

## HR 2679

Veterans' Memorials, Boy Scouts, Public Seals, and Other Public Expressions of Religion Protection Act of 2006

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 21, 2006
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 13, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HRES 1038	Procedurally related	<b>Sep 26, 2006:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
109 S 3696	Related bill	<b>Aug 2, 2006:</b> Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-756.

Veterans' Memorials, Boy Scouts, Public Seals, and Other Public Expressions of Religion Protection Act of 2006 - Amends the Revised Statutes of the United States to limit the remedy, in a civil action against a state or local official for deprivation of civil rights, to injunctive and declaratory relief and deny attorneys' fees where the deprivation consists of a violation of a prohibition in the Constitution against the establishment of religion, including violations relating to: (1) religious words or imagery in veterans' memorials, public buildings, or official seals of states or their subdivisions; and (2) the chartering of Boy Scout units by states or their subdivisions and the Boy Scouts' using public buildings.

Imposes the same limits regarding such an action against the United States or any U.S. agency or official acting in his or her official capacity.

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## Actions Timeline

- **Nov 13, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Sep 27, 2006:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 26, 2006:** Rule H. Res. 1038 passed House.
- **Sep 26, 2006:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1038. (consideration: CR H7389-7404)
- **Sep 26, 2006:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2679 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.
- **Sep 26, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 2679.
- **Sep 26, 2006:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H7404)
- **Sep 26, 2006:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of the debate on H.R. 2679, the Chair put the question on adoption of the bill and by voice vote, announced that the yeas had prevailed. Mr. Smith (TX) demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption until later in the legislative day.
- **Sep 26, 2006:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7422-7423)
- **Sep 26, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 244 - 173 (Roll no. 480).
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- **Sep 26, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 26, 2006:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 25, 2006:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1038 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2679 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Bill is closed to amendments. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.
- **Sep 14, 2006:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 109-657.
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- **Sep 14, 2006:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 390.
- **Sep 7, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 7, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 21, 2006:** Subcommittee on the Constitution Discharged.
- **Jun 22, 2006:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 1, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- **May 26, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **May 26, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.