

other Member is accorded access to and use of public telecommunications transport networks and services on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms and conditions." In addition, paragraph 5(c) imposes an obligation on China to ensure that U.S. services suppliers may use the public telecommunications transport networks and services "for the movement of information within and across borders" and "for access to information contained in databases or otherwise stored in machine-readable form" in the United States or in the territory of another WTO Member. China's filtering and blocking on Internet content clearly restricts the availability of these telecommunications networks in a discriminatory fashion.

CONCLUSION

We appreciate the Commission holding this hearing and inviting me to testify. We also appreciate the efforts of USTR in submitting the GATS 111:4 questions. We urge the Commission to take into account our views in its ongoing work on this issue. We also urge the Commission to monitor China's responses to these questions as well as USTR's continuing efforts on this very important issue. An open and accessible internet in China is a prerequisite to U.S. success in the Chinese market, and a goal that we must continue to fight for until it is achieved.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE BREAST
CANCER RESEARCH AUTHORITY
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 12, 2011

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following letter regarding S. 384:

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, December 13, 2011.

Hon. DARRELL ISSA,
Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ISSA: I am writing concerning S. 384, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the

United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research. I wanted to notify you that the Committee on Energy and Commerce will forgo action on S. 384 so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

This is done with the understanding that the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not waiving any of its jurisdiction, and the Committee will not in any way be prejudiced with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.

I would appreciate your response confirming this understanding with respect to S. 384 and ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during consideration of the bill on the House floor.

Sincerely,

FRED UPTON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND
GOVERNMENT REFORM,

Washington, DC, December 13, 2011.

Hon. FRED UPTON,
*Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding the Committee on Energy and Commerce's jurisdictional interest in S. 384, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and your willingness to forego consideration of S. 384 by your committee.

I agree that the Committee on Energy and Commerce has a valid jurisdictional interest in certain provisions of S. 384 and that the Committee's jurisdiction will not be adversely affected by your decision to not request a sequential referral of S. 384.

Finally, I will include a copy of your letter and this response in the Committee Report and in the Congressional Record during the floor consideration of this bill. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

DARRELL ISSA,
Chairman.

IRAN THREAT REDUCTION ACT OF
2011

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Iran Threat Reduction Act of 2011.

I want to thank both the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs for their efforts on passing this important legislation.

I am a proud co-sponsor of this bill.

Iran's efforts to obtain nuclear capabilities and its support for terrorism form one of our most serious foreign policy challenges.

And, the Iranian regime's treatment of its own people horrifies the world.

This legislation sends a strong message to the Iranian government—there is a price to pay for ignoring the will of the international community.

It is no secret that Iran has been a destabilizing and dangerous force in the Middle East.

From repeatedly threatening our ally Israel to providing support for attacks on U.S. troops in the region, Iran has sought at every turn to thwart U.S. and international efforts.

Let's be clear though—while the Iranian government conceives of these actions, it is the cruel and twisted core of the Iranian regime—the Iran Revolutionary Guard Corps—that executes its daily threats and brutalities. That's why it is so important that this measure targets the IRGC.

This legislation isn't all that we must do. It is also time for tough and lasting pressure on those who do business with the Central Bank of Iran.

The world must not allow Iran to obtain nuclear capabilities, for the sake of the region and the world.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference.

This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this infor-

mation, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

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