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H.R. 2829—Amendments to the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act

H.R. 2829, the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act, is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Thursday, March 9, 2006, subject to a structured rule (H. Res. 713). The rule makes in order only the 15 amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Below are the summaries of the amendments made in order under the rule. The summaries, though derived from what is printed on the Rules Committee website, are based on RSC staff's review of actual amendment text. For a summary of the underlying bill, see a separate RSC document released yesterday morning.

All amendments are debatable for 10 minutes, unless otherwise noted.

Souder (R-IN). Manager's Amendment. Makes technical and clarifying changes. Strikes the mandatory restrictions on the certification of budgets related to enforcement in certain contexts of the "Drug Free Student Loan" program.

Baird (D-WA)/Hooley (D-OR)/Cardoza (D-CA). Authorizes \$1 million for the ONDCP Director, in consultation with other federal agencies, to convene an international summit on the threat of methamphetamine and synthetic drug precursor chemicals. The Director would be encouraged to formulate and promote international agreements at the summit.

Boozman (R-AR). Requires that the effects of illicit drug abuse on children of substance abusers are considered in the annual National Drug Control Strategy. Requires ONDCP to study and report to Congress on drug court programs that conduct hearings in nontraditional public places, such as schools.

Chabot (R-OH)/Cannon (R-UT)/Boswell (D-IA)/Calvert (R-CA)/Larsen (D-WA).

- Requires that the ONDCP Synthetic Drug Action Plan be submitted to Congress within 120 days of this bill's enactment.
- Directs the ONDCP to report to Congress on state laws dealing with meth precursor chemical controls.
- Directs the ONDCP to report to Congress on state-administered drug-endangered children's programs.

- Authorizes \$1 million in FY2007, plus “such sums” in FY2007-FY2011, to create and operate the National Meth Information Clearinghouse within ONDCP (to be the central point for public access to, and sharing of, information on meth) and the National Meth Advisory Council.
 - Directs the ONDCP to report to Congress on drug testing in schools.
 - Directs the ONDCP to report to Congress on meth usage nationwide (broken down by zip code).
 - Directs the ONDCP to report to Congress on ONDCP performance bonuses.
- (20 minutes)**

Cuellar (D-TX). Authorizes \$5 million over five years for the ONDCP to study the incidences of kidnapped, killed, and missing Americans along the U.S.-Mexico border and to report to Congress on how to prevent such crimes.

Filner (D-CA). Instructs the ONDCP to develop a strategy to combat border tunnels for drug trafficking and to recommend to Congress a criminal penalty for digging or using border tunnels for such acts.

Graves (R-MO). Requires the ONDCP to report to Congress explaining the Department of Health and Human Services’ participation in, and support of, a conference in Utah addressing harm reduction in (not prevention of) methamphetamine abuse. ONDCP would also have to explain what management and reporting systems ONDCP will implement to ensure that the federal government is consistently supportive of efforts to fight methamphetamine abuse.

Hooley (D-OR). Requires ONDCP to submit to Congress a comprehensive strategy that addresses the increased threat from methamphetamine and includes in the strategy: interdiction and precursor chemical controls, demand reduction, treatment, the funding and resources needed to combat meth, and efforts to prevent the diversion of precursor chemicals on an international level.

Jackson-Lee (D-TX). Requires ONDCP to report to Congress on the use by children aged 12-17 of marijuana, alcohol, cigarettes, prescription drugs without a prescription, designer drugs, and other illicit drugs, as well as the intervention methods available to the children.

Lungren (R-CA). Authorizes \$1.5 million for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 for the ONDCP Director to provide for a program administered by a nonprofit corporation that advises states on establishing laws and policies to address alcohol and other drug issues, as well as on drafting and revising model state drug laws.

Lynch (D-MA). Directs the ONDCP to request that the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences study and report to Congress on iatrogenic addiction associated with oxycodone hydrochloride controlled-release tablets.

Paul (R-TX). Sunsets this legislation after September 30, 2011.

Rehberg (R-MT)/Boozman (R-AR)/King (R-IA)/Capito (R-WV)/Souder (R-IN)/Graves (R-MO). Instructs the ONDCP Director to ensure that no less than 10% of national media campaign funds authorized in this legislation will be expended on advertisements specifically intended to reduce methamphetamine use and on grants to private entities producing research-based public service messages, with the goal of reducing first-time meth use among young people. This 10% floor could be waived in FY2008 or thereafter if the Director certifies that domestic meth lab seizures have decreased by at least 75% from the FY2006 level.

Renzi (R-AZ). Directs ONDCP to report to Congress on the representation of tribal governments in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program and in high intensity drug trafficking areas designated under that program. The report would have to include a list of tribal governments represented, an explanation of the rationale for the level of representation, and recommendations by the Director for the methods for increasing the number of tribal governments represented in the program.

Terry (R-NE). Directs ONDCP to consult with the head of each major national organization that represents law enforcement officers, agencies, or associations, prior to making recommendations to the President on the national budget for drug control and enforcement each year.

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