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HRES 865

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries to address crime and violence in the region.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	Feb 27, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 9, 2008)

Welcomes the recommendations contained in the March 2007 United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) report "Crime, Violence, and Development: Trends, Costs, and Policy Options in the Caribbean" to the extent those recommendations do not conflict with U.S. law.

Urges the governments of United States and other drug-consuming countries to increase counter-narcotics assistance to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member states and the Dominican Republic.

Urges the U.S. government to: (1) increase coordination with CARICOM member states and the Dominican Republic to help combat regional crime; and (2) consider the impact on CARICOM member states and the Dominican Republic of the proposed Merida Initiative to combat drugs, violence, and transnational crime in Mexico and Central America.

Urges the Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security to work with the CARICOM member states and the Dominican Republic to mitigate the negative effects of U.S. deportation policy.

Urges the CARICOM member states and the Dominican Republic to consider fully the recommendations in the UNODC and World Bank report, especially with respect to improvements in their criminal justice systems.

Actions Timeline

- Apr 9, 2008: Mr. Payne moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.
- Apr 9, 2008: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2078-2081)
- Apr 9, 2008: DEBATE The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 865.
- Apr 9, 2008: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2078-2079)
- Apr 9, 2008: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2078-2079)
- Apr 9, 2008: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Apr 9, 2008: The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- Feb 27, 2008: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- Feb 27, 2008: Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, by Unanimous Consent.
- Dec 11, 2007: Introduced in House
- Dec 11, 2007: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.