, Iowans lined the road to wave at the 1-133rd.

Sadly, today was also made bittersweet by the absence of two members, Sergeant 1st Class Scott Nisely and Sergeant Kampha Sourivong, who were tragically killed during combat operations in Iraq in September 2006.

It is impossible for those who have not served in Iraq to fully understand the experiences of the 1-133rd, or to comprehend the sacrifices that they and their families have made on behalf of our country. However, I am glad that the Memorial Day special edition of "60 Minutes" gave Americans a small glimpse of the challenges that members of the 1-133rd and their families have faced throughout their long deployment, and more importantly into their incredible perseverance.

Iowans who watched the "60 Minutes" special featuring the 1-133rd saw the story of their friends, neighbors and loved ones who chose to serve and sacrifice when their country called them. We saw the daily danger faced by the 1-133rd in Iraq as they helped deliver fuel to coalition forces. We saw their families missing them and adjusting back home. We saw the hardship and heartache that was experienced by the members and their families when they received the news that their tour of duty was to be extended from April until this summer. And we saw the lives of our fellow Iowans cut tragically short.

For me, the program also reinforced what I had already learned about the members of the 1-133rd from my frequent communications with their commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Ben Corell, that they are men and women of great strength and character who selflessly and bravely put their lives on the line every day for their country in Iraq.

The contributions of the 1-133rd have indeed been crucial to the U.S. mission in Iraq. Throughout their tour of duty in the al Anbar province, one of the most dangerous parts of the country, the 1-133rd detained over 60 insurgents. They completed over 500 missions providing security for convoys, and logged in over 4 million mission miles. They have delivered over one-third of the fuel needed to sustain coalition forces in Iraq.

I hope that it gives members and families of the 1-133rd pride to reflect upon their accomplishments and to know that they are part of the longest-serving Iowa military unit since World War II, and part of the Army National Guard unit which has served the longest continuous deployment of any Na-

tional Guard unit in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They have made me and so many others proud through their work and their sacrifices in Iraq, and I am incredibly privileged to represent them in the United States Congress.

I believe that the entire country should commend and thank these members and the families of the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry of the Iowa National Guard for their contributions to the U.S. mission in Iraq. That is why today I introduced a resolution in the House to honor and thank them for their service and sacrifices there. The strong bipartisan support this resolution has from 70 original cosponsors, including the entire Iowa congressional delegation, demonstrates the pride and gratitude that Americans feel toward our men and women serving in uniform.

I look forward to the swift passage of this resolution in the House of Representatives, and I hope that it comes to serve as a genuine expression of thanks from a grateful State and a grateful Nation.

We will be forever indebted to the members and families of the 1-133rd for their service and sacrifice. Again, I would like to commend and thank this incredible battalion for their work, and join their families, friends and neighbors in welcoming them home.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF PFC.
BRANDON KEITH BOBB

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, Winston Churchill said that, "We are masters of our fate, the task which has been set before us is not above our strength; that its pangs and toils are not beyond our endurance. As long as we have faith in our own cause and an unconquerable will to win, victory will never be denied us."

Army PFC Brandon Keith Bobb believed in these words. He believed in the mission of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He believed in freedom and liberation from tyranny and terrorism.

Private First Class Bobb was born and raised in Port Arthur, Texas, a small town in southeast Texas that I represent. He attended Memorial High School and was a member of the track and field team. His high school coach remembers a young man who exhibited leadership as a high school student. His fellow students looked up to him and followed his examples.

Private First Class Bobb did not get the opportunity to graduate from Memorial High School because of Hurricane Rita. Hurricane Rita reared her vicious head and forced Bobb and his family to evacuate southeast Texas, and they relocated in Florida. He finished high school there.