# "Department of Peace": Pulpit for Peddlers of Global Government?

If you strip away the "peace" rhetoric, this is what you find:

A "Department of Peace" in the U.S. Executive Branch would provide an influential high profile pulpit for peddlers of global government.

The first U.S. Congressional proposal for a "Department of Peace" was introduced in 1935 by West Virginia's Democrat Senator Matthew Neely. Since then, many similar bills have been presented.

During the 75 years that the idea of a "Department of Peace" has been floated in Congress, many of the *components* that would fall *under* a "Department of Peace" *are now public law*.

In more recent history, Ohio Representative Dennis J. Kucinich [D] introduced five bills between 2001 and 2009 (one in every Congress from the 107th to 111th) to establish a "Department of Peace" in the U.S. Executive Branch. While the proposals during the 20th century had scant Congressional support, the 2009 incarnation called H.R. 808 – "Department of Peace Act" has 71 cosponsors.

The pressure on Congress is increasing. The Peace Alliance has a "Campaign to Establish a U.S. Department of Peace." This "alliance of organizers and advocates throughout the United States" lobbies members of Congress and holds annual Department of Peace Conferences. The Peace Alliance *Strategic Plan 2009/2011* calls for supporting "grassroots volunteers in hosting 8-12 regional conferences in 2010."

The following pages list all Congressional bills I found that propose to establish a Department of Peace. It is apparent that this is not a transient issue, but part of a long-running global agenda.

— Debra K. Niwa, Feb. 3, 2010

For more details and documentation, go to
Bernadine Smith's Second Amendment Committee "Documents"
web page < http://www.libertygunrights.com/documents.html >
and scroll down to the section titled "Unmasking of the
Department Of Peace." At a minimum, please look at the "Peace"
Jigsaw and read the "Analysis of H.R. 2459" (In 2001, H.R. 2459
was proposed "To establish a Department of Peace").

## "Department of Peace" Proposals in the U.S. Congress

"Department of Peace" legislative proposals began to appear after the 1919 creation of the League of Nations<sup>1</sup>; and, after the 1925 "Cause and Cure for War" Conference where League of Nations advocate<sup>2</sup> Carrie Chapman Catt of the National League of Women Voters "publicly suggested, a Cabinet level 'Department of Peace' and 'Secretary of Peace' be established."<sup>3</sup> The League of Nations was the forerunner to the United Nations. The latter was officially established on October 24, 1945 with the ratification of the United Nations Charter.

<sup>1</sup> While President Woodrow Wilson submitted the Treaty of Versalie that created the League of Nations, the U.S. Senate did not ratify the treaty. As a result, the U.S. was not a member. < http://www.nps.gov/archive/elro/glossary/league-of-nations.htm > <sup>2</sup> According to the National American Woman Suffrage Assn, Carrie Chapman Catt

"actively supported the League of Nations." Accessed 1/30/10 < http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/naw/cattbio.html >

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ALL EMPHASIS HAS BEEN ADDED.

## 1935-1972

Source: Wikipedia. < http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Department\_of\_Peace > Added information is in brackets [].

1935 Senator Matthew Neely [Democrat] of West Virginia, wrote and introduced the first bill calling for the creation of a United States Department of Peace. Reintroduced in 1937 and 1939.



**1943** Senator Alexander Wiley [Republican] of Wisconsin, spoke on the Senate floor calling for the United States of America to become the first government in the world to have a **Sec**retary of Peace.

1945 Representative Louis Ludlow [Democrat] of Indiana, re-introduced a bill to create a **United States Department of Peace**.

1946 Senator Jennings Randolph [Democrat, West Virginial (United States Institute of Peace) reintroduced a bill to create a United States Department of Peace.



**1947** Representative **Everett Dirkson [Republican]** of Illinois, introduced a bill for "A Peace Division in the State Department".

1955 to 1968 Eighty-five Senate and House of Representative bills were introduced calling for a **United States Department of Peace**.

1969 Senator Vance Hartke a Democrat of Indiana and Representative Seymour Halpern a Republican of New York both re-introduced bills to create a U.S. Department of Peace in the House of Rep-



resentatives and the Senate. The 14 Senate co-sponsors of S. 953 "The Peace Act" included Birch Bayh (D-IN), Robert Byrd, (D-WV), Alan Cranston (D-CA), Daniel Inouye (D-HI) and Edmund Muskie (D-ME). The 67 House co-sponsors included Ed Koch [D] of New York, **Donald Fraser [D]** of Minnesota, and **Abner Mikva [D]** of Illinois, as well as Republican Paul McCloskey [R] of California.

## 1973-2009

Source: Library of Congress/Thomas < http://www.thomas.gov/bss/d111query.html >

### 93rd Congress

[93rd] H.R.1096: "Peace Act" -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict.

Rep. Rovbal

Sponsor: Rep Roybal, Edward R. [CA-30, D] **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: House Government Operations Latest Major Action: 1/3/1973 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.



Peace Act - Title I: Department of Peace - Establishes the Department of Peace within the Executive Department of the Government to promote the advancement of peace in this Nation and throughout the world. Provides for the appointment of a Secretary of Peace, Under Secretary, four Assistant Secretaries, and a General Counsel by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Provides for the transfer of functions of certain other agencies to the Department of Peace.

Gives the Secretary powers to administer and carry out the provisions and objectives of this Act.

Requires the Secretary to make an annual written report to the President for submission to the Congress on the activities of the Department for each year.

Continues in effect all orders, determinations, rules, and proceedings, regulations, permits, contracts, etc., which are in effect at the time of this Act and transferred to the Department of Peace from another agency.

Directs the Secretary to submit to the Congress within two years after enactment of this Act a proposed codification of all laws which contain functions transferred to the Secretary.

Title II: International Peace Academy - Establishes an "International Peace Academy" within the Department of Peace to furnish training and instruction to prepare U.S. citizens for service in positions in the field of international understanding and peace.

Provides for the appointment of officers, staff, and instructors by the Secretary as the Academy may require.

Creates a Board of Trustees consisting of 15 members to administer the operation of the Academy. Requires the Board to make an annual written report to the President of its actions and recommendations pertaining to the Academy within 60 days after its annual visit to the Academy.

Grants admission to the Academy to 150 students on the basis of merit who are U.S. citizens and have received a bachelor's degree from a college or university. Grants fellowships and travel and transportation allowances to students of the Academy.

Requires each student selected for admission to sign an agreement to complete the course of instruction and to accept an appointment and service as an officer or employee of the United States or employment with an international peace organization.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out this title. Gives the Academy power to acquire and hold real and personal property.

Title III: Joint Committee on Peace and International Cooperation - Establishes a Joint Committee on Peace composed of 14 mem-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Wikipedia. Accessed 1/30/10 < http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Department\_of\_Peace >

bers of Congress (7 from each House) to: (1) make a continuing study of matters relating to the Department of Peace, (2) study means of coordinating programs, and (3) file an annual report with **Congress** containing its findings and recommendations with respect to the Department of Peace. Gives the Joint Committee power to hold hearings.

Authorizes an appropriation of \$200,000 each fiscal year to carry out this title. Senator Hartke

Related Bills: H.R.5745, S.1024

[93rd] S.1024: "Peace Act" -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict.

Sponsor: Sen Hartke, Vance IIN, D1 Cosponsors (2) 2/27/1973--Introduced. Related Bills: H.R.1096

Committees: Senate Foreign Relations. Latest Major Action: 2/27/1973 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

[93rd] H.R.5745: "Peace Act" -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Seiberling, John F. IOH-14, DI Cosponsors (None) 3/15/1973--Introduced Related Bills: H.R.1096

Committees: House Government Operations Latest Major Action: 3/15/ 1973 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.

[93rd] H.R.1775: "Peace Act" -- A bill to establish a Department of Peace. Sponsor: Rep Helstoski, Henry [NJ-9, D] Rep. Helstoski **Cosponsors** (None)

Committees: House Government Operations. Latest Major Action: 1/11/1973 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.

SUMMARY AS OF: 1/3/1973--Introduced.

Peace Act - Title I: Department of Peace - Establishes the Department of Peace within the Executive Department of the Government to promote the advancement of peace in this Nation and throughout the world. Provides for the appointment of a Secretary of Peace, Under Secretary, four Assistant Secretaries, and a General Counsel

by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Provides for the transfer of functions of certain other agencies to the Department of Peace.

Gives the Secretary powers to administer and carry out the provisions and objectives of this Act.

Requires the Secretary to make an annual written report to the President for submission to the Congress on the activities of the Department for each year.

Continues in effect all orders, determinations, rules, and proceedings, regulations, permits, contracts, etc., which are in effect at the time of this Act and transferred to the Department of Peace from another agency.

Directs the Secretary to submit to the Congress within two years after enactment of this Act a proposed codification of all laws which contain functions transferred to the Secretary.

Title II: International Peace Academy - Establishes an "International Peace Academy" within the Department of Peace to furnish training and instruction to prepare U.S. citizens for service in positions in the field of international understanding and peace.

Provides for the appointment of officers, staff, and instructors by the Secretary as the Academy may require.

Creates a Board of Trustees consisting of 15 members to administer the operation of the Academy. Requires the Board to make an annual written report to the President of its actions and recommendations pertaining to the Academy within 60 days after its annual visit to the Academy.

Grants admission to the Academy to 150 students on the basis of merit who are U.S. citizens and have received a bachelor's degree from a college or university. Grants fellowships and travel and transportation allowances to students of the Academy.

Requires each student selected for admission to sign an agreement to complete the course of instruction and to accept an appointment and service as an officer or employee of the United States or employment with an international peace organization.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out this title. Gives the Academy power to acquire and hold real and personal property.

Title III: Joint Committee on Peace and International Coopera-

## "World Peace Agency Act" Proposals from 1973-1979

All bills sponsored by: Rep Charles E. Bennett. **IFL-3**, **D1** Cosponsors (None)

193rd Congress] H.R.89: A bill to establish the **U.S. Agency for World Peace** within the Department of State. Committees: House Foreign Affairs, Latest Major Action: 1/3/1973 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Foreign Affairs. SUMMARY AS OF: 1/3/1973--Introduced.

Establishes the United States Agency for World Peace within the Department of State. Provides that such Agency shall undertake studies of the economic, sociological and political causes of war. Establishes within the Agency a **Laboratory for Peace** which shall develop and administer the Agency's research and study programs.

Provides that the Agency shall be headed by a Director to be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. Grants the Agency necessary powers to carry out the objectives of this Act.

194th Congress H.R.92: A bill to establish the U.S. Agency for World Peace within the Department of State.

Committees: House International Relations. Latest Major Action: 1/ 14/1975 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Foreign Affairs (Subsequently: International Relations). SUMMARY AS OF: 1/14/1975--Introduced. [Summary is same as H.R. 89]

195th Congress H.R.759: A bill to establish the U.S. Agency for **World Peace** within the Department of State.

Committees: House International Relations. Latest Major Action: 1/4/ 1977 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on International Relations.

SUMMARY AS OF: 1/4/1977--Introduced.

Establishes a United States Agency for World Peace within the Department of State to research problems relating to achieving peace. Requires the Director of the Agency to establish a Laboratory for Peace to administer and develop its research programs.

Requires the Director to make recommendations to government agencies concerning United States efforts for peace.

**I96th Congress J H.R.127**: A bill to establish the **United States Agency for World Peace** within the Department of State. Committees: House Foreign Affairs. Latest Major Action: 1/15/1979 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee

on International Relations (Subsequently: Foreign Affairs).

SUMMARY AS OF: 1/15/1979--Introduced. [Summary is the same as H.R. 759]

tion - Establishes a Joint Committee on Peace composed of 14 members of Congress (7 from each House) to: (1) make a continuing study of matters relating to the Department of Peace, (2) study means of coordinating programs, and (3) file an annual report with Congress containing its findings and recommendations with respect to the Department of Peace. Gives the Joint Committee power to hold hearings.

Authorizes an appropriation of \$200,000 each fiscal year to carry out this title.

[93rd] **H.R.4824**: "Peace Act" -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict.

Sponsor: Rep Matsunaga, Spark M. [HI-1, D]

Rep. Matsunaga
Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Government Operations. Latest Major Action: 2/27/1973 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 2/27/1973--Introduced.

Peace Act - Title I: Department of Peace - Estab-

lishes the Department of Peace within the Executive Department of the Government to promote the advancement of peace in this Nation and throughout the world. Provides for the appointment of a Secretary of Peace, Under Secretary, four Assistant Secretaries, and a General Counsel by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. ...

**Title II: National Peace Academy** - Establishes a "National Peace Academy" within the Department of Peace to furnish training and instruction to prepare U.S. citizens for service in positions in the field of international understanding and peace. ...

Title III: Joint Committee on Peace and International Cooperation - Establishes a Joint Committee on Peace composed of 14 members of Congress (7 from each House) to: (1) make a continuing study of matters relating to the Department of Peace, (2) study means of coordinating programs, and (3) file an annual report with Congress containing its findings and recommendations with respect to the Department of Peace. Gives the Joint Committee power to hold hearings.

Authorizes an appropriation of \$200,000 each fiscal year to carry out this title.

#### Related Bills: H.R.10213, H.R.10588, H.R.10589

[93rd] **H.R.10213**: "**Peace Act**" -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Karth, Joseph E. IMN-4, DI Cosponsors (None) 9/12/1973--Introduced. Related Bills: H.R.4824

Committees: House Government Operations

Latest Major Action: 9/12/1973 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.

193rd1 **H.R.10588**: "Peace Act" -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Matsunaga, Spark M. [HI-1, D] (Cosponsors (15) 9/27/1973--Introduced. Related Bills: H.R.4824

Committees: House Government Operations

Latest Major Action: 9/27/1973 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.

[93rd] **H.R.10589** : "**Peace Act**" -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Matsunaga, Spark M. IHI-1, DI Cosponsors (20) 9/27/1973--Introduced. Related Bills: H.R.4824

Committees: House Government Operations Latest Major Action: 9/27/1973 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.

### 94th Congress

194th] **H.R.1894**: "Peace Act" -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict.

Sponsor: Rep Matsunaga, Spark M. [HI-1, D] Rep. Matsunaga Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Government Operations. Latest Major Action: 1/23/1975 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 1/23/1975--Introduced.

Peace Act - Title I: Department of Peace - Estab-

lishes the Department of Peace within the Executive Department of the Government to promote the advancement of peace in this Nation and throughout the world. Provides for the appointment of a Secretary of Peace, Under Secretary, four Assistant Secretaries, and a General Counsel by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Requires the Department of Peace to make recommendations to the President for the pacific settlement of current international controversies in which the United States Government has or claims an interest.

Provides for the transfer of functions of certain other agencies to the Department of Peace.

Gives the Secretary powers to administer and carry out the provisions and objectives of this Act.

Requires the Secretary to make an annual written report to the President for submission to the Congress on the activities of the Department for each year.

Continues in effect all orders, determinations, rules, and proceedings, regulations, permits, contracts, etc., which are in effect at the time of this Act and transferred to the Department of Peace from another agency.

Directs the Secretary to submit to the Congress within two years after the enactment of this Act a proposed codification of all laws which contain functions transferred to the Secretary.

**Title II: National Peace Academy** - Establishes a "National Peace Academy" within the Department of Peace to furnish training and instruction to prepare U.S. citizens for service in positions in the field of international understanding and peace.

Provides for the appointment of officers, staff, and instructors by the Secretary as the Academy may require.

Creates a Board of Trustees consisting of 15 members to administer the operation of the Academy. Requires the Board to make an annual written report to the President of its action and recommendations pertaining to the Academy within 60 days after its annual visit to the Academy.

Grants admission to the Academy to 150 students on the basis of merit who are U.S. citizens and have received a bachelor's degree from a college or university. Grants fellowships and travel and transportation allowances to students of the Academy.

Requires each student selected for admission to sign an agreement to complete the course of instruction and to accept an appointment and service as an officer or employee of the United States or employment with an international peace organization.

Authorizes appropriations to carry out this title. Gives the Academy power to acquire and hold real and personal property.

Title III: Joint Committee on Peace and International Cooperation - Establishes a Joint Committee on Peace composed of 14 members of Congress (7 from each House) to: (1) make a continuing study of matters relating to the Department of Peace, (2) study means of coordinating programs, and (3) file an annual report with Congress containing its findings and recommendations with respect to the Department of Peace. Gives the Joint Committee power to hold hearings.

Authorizes an appropriation of \$200,000 each fiscal year to carry out this title

Rep. Roybal

Rep. Oberstar

[94th] H.R.5707: "Peace Act" -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict, and for other purposes.

## Sponsor: Rep Roybal, Edward R. ICA-25, DI Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Government Operations. Latest Major Action: 4/8/1975 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 4/8/1975--Introduced.

Peace Act - Title I: Department of Peace - Establishes the Department of Peace within the executive department of the Government to promote the advancement of peace in this Nation and throughout the world. Provides for the appointment of a Secretary of Peace, Under Secretary, four Assistant Secretaries, and a General Counsel by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Requires the Department of Peace to make recommendations to the President for the pacific settlement of current international controversies in which the United States Government has or claims an interest.

Provides for the transfer of functions of certain other agencies to the Department of Peace.

Gives the Secretary powers to administer and carry out the provisions and objectives of this Act. . . .

**Title II: International Peace Academy** - Establishes an "International Peace Academy" within the Department of Peace to furnish training and instruction to prepare U.S. citizens for service in positions in the field of international understanding and peace. . . .

Title III: Joint Committee on Peace and International Cooperation - Establishes a Joint Committee on Peace composed of 14 members of Congress (7 from each House) to: (1) make a continuing study of matters relating to the Department of Peace, (2) study means of coordinating programs, and (3) file an annual report with Congress containing its findings and recommendations with respect to the Department of Peace. Gives the Joint Committee power to hold hearings.

[94th] **H.R.10838**: "Peace Act" -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict.

## Sponsor: Rep Oberstar, James L. [MN-8, D]

Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Government Operations; House Rules Latest Major Action: 11/19/1975 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Rules.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 11/19/1975--Introduced.

Peace Act - Title I: Department of Peace - Establishes the Department of Peace within the Executive Department of the Government to promote the advancement of peace in this Nation and throughout the world. Provides for the appointment of a Secretary of Peace, Under Secretary, four Assistant Secretaries, and a General Counsel by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate....

**Title II: National Peace Academy** - Establishes within the Department an educational institution which shall be known as the **George Washington Peace Academy**. Specifies that the Academy shall instruct and train students for service in peaceful resolution, and international development and cooperation. ...

Title III: Joint Committee on Peace and International Cooperation - Establishes a Joint Committee on Peace composed of 14 members of Congress (7 from each House) to: (1) make a continuing study of matters relating to the Department of Peace, (2) study means of coordinating programs, and (3) file an annual report with Congress containing its findings and recommendations with respect to the Department of Peace.

Gives the Joint Committee power to hold hearings.

Authorizes an appropriation of \$200,000 each fiscal year to carry out this title.

### 95th Congress

[95th] **S.572: "Peace Act"** -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict.

## Sponsor: Rep Matsunaga, Spark M. [HI, D] Cosponsors (2)

Rep. Matsunaga

Committees: Senate Governmental Affairs. Latest Major Action: 2/2/1977 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Government Operations (Subsequently: Governmental Affairs).

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 2/2/1977--Introduced.

Peace Act - Title I: Department of Peace - Establishes the Department of Peace (1) to develop policies and programs to foster peace; (2) to coordinate activities in the United States Government affecting peace; (3) to cooperate with other governments in related research and planning; (4) to encourage cultural exchange programs, and (5) to encourage private institutions and groups to work for the peaceful resolution of international conflict.

Transfers to the Secretary of Peace all functions of the Agency for International Development; the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; the Peace Corps; the International Agricultural Development Service, Department of Agriculture; and related functions of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Agriculture. Amends the **United Nations Participation Act of 1945** to direct the Secretary of Peace to advise the President as to **United Nations appointments**. Transfers to the Secretary the functions of the Secretary of State relating to **United Nations agencies**.

**Title II: National Peace Academy** - Establishes the National Peace Academy, under the supervision of the Secretary of Peace, to prepare citizens for positions promoting international peace and understanding. Authorizes the appropriation to the Academy of such sums as are necessary to carry out this title annually.

[95th] **H.R.3589 "Peace Act"** -- A bill to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflict.

Sponsor: Rep Oberstar, James L. IMN-8, DI Cosponsors (None)

Committees: House Government Operations; House Rules. Latest Major Action: 2/16/1977 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to House Committee on Rules.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 2/16/1977--Introduced.

Peace Act - Title I: Department of Peace - Establishes the Department of Peace (1) to develop policies and programs to foster peace; (2) to coordinate activities in the United States Government affecting peace; (3) to cooperate with other governments in related research and planning; (4) to encourage cultural exchange programs; and (5) to encourage private institutions and groups to work for the peaceful resolution of international conflict.

Transfers to the Secretary of Peace all functions of the Agency for International Development; the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; the Peace Corps; the International Agricultural Development Service, Department of Agriculture; and related functions of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Agriculture. Amends the **United Nations Participation Act of 1945** to direct the Secretary of Peace to advise the President as to **United Nations appointments**. Transfers to the Secretary the functions of the Secretary of State relating to **United Nations agencies**.

**Title II: National Peace Academy - George Washington Peace Academy Act** - Establishes George Washington Peace Academy, under the supervision of the Secretary of Peace, to prepare citizens for positions promoting international peace and understand-



Rep. Oberstar

ing. Authorizes the appropriation to the Academy of such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act annually.

Title III: Joint Committee on Peace and International Cooperation - Establishes a Joint Congressional Committee on Peace and International Cooperation to make a continuing study of matters relating to the Department of Peace, to study means to coordinate programs with this Act, and to file annual recommendations with Congress with respect to the Department of Peace. Authorizes the appropriation of \$200,000 annually from the contingent fund of the Senate for the expenses of the committee.

## The following do not mention "Department of Peace" but may be related:

[95th] H.R.13125 : A bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Whitten, Jamie L. IMS-1, DI Cosponsors (None) Committees: House Appropriations; Senate Appropriations. House Reports: 095-1290; Senate Reports: 095-1058; Latest Conference Report: 095-1579. Latest Major Action: 10/11/1978 Public Law 95-448.

SUMMARY AS OF: 9/18/1978--Conference report filed in House. (There is 1 other summary) (Conference report filed in House, H. Rept. 95-1579) *Excerpt from summary*: Title IV: International Programs - Appropriates specified sums for fiscal year 1979 for the Foreign Agricultural Service and the Public Law 480 (Food for Peace) programs of the Department of Agriculture.

Also see: [95th] H.R.7558

### 96th Congress

[96th] S.2103: "Department of Peace Organization Act of 1979"
-- A bill to establish a Department of Peace, and for other purposes.
Sponsor: Rep Matsunaga, Spark M. [HI, D]
Rep. Matsunaga
Cosponsors (2)

Committees: Senate Governmental Affairs. Latest Major Action: 12/7/1979 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 12/7/1979--Introduced.

Department of Peace Organization Act of 1979 -

Title I: Department of Peace - Establishes a Department of Peace to: (1) develop and recommend to the President plans to foster peace; and (2) cooperate with other nations in research and planning for the peaceful resolution of international conflicts. Provides for the appointment of a Secretary of Peace.

Requires the Secretary to make recommendations for the peaceful settlement of current international controversies in which the United States has or claims an interest. Directs the Secretary to establish a Cultural Exchange Division to assist the interchange of ideas between private groups in the United States and those in other countries.

Provides for the appointments of an Under Secretary of Peace, four Assistant Secretaries of Peace, and a General Counsel.

Transfers the following agencies and functions to the Department: (1) the International Development Cooperation Agency; (2) the ACTION Agency; (3) the functions of the President under the Peace Corps Act; (4) the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; (5) the functions of the Secretary of State relating to U.S. participation in specialized international agencies in the economic, social, cultural, educational, health, and related fields; and (6) other functions determined by the President to relate primarily to the Department's functions. Directs the Secretary to prepare and trans-

mit to Congress a proposed codification of all laws which authorize functions transferred to the Secretary by this title.

Title II: National Peace Academy - Establishes a National Peace Academy in the Department to train U.S. citizens for service in programs promoting international and domestic understanding and peace. Provides for a Director, staff, and instructors for the Academy.

Establishes a Board of Trustees of the Academy to advise the Secretary on the operation of the Academy. Specifies the composition of the Board. Sets forth the duties of the Board.

Authorizes 150 students at the Academy. Entitles students to stipends and travel and transportation allowances. Specifies elements to be included in the course of instruction. Requires students to agree to complete the course of instruction and accept employment for at least two years with an international organization engaged in promoting international understanding and peace.

Title III: United States Peace Award Commission - Establishes the U.S. Peace Award Commission in the Department to make awards to U.S. citizens and foreign citizens who have made notable contributions to peace and conflict resolution. Directs the Commission to develop a method for distributing the awards that maximizes public awareness of the goals of the awards.

Specifies the composition of the Commission. Provides for a Director and a staff of the Commission. Sets forth the administrative authority of the Commission.

Title IV: General Provisions - Sets forth the administrative authority of the Secretary. Provides for the transfer of personnel in connection with the functions transferred to the Department. Directs the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to make additional incidental dispositions that are determined to be necessary.

Requires the Secretary to report annually to the President for submission to Congress on the Department's activities.

Amends the United Nations Participation Act of 1965 to direct the Secretary of Peace to advise the President on appointments to the United Nations or its related organizations.

## The following do not mention "Department of Peace" but may be related:

[96th] H.R.7854: "Foreign Assistance and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1981" -- A bill making appropriations for Foreign Assistance and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30,1981, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor: Rep Long, Clarence D. IMD-2, DI Cosponsors** (None) Committees: House Appropriations. House Reports: 096-1207. Latest Major Action: 7/29/1980 Reported to House from the Committee on Appropriations, H. Rept. 96-1207.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 7/29/1980--Introduced.

Excerpt from summary: Title I: Multilateral Economic Assistance - Appropriates funds for fiscal year 1981 to the President for contributions to the: (1) Inter-American Development Bank; (2) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; (3) International Development Association; (4) Asian Development Bank; (5) African Development Fund; (6) African Development Bank; and (7) other international organizations and programs. ...

Title II: Bilateral Economic Assistance - Makes fiscal year 1981 appropriations to the following: (1) International Development Cooperation Agency; (2) Agency for International Development . . .; (3) Inter-American Foundation; (4) Overseas Private Investment Corporation with limitations on the amounts of direct and guaranteed loans; (5) ACTION for the Peace Corps; and (6) Department of State for migration and refugee assistance...

### 97th Congress

#### No items found for the search ""DEPARTMENT OF PEACE""

## The following do not mention "Department of Peace" but may be related:

#### President's initiatives for peace

[97th] H.CON.RES.224: A concurrent resolution to express the support of the Congress for the President's initiatives for peace. Sponsor: Rep Zablocki, Clement J. [WI-4, D] (introduced 11/19/1981) Cosponsors (38)

#### "comprehensive treaty for a staged disarmament"

197th1 H.CON.RES.392: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the common security of all nations is threatened by the escalating arms race and that the danger of nuclear war requires renewed and persistent efforts to negotiate a comprehensive treaty for a staged disarmament to be verified by an international security and disarmament authority and accompanied by strengthened international peace-keeping and dispute resolution institutions. Sponsor: Rep Brown, George E., Jr. ICA-36, DI (introduced 8/5/1982) Cosponsors (14)

#### International peacekeeping satellite proposal

197th1 H.RES.542: A resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States delegation to the UNISPACE '82 conference should initiate discussions on an international peacekeeping satellite proposal. Sponsor: Rep Winn, Larry, Jr. IKS-3, R1 (introduced 7/28/1982) Cosponsors (1)

#### **World Peace Tax Fund**

I97thl H.R.4897: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide that a taxpayer conscientiously opposed to participation in war may elect to have his income, estate, or gift tax payments spent for non-military purposes; to create a trust fund (the World Peace Tax Fund) to receive these tax payments; to establish a World Peace Tax Fund Board of Trustees; and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep Dellums, Ronald V. ICA-8, DI (introduced 11/4/1981) Cosponsors (37) Related Bills: S.880 Sponsor: Sen Hatfield, Mark O. IORI (introduced 4/7/1981)

#### Jobs with Peace

[97th] H.RES.627 : A resolution expressing the sense of the House in support of a Call for Jobs with Peace. **Sponsor: Rep Edwards, Don ICA-10, D1** (introduced 12/14/1982) Cosponsors (52)

#### U.S.--Soviet "Exchange for Peace"

197thl H.J.RES.489: A joint resolution requesting the President to negotiate the creation of a U.S.--Soviet "Exchange for Peace" program. Sponsor: Rep Udall, Morris K. [AZ-2, D] (introduced 5/19/1982) Cosponsors (47)

#### **Food for Peace**

197thl H.R.2377: A bill to amend the Food for Peace Act of 1966 to create a revolving fund to finance a short-term commercial export credit sales of agricultural commodities out of private stocks. Sponsor: Rep Stenholm, Charles W. ITX-17, DI (introduced 3/9/1981) Cosponsors (17) Also see: 197thl H.AMDT.339 to H.R.3603 Sponsor: Rep Daschle, Thomas A. ISD-1, DI (introduced 10/21/1981) Cosponsors (None)

#### National strategy of peace

[97th] H.CON.RES.46 Sponsor: Rep Stratton, Samuel S. [NY-28, D] (introduced 1/28/1981) Cosponsors (None)

197thl H.CON.RES. 163 Sponsor: Rep Stratton, Samuel S. INY-28, DJ (introduced 7/28/1981) Cosponsors (227)

[97th] S.CON.RES.133 Sponsor: Sen Laxalt, Paul D. [NV, R] (introduced 12/10/1982) Cosponsors (54)

[97th] S.AMDT.3279 to H.J.RES.520 Sponsor: Sen Hatch, Orrin G. [UT, R] (introduced 9/17/1982) Cosponsors (5)

Also see: 197th1 S.AMDT.(Senate Amendments): 3281, 3282, 3283, 3284, 3285 to H.J.RES.520 Sponsor: Sen Symms, Steven D. IID, R1

#### National Peace Day or National Day of Peace

I97thl S.J.RES.251: A joint resolution authorizing and requesting the President to designate October 10, 1982, as "National Peace Day". **Sponsor: Sen Bumpers, Dale IAR, D1** (introduced 9/22/1982) Cosponsors (34)

[97th] H.J.RES.81: A joint resolution designating August 2, 1981, as "National Day of Peace". Sponsor: Rep Shannon, James M. [MA-5, D] (introduced 1/9/1981) Cosponsors (40)

Also see: [97th] S.J.RES.151: A joint resolution designating Sunday, August 1, 1982, as "National Day of Peace". Sponsor: Sen Tsongas, Paul E. [MA. D] (introduced 2/25/1982) Cosponsors (None)

#### **Global Peace Award**

[97th] H.J.RES.342: A joint resolution establishing a Global Peace Award, and providing that first Global Peace Award shall be presented in memory of the late President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt for his contributions to world peace. Sponsor: Rep Hertel, Dennis M. [MI-14, D] (introduced 10/20/1981) Cosponsors (40)

#### **United States Academy of Peace**

197th1 H.R.5088: A bill to establish the United States Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution whose function shall be to develop and implement programs to promote the peaceful resolution of international conflicts through the use of conflict resolution techniques. **Sponsor: Rep Glickman, Dan IKS-4**, **D1** (introduced 11/21/1981) Cosponsors (137)

[97th] H.R.6182 : A bill to establish the United States Academy of Peace, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep Conyers, John, Jr. [MI-1] (introduced 4/28/1982) Cosponsors (19)

[97th] S.1889: A bill to establish the United States Academy of Peace, and for other purposes. **Sponsor: Sen Matsunaga**, **Spark M. [HI]** (introduced 11/24/1981) Cosponsors (56)

#### **Peace Corps**

197thl H.R.3566: A bill to authorize appropriations for the fiscal years 1982 and 1983 for international security and development assistance and for the **Peace Corps**, and for other purposes. **Sponsor: Rep Zablocki**, **Clement J. IWI-4, DI** (introduced 5/13/1981) Cosponsors (18) Related Bills: H.R.ES.291, H.R.2364, H.R.2793, H.R.3009, H.R.3175, H.R.3176, H.R.5015, H.R.5016, No: 345).

197th] H.R.3965: A bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to establish a **Peace Corps Academy**. Sponsor: Rep Leach, James A. IIA-1, RI (introduced 6/18/1981) Cosponsors (None)

197th1 H.R.4596: A bill to establish the Peace Corps as a Government corporation, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep Bonker, Don IWA-3, DI (introduced 9/25/1981) Cosponsors (23)

197thl H.AMDT.444 to H.R.3566 An amendment to strike the part of the bill that deals with the Peace Corps. The language struck would **remove** the Peace Corps from ACTION and make it an independent agency within the executive branch. Sponsor: Rep Lungren, Daniel E. ICA-34, R1 (introduced 12/9/1981) Cosponsors (None

[97th] H.AMDT.987 to H.J.RES.631 An amendment to increase funding for the Peace Corps by \$25 million with 50 percent to be spent in FY '83, 30 percent in FY '84 and 20 percent in FY '85. Sponsor: Rep Edwards, Don [CA-10, D] (introduced 12/14/1982) Cosponsors (None)

I97thl S.848: A bill to authorize **appropriations for the Peace Corps**, and for other purposes. **Sponsor: Sen Percy, Charles H. IIL, R1** (by request) (introduced 4/1/1981) Cosponsors (None)

Ig7thl S.AMDT.38 to S.848 To separate the Peace Corps from the ACTION Agency. Sponsor: Sen Cranston, Alan ICA, DI (introduced 4/27/1981) Cosponsors (13) Also see: Ig7thl S.1015, Sponsor: Sen Cranston, Alan ICA, DI (introduced 4/27/1981) Cosponsors (13) Related bill: S.1196

197thl S.1196: An act to authorize appropriations for the fiscal years 1982 and 1983 for international security and development assistance and for the Peace Corps, to **establish the Peace Corps as an autonomous agency**, and for other purposes. **Sponsor: Sen Percy, Charles H. IIL,** DI (introduced 5/15/1981) Cosponsors (None) Latest Major Action: 12/29/1981 Became Public Law No: 97-113.

[97th] S.2611: A bill to amend the Peace Corps Act. Sponsor: Sen Percy, Charles H. IIL, RJ (by request) (introduced 6/9/1982) Cosponsors (None)

### 98th through 106th Congress

No items found for the search ""DEPARTMENT OF PEACE""

The following do not mention "Department of Peace" but may be related:

**United States Institute of Peace** is established by this bill: **I98TH1 H.R.5167**: A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1985 for the Armed Forces for procurement, for research, development, test, and evaluation, for operation and maintenance, and for working capital funds, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces and for civilian employees of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes. **Sponsor: Rep Price, Melvin IIL-21, DJ** (by request) **Cosponsors (1)** 

Related Bills: H.RES.494, H.R.3289, H.R.3718, H.R.4333, S.2723 **Latest Major Action: 10/19/1984 Became Public Law No: 98-525.** 

**SUMMARY AS OF:** 9/26/1984--Conference report filed in House. (There are 2 other summaries)

(Conference report filed in House, H. Rept. 98-1080)

(introduced 3/15/1984)

Excerpt: United States Institute of Peace - United States Institute of Peace Act - Establishes the United States Institute of Peace as an independent, District of Columbia nonprofit corporation empowered to: (1) establish a Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace with appointed scholars and leaders to pursue scholarly inquiry or other appropriate communications on international peace and conflict resolution; (2) enter into relationships with other institutions to further its purposes: (3) conduct research and make studies into the causes of war and other international conflicts and the elements of peace, both current and historical; (4) increase the availability of international peace and conflict resolution information and capabilities; (5) promote and enhance peace education and research programs; (6) conduct training programs for individual development of international peace and conflict resolution skills; (7) disseminate selected products of the Institute and other information available in the field: (8) recommend the establishment of a United States Medal of Peace for non-Institute persons; and (9) secure information from the Federal Government, including classified information, which would enhance the Institute's ability to further the promotion of international peace and conflict resolution.

Authorizes the Institute to make grants to enter into contracts with various nonprofit or official public institutions, e.g. universities or research institutions, to support research, promote study, educate the Nation, and otherwise assist the Institute in its efforts to promote international peace and conflict resolution. Authorizes the Institute to respond to requests from Federal entities on issues within the Institute's competence. Authorizes the Institute to obtain grants and contracts for research for specified Federal entities, including the Departments of State and Defense, and the intelligence community. Prohibits the Institute from entering into any kind of financial dealings with a foreign government or national or international organization, through contract or grant, except for the payment of tuition by foreign nationals for Institute instruction.

Vests the powers of the Institute in a Board of Directors composed of the Secretaries of State and of Defense, the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the President of the National Defense University and other qualified persons appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Directs the Board

to appoint all necessary officers, including a president. Empowers the President to establish employment policy and request the assignment of Federal employees or congressional members to the Institute. Makes the Institute responsible for various house-keeping measures, including the keeping of complete financial records and other recordkeeping requirements standard to a nonprofit corporation.

Requires the accounts of the Institute to be audited annually with a report on such audit going to the President and each House of Congress within six months of the close of the Institute's fiscal year

Authorizes appropriations for the Institute through FY 1986. Permits the transfer of unobligated funds to the Endowment of the United States Institute for Peace, an Institute-established entity authorized to receive and invest funds in furtherance of the Institute. Requires that any Endowment use of appropriated funds be reported to the President and Congress. Reverts all income and assets of the Institute or its legally created entities to the Treasury upon dissolution or final liquidation.

Directs the Chairman of the Board to report biennially to Congress and the President on the progress of the Institute in fulfilling its purposes. Requires the President to transmit to Congress the recommendations of the appropriate Federal agencies. Directs specified congressional committees to hold hearings to review the report and recommendations.

**I98th1 H.J.RES.648**: A joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1985, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Whitten, Jamie L. IMS-1, DI Cosponsors (None) Committees: House Appropriations. House Reports: 098-1030; Latest Conference Report: 098-1159. Latest Major Action: 10/12/1984 Became Public Law No: 98-473.

Introduced 9/17/1984-- Excerpt from summary: "Appropriates funds for the U.S. Institute of Peace as authorized in the U.S. Institute of Peace Act." ... "Makes appropriations for FY 1985 for: (1) the African Development Foundation; (2) the Inter-American Foundation; (3) the Overseas Private Investment Corporation; (4) the Peace Corps; (5) the Department of State for migration and refugee assistance; (6) antiterrorism assistance; and (7) international narcotics control."

**I100th] H.R.4416**: A bill to extend the authorization of appropriations for titles V and VI of the Library Services and Construction Act through fiscal year 1989.

Sponsor: Rep Williams, Pat IMT-1, D1 (introduced 4/19/1988) Cosponsors (11) Related Bills: H.RES.586 Latest Major Action: 10/31/1988 Became Public Law No: 100-569.

Excerpt from summary: Amends the United States Institute of Peace Act (title XVII of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the United States Institute of Peace through FY 1993.

Repeals a prohibition against the use of Federal funds under such Act to pay for private fringe benefit programs.

I102ndl S.1042: A bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 1992 and 1993 and to establish a Peace Corps foreign exchange fluctuations account; and for other purposes. Sponsor: Sen Cranston, Alan ICAl Cosponsors (6) (introduced 5/9/1991). Latest Major Action: 5/9/1991 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### [102nd] H.R.390: "Voluntary National Service Act of 1991"

-- To establish a program of voluntary **domestic and international service**, to establish a **Police Corps Program**, to enhance benefits under the all-volunteer force educational assistance program, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Penny, Timothy J. IMN-1, D 1 Cosponsors (None) Introduced 1/3/1991. Committees: House Armed Services; House Education and Labor; House Foreign Affairs; House Judiciary; House Veterans' Affairs. Latest Major Action: 6/7/1991 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime and Criminal Justice.

#### Excerpt from: SEC. 104. TYPES OF NATIONAL SERVICE.

- (a) An individual serving as a volunteer in the program <u>shall perform comunity service to meet the unmet service needs of a State or local government or other community</u>. Community service may include the following types of service:
- (1) **Educational service**, such as literacy and numeracy programs, Head Start, tutorial assistance, and service in schools, libraries, and adult education centers.
- (2) Human service, such as--
  - (A) service in hospitals, hospices, clinics, community health centers, homes for the elderly, and child-care centers; and (B) service in programs to assist the elderly, poor, and homeless, including programs to build, restore, and maintain housing for the poor and homeless.
- (3) **Conservation service**, such as service in programs to conserve, maintain, and restore natural resources in the urban and rural environment, provide recreational opportunities, and encourage community betterment or beautification.
- (4) **Public Safety service** in support of the criminal justice system, including police, courts, prisons, and border patrol.
- (5) **Service in existing national programs**, such as referral and placement in the **Peace Corps** and **VISTA**.

### **107th Congress**

[107th] H.R.2459: To establish a Department of Peace.

Sponsor: Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. [OH-10, D] Rep. Kucinich Cosponsors (44)

Committees: House Government Reform; House International Relations; House Judiciary; House Education and the Workforce. Latest Major Action: 9/28/2001 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 7/11/2001--Introduced.

Establishes a Department of Peace, which shall be headed by a Secretary of Peace appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Sets forth the mission of the Department, including to: (1) hold peace as an organizing principle; (2) endeavor to promote justice and democratic principles to expand human rights; and (3) develop policies that promote national and international conflict prevention, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of conflict.

Establishes in the Department the Intergovernmental Advisory Council on Peace, which shall provide assistance and make recommendations to the Secretary and the President concerning intergovernmental policies relating to peace and nonviolent conflict resolution.

Transfers to the Department the functions, assets, and personnel of various Federal agencies.

Establishes a Federal Interagency Committee on Peace.

Establishes Peace Day. Urges all citizens to observe and celebrate the blessings of peace and endeavor to create peace on such day.

### **108th Congress**

[108th] H.R.1673: To establish a Department of Peace.

Sponsor: Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. IOH-10, D]

Cosponsors (52)

Committees: House Government Reform; House International Relations; House Judiciary; House Education and the Workforce. Latest Major Action: 5/13/2003 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 4/8/2003--Introduced.

Establishes a Department of Peace, which shall be headed by a Secretary of Peace appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Sets forth the mission of the Department, including to: (1) hold peace as an organizing principle; (2) endeavor to promote justice and democratic principles to expand human rights; and (3) develop policies that promote national and international conflict prevention, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of conflict.

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In the Inc. 1950: To establish the Millennium Challenge Account to provide increased support for certain developing countries; to authorize the expansion of the Peace Corps; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; and to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005. Sponsor: Rep Hyde, Henry J. IlL-6, Rl Cosponsors (2) (introduced 5/5/2003)

### **109th Congress**

[109th] H.R.3760: "Department of Peace and Nonviolence Act"

-- To establish a Department of Peace and Nonviolence.

Sponsor: Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. IOH-10, Dl Rep. Kucinich

Sponsor: Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. 10H-10, DI Cosponsors (74) Related Bills: S.1756

Committees: House Government Reform; House International Relations; House Judiciary; House Education and the Workforce. Latest Major Action: 11/7/2005 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 9/14/2005--Introduced.

Department of Peace and Nonviolence Act - Establishes a Department of Peace and Nonviolence, which shall be headed by a Secretary of Peace and Nonviolence appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. Sets forth the mission of the Department, including to: (1) hold peace as an organizing principle; (2) endeavor to promote justice and democratic principles to expand human rights; and (3) develop policies that promote national and international conflict prevention, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of conflict.

Establishes in the Department the Intergovernmental Advisory



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Council on Peace and Nonviolence, which shall provide assistance and make recommendations to the Secretary and the President concerning intergovernmental policies relating to peace and nonviolent conflict resolution.

Transfers to the Department the functions, assets, and personnel of various federal agencies.

Establishes a Federal Interagency Committee on Peace and Nonviolence. Establishes Peace Day. Urges all citizens to observe and celebrate the blessings of peace and endeavor to create peace on such day.

[109th] S.1756: "Department of Peace and Nonviolence Act " -

- A bill to establish a Department of Peace and Nonviolence.

Sponsor: Sen Dayton, Mark [MN, D]

Senator Dayton

9/22/2005--Introduced Cosponsors (1)
Related Bills: H.R.3760

Committees: Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Latest Major Action: 9/22/2005 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 9/22/2005--Introduced.

Department of Peace and Nonviolence Act - Establishes a Department of Peace and Nonviolence, which shall be headed by a Secretary of Peace and Nonviolence appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. Sets forth the mission of the Department, including to: (1) hold peace as an organizing principle; (2) endeavor to promote justice and democratic principles to expand human rights; and (3) develop policies that promote national and international conflict prevention, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of conflict....

### 110th Congress

[110th] H.R.808: "Department of Peace and Nonviolence Act" - To establish a Department of Peace and Nonviolence.

## Sponsor: Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. [OH-10, D] Rep. Kucinich Cosponsors (70)

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform; House Foreign Affairs; House Judiciary; House Education and Labor. Latest Major Action: 5/18/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 2/5/2007--Introduced.

Department of Peace and Nonviolence Act - Estab-

lishes a Department of Peace and Nonviolence, which shall be headed by a Secretary of Peace and Nonviolence appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. Sets forth the mission of the Department, including to: (1) hold peace as an organizing principle; (2) endeavor to promote justice and democratic principles to expand human rights; and (3) develop policies that promote national and international conflict prevention, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful resolution of conflict, and structured mediation of conflict.

Establishes in the Department the Intergovernmental Advisory Council on Peace and Nonviolence, which shall provide assistance and make recommendations to the Secretary and the President concerning intergovernmental policies relating to peace and nonviolent conflict resolution.

Transfers to the Department the functions, assets, and personnel of various federal agencies.

Establishes a Federal Interagency Committee on Peace and Nonviolence. Establishes Peace Day. Urges all citizens to observe and celebrate the blessings of peace and endeavor to create peace on such day.

### 111th Congress

[111st] **H.R.808**: "Department of Peace Act" -- To establish a Department of Peace.

#### Sponsor: Rep Kucinich, Dennis J. [OH-10, D] Cosponsors (71)

Committees: House Oversight and Government Reform; House Foreign Affairs; House Judiciary; House Education and Labor. Latest Major Action: 7/23/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

#### SUMMARY AS OF: 2/3/2009--Introduced.

Department of Peace Act - Establishes a Department of Peace, which shall be headed by a Secretary of Peace (Secretary).

Sets forth the mission of the Department, including: (1) cultivation of peace as a national policy objective; and (2) development of policies that promote national and international conflict prevention, nonviolent intervention, mediation, peaceful conflict resolution, and structured conflict mediation.

Establishes in the Department: (1) the Office of Peace Education and Training; (2) the Office of Domestic Peace Activities; (3) the Office of International Peace Activities; (4) the Office of Technology for Peace; (5) the Office of Arms Control and Disarmament; (6) the Office of Peaceful Coexistence and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution; (7) the Office of Human Rights and Economic Rights; and (8) the Intergovernmental Advisory Council on Peace.

Directs the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to consult with the Secretary concerning nonviolent means of conflict resolution when a conflict between the United States and any other government or entity is imminent or occurring.

Transfers to the Department the functions, assets, and personnel of various federal agencies.

Establishes the Federal Interagency Committee on Peace.

Directs the Secretary to encourage citizens to celebrate the blessings of peace and endeavor to create peace on a Peace Day.

#### Excerpt from HR 808: "SEC. 202. TRANSFERS":

There are hereby transferred to the Department the **functions**, **assets**, **and personnel** of--

- (1) the **Peace Corps**;
- (2) the United States Institute of Peace;
- (3) the Office of the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Affairs of the Department of State;
- (4) the **Gang Resistance Education and Training Program** of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; and
- (5) the **SafeFutures program** of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinguency Prevention of the Department of Justice.

#### Links to information:

Peace Corps < http://www.peacecorps.gov/ >

United States Institute of Peace < http://www.usip.org/ > Office of the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Affairs < http://www.state.gov/t/ > of the Department of State

< http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/rls/dos/99494.htm >

Gang Resistance Education and Training Program of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms < http://www.atf.gov/ >

SafeFutures program of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention < http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/ > of the Department of Justice. < http://www.justice.gov/ >





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#### **International Day of Peace**

I111stl **S.RES.274**: A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Day....Whereas, beginning in 2002, the **United Nations** has designated September 21 of each year as the International Day of Peace, which is known in the United States as Peace Day; **Sponsor: Sen Menendez, Robert INJ, Dl** (introduced 9/17/2009) Cosponsors (2) Latest Major Action: 9/17/2009 Passed/agreed to in Senate. Status: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

#### Global Family Day, One Day of Peace and Sharing

I111st] **H.CON.RES.221**: Requesting that the President issue a proclamation annually calling upon the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day, One Day of Peace and Sharing, and for other purposes. **Sponsor: Rep Conyers, John, Jr. IMI-14, DJ** (introduced 12/11/2009) Cosponsors (2). Latest Major Action: 12/11/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. *Also see*: I111st] **S.RES.357 Sponsor: Sen Inouye, Daniel K. IHI, DJ** (introduced 11/19/2009) Cosponsors (1)

#### **Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund**

I111stl H.R.2085: To affirm the religious freedom of taxpayers who are conscientiously opposed to participation in war, to provide that the income, estate, or gift tax payments of such taxpayers be used for nonmilitary purposes, to create the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund to receive such tax payments, to improve revenue collection, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep Lewis, John IGA-5, DI (introduced 4/23/2009) Cosponsors (16) Committees: House Ways and Means. Latest Major Action: 4/23/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

#### United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace

I111st] H.RES.633: Supporting the goals and ideals of the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace. Sponsor: Rep Sires, Albio INJ-13, DI (introduced 7/10/2009) Cosponsors (17). Committees: House Foreign Affairs. Latest Major Action: 7/10/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

#### **World March for Peace and Nonviolence**

[111st] **H.RES.948**: Commending the participants and organizers

of the World March for Peace and Nonviolence. **Sponsor: Rep Lewis, John IGA-5, D1** (introduced 12/3/2009). Cosponsors (4) Committees: House Foreign Affairs. Latest Major Action: 12/3/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

#### **Bills for: Peace Corps**

In Introduced 6/9/2009) Cosponsors (None) Committees: House Rules. House Reports: 111-143. Latest Major Action: 6/10/2009 Passed/agreed to in House. Status: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 238 - 183 (Roll no. 317). Also see: H.R.2410, H.R.2410

I111stl H.R.1066: To amend the Peace Corps Act to provide continued funding for the Peace Corps, to increase the readjustment allowances for Peace Corps volunteers and volunteer leaders, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep Farr, Sam ICA-17, DI (introduced 2/13/2009) Cosponsors (132). Committees: House Foreign Affairs Latest Major Action: 2/13/2009 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

I111st] H.R.2332: To amend the Peace Corps Act and the National and Community Service Trust Act to increase the affordability of medical education. Sponsor: Rep McMahon, Michael E. INY-13, D1 (introduced 5/7/2009) Cosponsors (8). Committees: House Education and Labor; House Foreign Affairs. Latest Major Action: 6/4/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities.

In Itst] H.R.4195: To authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep Farr, Sam ICA-17, DI (introduced 12/3/2009) Cosponsors (5). Committees: House Natural Resources, Latest Major Action: 12/7/2009 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

I111stl H.AMDT.308 to H.R.3081 Amendment sought to reduce the amount appropriated to the Peace Corps (Independent Agencies) by \$76,560,000 to match the President's request of \$373,440,000. Sponsor: Rep Stearns, Cliff IFL-6, RI (introduced 7/9/2009) Cosponsors (None) Latest Major Action: 7/9/2009 House amendment not agreed to. Status: On agreeing to the Stearns amendment (A003) Failed by recorded vote: 172 - 259 (Roll no. 518).

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