

HCONRES 298

Expressing the sense of Congress that the videotaping or photographing of police engaged in potentially abusive activity in a public place should not be prosecuted in State or Federal courts.

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy. (Jul 26, 2010)

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 26, 2010
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 15, 2010)

Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) citizen recording fills in gaps in existing checks against law enforcement abuses, when balanced with the needs of law enforcement, police privacy, and citizen privacy; (2) national security alone is insufficient justification for harassment, charges, or an arrest for otherwise innocent behavior, such as videotaping; and (3) members of the public have a right to observe, and if they choose, to make video or sound recordings of the police during the discharge of their public duties, as long as they do not physically or otherwise interfere with the officers' discharge of their duties, or violate any other state or federal law, intended to protect the safety of police officers, in the process of the recording.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 26, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jul 26, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy.
- **Jul 21, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1387-1388)
- **Jul 15, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 15, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.