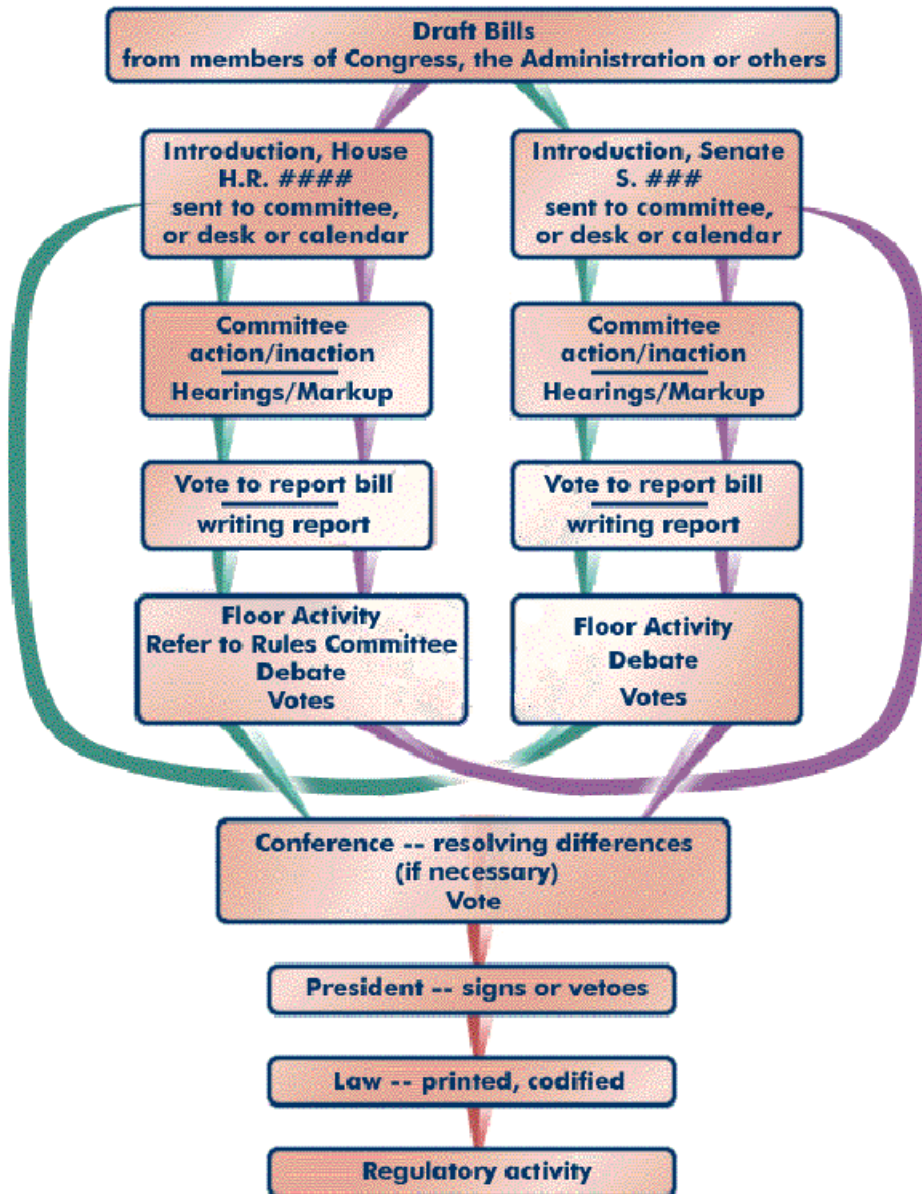


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The House met at 10:30 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel F. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Eternal Source of life and human freedom, unite those here present with all the Members of the United States House of Representatives in this moment of prayer.

Help them to be fully engaged in their work today as they shape laws that will make this country stronger in integrity and solidarity.

Inspire them to reach out with policies of compassion to those most in need of society's concern.

May our military sons and daughters be protected from harm and remain focused on doing what is right and just.

Assist the poor and the sick, especially those who are disabled or uninsured.

By Your love and presence, claim us as Your very own, both now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DENT) come

forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DENT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE BRAVE AND FALLEN MEMBERS OF THE U.S. MILITARY

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURPHY).

Mr. PATRICK MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as we prepare to mark the 5-year anniversary of the war in Iraq, I would like to take a moment and offer a moment of silence for the brave and the fallen, including 19 members of my unit, the 82nd Airborne Division, who never made it home.

On this somber occasion, we are united behind our troops. We honor the memories of thousands, and we pledge our support for those still fighting for our freedom.

The SPEAKER. All Members will stand and observe a moment of silence.

### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3547

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 3547.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### COMMEMORATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF AN AMERICAN HERO, MR. JAMES W. MURDY OF ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

(Mr. DENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 90th birthday of an American hero, my constituent, Mr. James W. Murdy.

James Murdy wanted to serve his country in the United States military and learn a trade. He joined the Navy in 1940 and soon thereafter served as an electrician aboard the USS *Helena*, a St. Louis-class light cruiser stationed at Pearl Harbor. On December 7, 1941, shortly after James began serving on the *Helena*, the ship was hit by a torpedo dropped by a lone Japanese torpedo plane. Thankfully, James Murdy survived the attack that killed 20 of his fellow sailors.

James Murdy then attended the Naval Mine Warfare School and worked as a minesweeper for the next 3 years. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946 after achieving the rank of chief electrician's mate, the highest rank he could obtain as an enlisted man.

Shortly after being discharged from the Navy, James wed Mary Robb, with whom he had three children; James Murdy, Rosemary Murdy-Haber, and Patricia Murdy-Cressman. He still lives in Allentown, Pennsylvania and loves rebuilding or constructing items from scratch and being called upon to speak about his experiences at Pearl Harbor. He is an ardent fan of the Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles and loves spending time with his family, including his granddaughter and step-granddaughter.

Mr. Murdy served our country with valor and distinction, and we should honor his service, his dedication, and his allegiance to our great Nation. It is my honor to join with his many friends

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# USING OPEN-SOURCE INFORMATION EFFECTIVELY

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to centralize and coordinate the use of open-source information by the intelligence community.

That said, I am very concerned about the implication that the mining of open-source information will have for civil liberties and privacy. Emerging technologies are giving both the government and the private sector increasing precise ways of harvest very specific information. Not all of this information is about foreign governments and terrorist groups. Some of it is about ordinary people, like you and me. Our government cannot take a casual approach to open-source gathering.

In an effort to create a homeland security strategy that protects and strengthens our freedoms, our government cannot become an entity that whimsically violates our constitutional liberties and freedoms through surveillance and data mining that trace our every action and utterance.

Let me say that as a young college student in the sixties, I was one of those individuals that got a file created because I attended a speech given by Martin Luther King, Jr., and I am very concerned about the fact that I was generated and considered something other than a patriot by hearing a speech from Dr. King.

Open-source information is a resource that must be tapped to bolster the security of our nation. Information sharing is absolutely necessary to the defense of our nation. The mining of open-source information offers exciting possibilities to protect us from terrorists, but it also raises real risks.

I look forward to the testimony of our panelists today so that we can establish for this committee a formal policy on open-source information.

I yield back.

Mr. SIMMONS. Thank you, Mr. Thompson, for that statement and very much appreciate your perspectives on this important issue.

Other members of the committee are reminded that they can submit opening statements for the record.

And, again, we are pleased to have a distinguished panel of three gentlemen before us here today.

Let me remind the witnesses that their entire written statement will appear in the record, and we would ask that you try to limit your oral testimony to no more than 5 minutes. There will be a clock in front of you there. In that way, we can guarantee that members will have maximum opportunity to ask questions and engage in a dialogue.

That being said, the Chair now recognizes Dr. Gannon for his testimony.

#### **STATEMENT OF JOHN GANNON, VICE PRESIDENT FOR GLOBAL ANALYSIS, BAE SYSTEMS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Dr. GANNON. Mr. Chairman, it is a particular pleasure to be back here, and I would like to take the opportunity right off the bat to congratulate this full committee for its work in passing an authorization bill, I know what an achievement that is, and also for passing the first responder bill. I think a demonstration of how constructive this committee has been and how bipartisan, really, the approach has been to these critical national security problems.

COLLEGE COST REDUCTION AND ACCESS ACT

SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2689]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2689), to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 601 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—*This Act may be cited as the “College Cost Reduction and Access Act”.*

(b) **REFERENCES.**—*Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).*

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—*Except as otherwise expressly provided, the amendments made by this Act shall be effective on October 1, 2007.*

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Thank you for listening, and happy New Year.

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## **Statement on the Appointment of Representative Roger F. Wicker as United States Senator for Mississippi** *December 31, 2007*

Today Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour announced the appointment of Representative Roger Wicker to serve as United States Senator for the State of Mississippi, succeeding Senator Trent Lott.

I welcome Representative Wicker's appointment and commend Governor Barbour for the selection. Representative Wicker's leadership has earned the respect of his constituents and his colleagues in the House of Representatives. He is an advocate for our men and women in uniform and a champion of modernizing our health care system, and he shares Senator Lott's commitment to promote the interests of the people of Mississippi.

I look forward to working with Roger in his new role representing Mississippi in the United States Senate.

## **Statement on Signing the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007**

*December 31, 2007*

Today, I have signed into law S. 2271, the "Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007." I share the deep concern of the Congress over the continued violence in Darfur perpetrated by the Government of Sudan and rebel groups. My Administration will continue its efforts to bring about significant improvements in the conditions in Sudan through sanctions against the Government of Sudan and high-level diplomatic en-

agement and by supporting the deployment of peacekeepers in Darfur.

This Act purports to authorize State and local governments to divest from companies doing business in named sectors in Sudan and thus risks being interpreted as insulating from Federal oversight State and local divestment actions that could interfere with implementation of national foreign policy. However, as the Constitution vests the exclusive authority to conduct foreign relations with the Federal Government, the executive branch shall construe and enforce this legislation in a manner that does not conflict with that authority.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
December 31, 2007.

NOTE: S. 2271, approved December 31, was assigned Public Law No. 110-174.

## **Message on the Observance of New Year's Day, 2008** *December 31, 2007*

As we enter this New Year, we reflect on the past and look forward to a promising year ahead.

A future of hope and opportunity begins with a robust economy. Thanks to America's workers and entrepreneurs, our economy grew at a vigorous rate last year. Keeping taxes low and exercising fiscal restraint helped ensure that the number of jobs increased and the deficit once again fell ahead of schedule. The underpinnings of our economy have proven strong, competitive, and resilient enough to overcome the challenges we face. In the coming year, we will continue to encourage growth in the economy so Americans have more money to invest in their businesses, spend on their families, and put aside for the future.

In addition to our efforts here at home, the United States continued its work to spread freedom and peace around the world. America is determined to defeat terrorists and extremists, and we will remain on the offensive against the enemies of freedom. In 2008, we will continue to stand beside our partners in the international community to

INITIAL IRAQ BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT REPORT

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MESSAGE

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

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A REPORT THAT ASSESSES THE STATUS OF EACH OF THE 18 IRAQI BENCHMARKS, CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 1314 OF THE U.S. TROOP READINESS, VETERANS' CARE, KATRINA RECOVERY, AND IRAQ ACCOUNTABILITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2007, PUB. L. 110-28

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# ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM 2007

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC.*

Hon. TOM LANTOS, *Chairman,*  
*Committee on Foreign Affairs,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: On behalf of Secretary Rice, we are pleased to transmit the *Annual Report on International Religious Freedom 2007*. This report is submitted in compliance with Sec. 102 of P.L. 105-292, the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, which calls for a report to describe and assess the nature and extent of violations of religious freedom in each country, to describe U.S. actions and policies in support of religious freedom, and to provide specified information on a variety of topics related to religious freedom.

The report reviews the status of religious freedom in 197 countries or areas, provides an overview of U.S. policy on religious freedom and information about U.S. actions taken to address religious freedom issues in each country. The report is available on the Department of State web page at [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

We hope you find this information helpful. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY T. BERGINER,  
*Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.*