

HR 1751

Court Security Improvement Act of 2006

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Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Apr 21, 2005
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]	R · LA		May 10, 2005
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		May 10, 2005
Rep. Conaway, K. Michael [R-TX-11]	R · TX		May 10, 2005
Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29]	R · NY		May 10, 2005
Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]	R · CA		May 10, 2005
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 10, 2005
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	R · LA		May 24, 2005
Rep. Gallegly, Elton [R-CA-24]	R · CA		May 24, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 30, 2005
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 7, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HRES 540	Procedurally related	Nov 9, 2005: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
109 S 1968	Related bill	Nov 7, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
109 HR 1710	Related bill	May 10, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Court Security Improvement Act of 2006 - **Title I: Judicial Security Improvements and Funding** - (Sec. 101) Amends the federal judicial code to direct the U.S. Marshals Service to consult with the Judicial Conference of the United States (Judicial Conference) on a continuing basis regarding the security requirements for the judicial branch.

(Sec. 102) Amends the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to extend the Judicial Conference's authority to redact information from the financial disclosure reports of federal judges to permit the redaction of information relating to family members of such judges.

(Sec. 103) Extends through 2009 the authority of the Judicial Conference to grant redactions of required information from federal judges' financial disclosure reports.

(Sec. 104) Amends the federal judicial code and the Internal Revenue Code to authorize the U.S. Marshals Service to provide for the security of the Tax Court, its personnel, and other threatened persons where criminal intimidation impedes the functioning of the Court.

(Sec. 105) Authorizes additional appropriations for FY2006-FY2010 to hire U.S. marshals to provide judicial security.

Title II: Criminal Law Enhancements to Protect Judges, Family Members, and Witnesses - (Sec. 201) Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit the filing (or conspiring or attempting to file) in any public record a false lien or encumbrance against the real or personal property of a federal officer or employee on account of the performance of official duties by such officer or employee knowing that such lien or encumbrance is materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent. Imposes a fine and/or prison term of up to 10 years for a violation.

(Sec. 202) Makes it a crime to knowingly publish restricted information (social security number, home address, home phone number, mobile phone number, personal email, or home fax number) about a covered official (federal officer or employee, a grand or petit juror, witness, or other officer serving a court) or immediate family member with the intent to threaten, intimidate, or incite a crime against such person or with the intent and knowledge that such information will be used to harm such person. Imposes a fine and/or prison term of up to five years for violations.

(Sec. 203) Prohibits the possession of a dangerous weapon in a federal court facility.

(Sec. 204) Permits a criminal prosecution for retaliation against a witness to be brought in the district in which the official proceeding was intended to be affected, or in which the conduct constituting the retaliation occurred.

(Sec. 205) Increases criminal penalties for: (1) tampering with or retaliating against a witness, victim, or informant; and (2) voluntary and involuntary manslaughter.

Title III: Protecting State and Local Judges and Related Grant Programs - (Sec. 301) Amends the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to provide for grants to states, local governments, or Indian tribes to create and expand witness and victim protection programs. Authorizes appropriations for FY2006-FY2010.

(Sec. 302) Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to makes state and local courts eligible for correctional options grants and armored vest grants.

Title IV: Law Enforcement Officers - (Sec. 401) Amends the federal criminal code to reduce the number of years retired law enforcement officers must serve in order to carry concealed weapons and to revise the identification requirements for

such officers.

(Sec. 402) Directs the Attorney General, not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, to submit to the House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary a report on the security of assistant U.S. attorneys arising from the prosecution of terrorists, violent gangs, drug traffickers, gun traffickers, white supremacists, and those who commit fraud and other white-collar offenses, and other criminal cases.

(Sec. 403) Directs the Comptroller General to begin, not later than six months after enactment of this Act, a study of the number of active and retired law enforcement officers carrying concealed weapons.

Title V: Miscellaneous Provisions - (Sec. 501) Allows the U.S. Sentencing Commission to enter into multi-year procurement contracts.

(Sec. 502) Extends certain life insurance benefits to bankruptcy, magistrate, and territorial judges.

(Sec. 503) Amends the federal judicial code to grant certain senior judges the power to participate in the appointment of court officers and magistrates, rulemaking, governance, and administrative powers.

(Sec. 504) Amends the federal judicial code to grant certain senior judges all powers of active judges, including the power to participate in the appointment of court officers and magistrates, rulemaking, governance, and administrative matters.

(Sec. 505) Reauthorizes the Office of Government Ethics through FY2011.

(Sec. 506) Requires the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to conduct a pilot program in FY2007-FY2008 for home detention of certain nonviolent offenders age 60 or older.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 7, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Dec 6, 2006:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR 12/7/2006 S11386-11387)
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 6, 2006:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 10, 2005:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** Rule H. Res. 540 passed House.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 540. (consideration: CR H10090-10108; text of measure as reported in House: CR H10095-10099)
- **Nov 9, 2005:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1751 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 540 and Rule XVIII.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Michael K. Simpson to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 1751.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** DEBATE - Pursuant to H. Res. 540, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Sensenbrenner amendment.
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- **Nov 9, 2005:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Scott (VA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Sensenbrenner demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the Scott (VA) amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** DEBATE - Pursuant to H. Res. 540, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cuellar amendment.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** DEBATE - Pursuant to H. Res. 540, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Jackson-Lee amendment.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** DEBATE - Pursuant to H. Res. 540, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Filner amendment.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** DEBATE - Pursuant to H. Res. 540, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Weiner amendment.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** DEBATE - Pursuant to H. Res. 540, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the King (IA) amendment.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of adoption of the Scott (VA) amendment which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 1751.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H10106)
- **Nov 9, 2005:** The House adopted the amendment as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** Mr. Higgins moved to recommit with instructions to Judiciary. (consideration: CR H10106-10108; text: CR H10106)
- **Nov 9, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Higgins motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back with an amendment adding a new section providing for prohibition of profiteering and fraud in connection with military actions and disaster relief.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.

(consideration: CR H10107)

- **Nov 9, 2005:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 201 - 221 (Roll no. 584).
- **Nov 9, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 375 - 45 (Roll no. 585).
- **Nov 9, 2005:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 375 - 45 (Roll no. 585).
- **Nov 9, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 9, 2005:** The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 1751.
- **Nov 8, 2005:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 540 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1751 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Nov 7, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 109-271.
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- **Nov 7, 2005:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 148.
- **Oct 27, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Oct 27, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 5.
- **Jun 30, 2005:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 30, 2005:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 26, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 26, 2005:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 21, 2005:** Introduced in House
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