

HRES 520

Impeaching Samuel B. Kent, judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Congress: 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

Introduced: Jun 9, 2009

Current Status: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Jun 19, 2009)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-resolution/520>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Delahunt, Bill [D-MA-10]	D · MA		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Lungren, Daniel E. [R-CA-3]	R · CA		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jun 9, 2009
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jun 9, 2009
Resident Commissioner Pierluisi, Pedro R. [D-PR-At Large]	D · PR		Jun 9, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 17, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HRES 431	Related bill	May 12, 2009: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jun 19, 2009)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Impeaches Samuel B. Kent, judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Sets forth articles of impeachment.

Declares that, incident to his position as a U.S. district court judge, Samuel B. Kent engaged in conduct with respect to employees associated with the court that is incompatible with the trust and confidence placed in him as a judge.

Declares that Judge Kent, on one or more occasions, sexually assaulted Cathy McBroom and Donna Wilkerson by: (1) touching their private areas directly and through their clothing against their will; and (2) attempting to cause them to engage in sexual acts with him.

Declares that Judge Kent corruptly obstructed, influenced, or impeded an official proceeding relating to Ms. McBroom's complaint, and made false statements to a Fifth Circuit Special Investigative Committee about his unwanted sexual contact with Ms. Wilkerson.

States that Judge Kent was indicted and pled guilty and was sentenced to imprisonment for the felony of obstruction of justice on the basis of false statements made to the Committee.

Declares that Judge Kent made material false and misleading statements about the nature and extent of his nonconsensual sexual contact with Ms. McBroom and Ms. Wilkerson to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on or about November 30, 2007, and to FBI agents and representatives of the Department of Justice on or about August 11, 2008.

Declares that Judge Samuel B. Kent is guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors and should be removed from office.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 19, 2009:** Considered as privileged matter. (consideration: CR H7053-7067)
- **Jun 19, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H. Res. 520.
- **Jun 19, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to Article I of the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 389 - 0 (Roll no. 415).(consideration: CR H7064-7065)
- **Jun 19, 2009:** On agreeing to Article I of the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 389 - 0 (Roll no. 415). (consideration: CR H7064-7065)
- **Jun 19, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to Article II of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 385 - 0 (Roll no. 416).(consideration: CR H7065-7066)
- **Jun 19, 2009:** On agreeing to Article II of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 385 - 0 (Roll no. 416). (consideration: CR H7065-7066)
- **Jun 19, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to Article III of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 381 - 0 (Roll no. 417).(consideration: CR H7066)
- **Jun 19, 2009:** On agreeing to Article III of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 381 - 0 (Roll no. 417). (consideration: CR H7066)
- **Jun 19, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On agreeing to Article IV of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 372 - 0, 1 Present (Roll no. 418).(consideration: CR H7066-7067)
- **Jun 19, 2009:** On agreeing to Article IV of the resolution Agreed to by recorded vote: 372 - 0, 1 Present (Roll no. 418). (consideration: CR H7066-7067)
- **Jun 19, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 17, 2009:** Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 111-159.
- **Jun 17, 2009:** Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 75.
- **Jun 10, 2009:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 10, 2009:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 29 - 0.
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 9, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.