

U.S. POLICY ALERT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SUMMARY OF U.S. POLICY ACTIVITY – February 2007

Welcome to the U.S. Policy Alert System, a regular email notification system that provides a snapshot of current legislative activity and legislative developments related to human trafficking within the United States. Information contained within U.S. Policy Alerts is developed and compiled by Polaris Project through correspondence with legislative offices and online research, as well as in partnership with local advocacy groups, local organizations, and grassroots volunteers.

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Note: Policy Alerts do not guarantee detailed information on all national legislative activity due to the high volume of constantly changing bills and committee hearings.

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SNAPSHOT – CURRENT AND PENDING STATE LAWS ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Number of States with Criminal Provisions: **27**
- Number of States with Laws Establishing a Statewide Task Force on Trafficking: **9**
- Number of States with Laws Establishing a Trafficking Research Commission: **9**
- Number of States with Laws Mandating Law Enforcement Training on Trafficking: **3**
- Number of States with Victim Protection Provisions: **10**

- Number of Pending Bills With Trafficking Criminal Provisions: **17**
- Number of Pending Bills Establishing a Statewide Task Force on Trafficking: **5**
- Number of Pending Bills Establishing a Trafficking Research Commission: **6**
- Number of Pending Bills Mandating Law Enforcement Training on Trafficking: **1**
- Number of Pending Bills with Victim Protection Provisions: **5**

CHART OF CURRENT AND PENDING STATE LAWS

STATE	PROSECUTION	TASK FORCE	RESEARCH COMMISSION	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING	VICTIM PROTECTION
Alaska	X				
Arizona	X				
Arkansas	X				
California	X	X	X		X
Colorado	X	X			X
Connecticut	X	X		X	X
Florida	X				X
Georgia	X				
Hawaii		X	X		

STATE	PROSECUTION	TASK FORCE	RESEARCH COMMISSION	LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING	VICTIM PROTECTION
<i>Hawaii (pending)</i>	X				
Idaho	X	X	X		
Illinois	X				
Indiana	X		X	X	X
Iowa	X	X	X	X	X
Kansas	X				X
<i>Ky. (pending)</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Louisiana	X				
Maine		X	X		
<i>Md. (pending)</i>	X				
<i>Mass. (pending)</i>	X	X	X		X
Michigan	X				
Minnesota	X	X	X		X
Mississippi	X				
Missouri	X				
<i>Mont. (pending)</i>	X				
Nebraska	X		X		
Nevada	X				
New Hampshire	X				
<i>N.H. (pending)</i>	X		X		
New Jersey	X				X
<i>New Jersey (pending)</i>	X		X		
<i>N.M. (pending)</i>	X	X	X		
<i>New York (pending)</i>	X				X
North Carolina	X		X		
<i>Okla. (pending)</i>	X	X			X
<i>Oregon (pending)</i>	X				
Pennsylvania	X				
<i>R.I. (pending)</i>	X				
South Carolina	X				
<i>S.D. (pending)</i>	X				
<i>Tenn. (pending)</i>	X				
Texas	X				
<i>Utah (pending)</i>	X				X
<i>Virginia (pending)</i>	X	X	X		
Washington State	X	X			X
<i>W.Va. (pending)</i>	X				
Total State Laws	27	9	9	3	10
Total Pending	17	5	6	1	5
Commonwealth of Northern Marianas	X		X		

- U.S. States with no existing law or pending legislation specifically addressing human trafficking: Alabama, Delaware, District of Columbia, North Dakota, Ohio, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

- Territories with no existing law or pending legislation specifically addressing human trafficking: American Samoa, Guam, The Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

**Aqua highlighted italics indicate Pending Legislation: a bill that is either currently on the docket of 2007 and has not yet passed and/or not yet been removed from the docket to signal its cessation. Bills with confirmed active developments in 2007 have been noted. Bills that have been formally removed from the legislative docket after the end of either the 2007 or 2008 legislative session are not listed.*

NOTE: A state with an anti-trafficking law on the books may also have a pending bill. That is, a state with passed legislation may also re-introduce another bill(s) to amend or supplement what has already passed (e.g., New Jersey). Supplemental bills often amend and strengthen existing legislation by creating stronger sentences or stronger victim protections, for example.

NOTE: Many states and cities have created task forces, research commissions and/or studies without statutory authority, which are therefore not included in this chart on state legislation. Some of these are funded by federal agencies and others are purely local initiatives.

STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY – DETAILED DEVELOPMENTS

This section of the U.S. Policy Alert provides a breakdown of legislative activity in currently active states with links to state legislatures' websites. Links to all state legislatures' websites are included in an appendix below.

HAWAII

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

Legislative Session started on January 17, 2007 and is projected to end on May 3, 2007

- **HB 1784 “Human Trafficking; Forfeiture; Organized Crime”**
 - Introduced by Representatives Lee, Awana, Belatti, Karamatsu, Meyer, Shimabukuro, Takumi, Thielen, Wakai, Chong, Ito, Mizuno, Rhoads, Takamine
 - 1/24/2007 House Introduced and Passed First Reading
 - 1/26/2007 House Referred to HSH, JUD, referral sheet 5
 - 2/12/2007 House HSH Hearing – Measure passed committee, with amendments

KENTUCKY

<http://lrc.ky.gov/>

Legislative Session started on January 2, 2007 and is projected to end on March 27, 2007

- **SB39 “An act relating to crimes and punishments: create a new section of KRS Chapter 509 to define the crime of human trafficking and punish it as a Class D felony; provide that offense occurs only when two or more persons are trafficked; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to allow a victim of identity theft to obtain a court judgment authenticating that status”**
 - Introduced by Senator David Boswell
 - 1/2/2007 Introduced in Senate
 - 2/6/2007 to Judiciary (S)
- **SB19 “An act relating to crimes and punishments: create a new section of KRS Chapter 509 to create the crime of human trafficking and punish it as a Class D**

felony; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to allow a victim of identity theft to obtain a circuit court judgment authenticating that status”

- Introduced by Senator David Boswell
 - 1/2/2007 Introduced in Senate
 - 1/4/2007 to Judiciary (S)
- **SB43 “An act relating to human trafficking”**
 - Introduced by Senator David Boswell and D. Harper Angel
 - 1/3/2007 Introduced in Senate
 - 1/4/2007 to Judiciary (S)
- **SB18 “An act relating to human trafficking: create a new section of KRS Chapter 509 to create the crime of human trafficking and punish it as a Class D felony”**
 - Introduced by Senator David Boswell
 - 1/2/2007 Introduced in Senate
 - 1/4/2007 to Judiciary (S)
- **HB163 “An act relating to crimes and punishments: create a new section of KRS Chapter 509 to establish the crime of human trafficking as a Class B felony; amend KRS 529.030, relating to the promoting of prostitution in the first degree, to increase the penalty to a Class B felony”**
 - Introduced by Representative Melvin Henley
 - 1/2/2007 Introduced in House
 - 1/3/2007 to Judiciary (H)

MARYLAND

<http://mlis.state.md.us/>

Legislative Session started on January 10, 2007 and is projected to end on April 9, 2007

- **SB606 “Human Trafficking and Involuntary Servitude: Prohibiting a person from knowingly soliciting or attempting to solicit another person for prostitution, a sexually explicit performance, labor, or services by specified means; prohibiting a person from knowingly soliciting or attempting to solicit a minor for prostitution or a sexually explicit performance; etc” (identical to HB876)**
 - Introduced by Senators Forehand, Conway, Kelley, Kramer, Pugh, Raskin and Rosapepe
 - 2/2/2007 (S) First Reading Judicial Proceedings
 - 2/7/2007 Scheduled hearing 2/21 at 1pm
- **HB876 “Human Trafficking and Involuntary Servitude: Prohibiting a person from knowingly soliciting or attempting to solicit another person for prostitution, a sexually explicit performance, labor, or services by specified means; prohibiting a person from knowingly soliciting or attempting to solicit a minor for prostitution or a sexually explicit performance; establishing penalties; establishing that a business entity that knowingly aids or participates in a specified violation is subject to specified penalties; and defining specified terms” (identical to SB606)**
 - Introduced by Delegates Lawton, Dumais, Ali, Barkley, Beidle, Bronrott, Dwyer, Frank, Frush, Gilchrist, Gutierrez, Healey, Hecht, Hixson, Hucker, James, Kaiser, Kelly, N. King, Kullen, Lee, Love, Manno, McComas, McConkey, Mizeur,

- Montgomery, Nathan-Pulliam, Pena-Melnyk, Ramirez, Ross, Shank, Shewell,
Simmons, Stein, Tarrant, Valderrama, and Waldstreicher
- 2/9/2007 First Reading Judiciary

MASSACHUSETTS

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/>

Legislative Session started on January 3, 2007 and is projected to end in mid-July 2008

- **SD01714 “Relating to anti-human trafficking and protection”**
 - 1/10/2007 Filed
 - To be introduced by Senator Mark Montigny (awaiting bill number)

MONTANA

<http://leg.mt.gov/css/default.asp>

Legislative Session started on January 3, 2007 and is projected to end on April 27, 2007

- **SB385 “Criminalizing involuntary servitude and trafficking in persons”**
 - Introduced by Senator John Cobb
 - 12/5/2006 (C) Draft Request Received
 - 12/5/2006 (C) Fiscal Note Needed
 - 1/26/2007 (C) Draft Delivered to Requester
 - 1/30/2007 (S) Fiscal Note Requested
 - 1/30/2007 (S) Introduced
 - 1/30/2007 (S) First Reading
 - 1/30/2007 (S) Referred to Committee
 - 1/30/2007 (C) Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically
 - 2/6/2007 (S) Hearing
 - 2/6/2007 (S) Fiscal Note Received
 - 2/7/2007 (S) Fiscal Note Printed
- **LC0588 “Prohibit human trafficking”**
 - Requested by John Cobb
 - 10/10/2006 (C) Draft Request Received
 - 10/10/2006 (C) Fiscal Note Needed
 - 1/13/2007 (C) Draft on Hold

NEW HAMPSHIRE

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/ie/>

Legislative Session started on January 3, 2007 and is projected to end on June 30, 2007

- **HB35 “An act establishing a commission to study human trafficking issues in New Hampshire”**
 - Introduced by Representative Jordan Ulery
 - 1/4/2007 Introduced in Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
 - 1/16/2007 Hearing in Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
- **HB368-FN “An act prohibiting trafficking in persons”**

- Introduced by Representatives Jordan Ulery and Andrew Renzullo
 - 1/4/2007 Introduced in Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
 - 2/15/2007 Hearing in Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
- **SB194 “An Act establishing a commission to study the trafficking of persons across borders for sexual and labor exploitation”**
 - Introduced by Senators Iris W. Estabrook, David A. Welch and William V. Knowles
 - 1/4/2007 Introduced in Health and Human Services Committee

NEW JERSEY

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>

Legislative Session started in January 2006 and is projected to end in January 2008

- **A2868 “Provides for an Extended Term of Imprisonment” (identical to S2540)**
 - 3/16/2006 Introduced by Assembly Members Neil M. Cohen, Linda Stender, and Joan Voss
 - 4/16/2006 Referred to Assembly Judiciary Committee
- **S2540 “Provides for an Extended Term of Imprisonment” (identical to A2868)**
 - 2/8/2006 Introduced by Senator Thomas Kean
 - 2/8/2006 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee
- **S2523 “Establishes 24-hour hotline for information concerning the crime of human trafficking; appropriates \$75,000” (identical to A3985)**
 - 1/29/2007 Introduced by Senators Thomas Kean and Diane Allen
 - 1/29/2007 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee
- **A3985 “Establishes 24-hour hotline for information concerning the crime of human trafficking; appropriates \$75,000” (identical to S2583)**
 - 1/29/2007 Introduced by Assemblyman Eric Muniz

NEW MEXICO

<http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/default.asp>

Legislative Session started on January 16, 2007 and is scheduled to end on March 17, 2007

- **SB778 “Creating a new criminal offense known as human trafficking; providing penalties; establishing a task force to combat human trafficking; making an appropriation”**
 - Introduced by Senator Mary Jane M. Garcia
 - Referred to Senate Public Affairs Committee
- **SJM24 “Requesting the establishment of a task force to study the extent of human trafficking in New Mexico and to make recommendations”**
 - Introduced by Senator Mary Jane M. Garcia
 - Referred to Senate Public Rules Committee
- **HJM22 “Requesting the establishment of a task force to study the extent of human trafficking in New Mexico and to make recommendations”**

- Introduced by Representative Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert
- Referred to House Appropriations and Finance Committee

NEW YORK

<http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us>

Legislative session started on January 3, 2007 and is scheduled to end on June 21, 2007

- **A628A “Enacts provisions relating to labor standards for domestic workers; includes provisions for a living wage, overtime pay, vacation, sick and personal time, advance notice of termination and severance pay; also prohibits trafficking in domestic workers; requires record keeping and notice; includes domestic workers under provisions of the labor law; includes penalties for violations thereof”**
 - 1/3/2007 Prefiled by Assemblyman Keith Wright
 - 1/3/2007 Referred to Labor Committee
 - 2/7/2007 Amend (t) and recommit to labor
 - 2/7/2007 Print number 628A
- **A1706 “Prohibits the trafficking of domestic workers; makes it a class E felony to engage in or aid and abet the trafficking of a domestic worker” (Same as S 242)**
 - Introduced by Assemblywoman Susan John
 - 1/10/2007 Referred to Labor Committee
- **A2771 “Relates to establishing crimes and penalties relating to human trafficking, establishes services and benefits for victims of human trafficking; creates the crimes of trafficking a person for labor servitude, trafficking a person for sexual servitude, trafficking a minor for sexual servitude, aggravated trafficking, benefiting from trafficking, promoting sex tourism; sets forth provisions for victim assistance; sets forth provisions relating to causes of action; provides for services for trafficked persons”**
 - 1/19/2007 Introduced by Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz
 - 1/19/2007 Referred to Codes Committee
- **A2978 “Provides criminal consequences for conduct that involves certain trafficking of persons and involuntary servitude”**
 - 1/22/2007 Introduced by Assemblyman David Townsend
 - 1/22/2007 Referred to Codes Committee
- **S78A “Relates to establishing crimes and penalties relating to human trafficking, promoting sex tourism and related offenses”**
 - 1/2/2007 Prefiled by Senator Frank Padavan
 - 1/3/2007 Referred to Codes Committee
 - 1/17/2007 First report Cal.21
 - 1/22/2007 Second report Cal.
 - 1/23/2007 Advanced to third reading
 - 1/29/2007 Amended on third reading 78A
- **S242 “Prohibits the trafficking of domestic workers; makes it a class E felony to engage in or aid and abet the trafficking of a domestic worker” (identical to A1706)**
 - 1/3/2007 Prefiled by Senator John DeFrancisco
 - 1/3/2007 Referred to Labor Committee

- **S1650 “Creates a new crime of human trafficking, promoting sex tourism and related offenses”**
 - 1/24/2007 Introduced by Senator John Sabini
 - 1/24/2007 Referred to Codes Committee

OKLAHOMA

<http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/>

Legislative Session started on January 2, 2007 and is projected to end on May 25, 2007

- **SB7 “Crimes and punishments; prohibiting trafficking in humans; setting penalties; defining term. Effective date”**
 - Introduced by Senator Leftwich
 - 2/5/2007 First Reading
 - 2/5/2007 Authored by Senator Leftwich
 - 2/5/2007 Pending authorship Representative Hamilton
 - 2/6/2007S Second Reading referred to Criminal Jurisprudence
- **HB1021 “An act relating to crimes and punishments; defining terms; prohibiting certain unlawful acts; providing penalties; providing affirmative defense; establishing guidelines for treatment of human trafficking victims; allowing victims to file certain action; authorizing court to award damages, fees and costs; amending law which relates to seizure and forfeiture proceedings; authorizing forfeiture of property for violation of certain crime; providing for codification; and providing an effective date”**
 - Introduced by Representative Cooksey
 - 2/5/2007 First Reading
 - 2/5/2007 Authored by Representative Cooksey
- **HB2129 “General immigration law that includes the creation of a Joint Task Force on Oklahoma Illegal Immigration issues, which includes Human Trafficking as a subject matter to be covered”**
 - Introduced by Representative Morrissette
 - 2/5/2007 First Reading
 - 2/5/2007 Authored by Representative Morrissette

OREGON

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/>

Legislative Session started on January 8, 2007 and does not have a definite end date but generally lasts 6 months

- **SB243 “Creates the crime of involuntary servitude and trafficking in persons”**
 - 01/11/2007 (S) Introduction and first reading. Referred to President's desk
 - 01/15/2007 (S) Referred to Judiciary

RHODE ISLAND

<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/>

Legislative Session started in mid-January 2007 and is projected to end in mid-July 2007

- **H5126 “An act relating to criminal offenses (prohibit the practice of human sex trafficking of minors for the purposes of sexual activity and/or prostitution/prohibit human trafficking for the purposes of forced labor and/or prostitution)”**
 - Introduced by Representatives Giannini, Williams, Gemma, Rice, Schadone
 - 1/18/2007 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

SOUTH DAKOTA

<http://legis.state.sd.us/index.cfm>

Legislative Session started on January 9, 2007 and is projected to end on February 16, 2007

- **SB144 “An Act to define certain offenses and to establish certain requirements related to immigrants and aliens”**
 - 1/25/2007 Introduced by Senator Kloucek
 - 1/25/2007 First read in Senate and referred to Senate Judiciary S.J. 232
 - 2/2/2007 Scheduled for committee hearing on this date
 - 2/2/2007 Judiciary Deferred to 41st legislative day Passed, YEAS 6, NAYS 1. S.J. 368

TENNESSEE

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/>

Legislative Session started on January 9, 2007 and the end date varies every year but is projected to end late April 2007

- **HB0071 “ Tennessee Human Trafficking Act of 2007 – Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13”**
 - 1/31/2007 Introduced by Rep. Mike Turner
- **HB0034/SB0017 “Tennessee Slavery, Involuntary Servitude and Human Trafficking Prevention Act of 2007.” - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 3**
 - 1/31/2007 Introduced by Rep. Rob Briley and Gary Moore and Senator Jackson
 - **Bill history for HB0034**
 - 1/19/2007 Filed for introduction
 - 1/20/2007 Intro., P1C.
 - 1/29/2007 P2C, ref. to Judiciary
 - 2/5/2007 Assigned to s/c Criminal Practice and Procedure of JUD
 - **Bill history for SB0017**
 - 12/19/2006 Filed for introduction
 - 1/9/2007 Intro., P1C.
 - 1/10/2007 2C held on desk pending comm. appointments
 - 1/20/2007 Ref. to S. Jud Comm.
- **HB0013 “Criminal Offenses - Enacts the "Tennessee Anti-Child Sexual Servitude and Trafficking Act of 2007." - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 10**
 - 12/15/06 Filed for intro.
 - 1/9/2007 Introduced by Senator Jackson
 - 1/9/2007 Intro., P1C.

- 1/10/2007 P2C held on desk pending comm. appointments
- 1/20/2007 Ref. to S. Jud Comm.

UTAH

<http://www.le.state.ut.us/>

Legislative Session started on January 15, 2007 and is projected to end on February 28, 2007

- **HB167 “Human Trafficking Provisions” (criminalizes human trafficking and outlines basic services for victims)**
 - 1/26/2007 Bill numbered by Title Without any Substance
 - 1/27/2007 Numbered Bill Made Available for Public Distribution
 - 1/27/2007 Bill Numbered by Title Without and Substance
 - 2/8/2007 Bill Numbered but not Distributed
 - 2/8/2007 Numbered Bill Made Available for Public Distribution
 - 2/8/2007 LFA/bill assigned to staff for fiscal analysis
 - 2/8/2007 House received from General Counsel
 - 2/8/2007 LFA/bill sent to agencies for fiscal input
 - 2/8/2007 House read 1st time (introduced)
 - 2/10/2007 LFA/fiscal note sent to sponsor
 - 2/12/2007 LFA/fiscal note sent to floor
 - 2/12/2007 House/to Printing with fiscal note

VIRGINIA

<http://legis.state.va.us/>

Legislative Session started on January 10, 2007 and ended on February 9, 2007

- **HB 2923 “Human Trafficking, Commission on Prevention of; created, report”**
 - Prefiled by Delegate Adam Ebbin
 - 01/10/2007 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/07 077785300 (impact statement)
 - 1/10/2007 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/07 077785300
 - 1/10/2007 House: Referred to Committee on Rules
 - 1/31/2007 House: Reported from Rules with substitute (15-Y 0-N)
 - 2/1/2007 House: Committee substitute printed 072683300-H1
 - 2/1/2007 House: Read first time
 - 2/2/2007 House: Read second time
 - 2/2/2007 House: Committee substitute agreed to 072683300-H1
 - 2/2/2007 House: Engrossed by House - committee substitute HB2923H1
 - 2/3/2007 House: Read third time and passed House BLOCK VOTE (98-Y 0-N)
 - 2/3/2007 House: VOTE: BLOCK VOTE PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)
 - 2/3/2007 House: Communicated to Senate
 - 2/5/2007 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed
 - 2/5/2007 Senate: Referred to Committee on Rules
- **HB 2551 “Human Anti-Trafficking Act; created, report”**

- Prefiled by Delegate Adam Ebbin
 - 1/9/2007 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/07 078181300 (impact statements)
 - 1/9/2007 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/07 078181300
 - 1/9/2007 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
 - 1/17/2007 House: Assigned Courts sub: Criminal Law
- **HB 682 “Human trafficking; joint subcommittee to study”**
 - Prefiled by Delegate Adam Ebbin
 - 1/9/2007 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/07 077015300
 - 1/9/2007 House: Prefiled and ordered printed; offered 01/10/07 077015300
 - 1/9/2007 House: Referred to Committee on Rules

WEST VIRGINIA

<http://www.legis.state.wv.us/>

Legislative session started on January 10, 2007 and is projected to end on March 9, 2007

- **HB2178 “A bill to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §61-2-31, relating to human trafficking and involuntary servitude offenses”**
 - 1/16/2007 Filed by Delegates Brown, Hatfield, Long, M. Poling and Mahan
 - 1/16/2007 To House Judiciary 207
 - 1/16/2007 Introduced in House 207
 - 1/16/2007 To Judiciary
 - 1/16/2007 Filed for introduction

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

110th Congress convened on January 3, 2007 and scheduled to end on January 3, 2009

www.thomas.gov

- **H.R.270 Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2007 “To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2010 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes”**
 - Introduced by Representative Christopher Smith
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to House Foreign Affairs
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to House Judiciary
 - 2/2/2007 Referred to House Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law
- **H.RES.55 “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding modern-day slavery”**
 - Introduced by Representative Barbara Lee

- 1/11/2007 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
 - 1/18/2007 Introductory remarks on measure (CR E148)
- **H.RES.121 “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Government of Japan should formally acknowledge, apologize, and accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequivocal manner for its Imperial Armed Force's coercion of young women into sexual slavery, known to the world as ‘comfort women’, during its colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands from the 1930s through the duration of World War II”**
 - Introduced by Representative Michael Honda
 - 1/31/2007 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
 - 2/1/2007 Introductory remarks on measure (CR E234-235)
 - 2/12/2007 Introductory remarks on measure (CR E321, E322, E322-323)
- **S.330 Border Security And Immigration Reform Act of 2007 “A bill to authorize secure borders and comprehensive immigration reform, and for other purposes”** (various sections addressing: trafficking in passports, efforts to take into account asylum seekers, trafficking victims...and other vulnerable populations as part of the National Strategy for Border Security and improving the security of borders by enacting laws to combat alien smuggling and trafficking)
 - Introduced by Senator Johnny Isakson
 - 1/18/2007 Introductory remarks on measure (CR S754-755)
 - 1/18/2007 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary
- **H.R.1 Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act of 2007 “To provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States”** (specifically Title VI, Subtitle A: Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center Improvements)
 - Introduced by Representative Bennie Thompson
 - 1/5/2007 Introductory remarks on measure (CR E37-38)
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Foreign Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure, Oversight and Government Reform, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to House Homeland Security
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to House Energy and Commerce
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to House Judiciary
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to House Intelligence (Permanent Select)
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to House Foreign Affairs
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform
 - 1/5/2007 Referred to House Ways and Means
 - 1/9/2007 12:58pm Considered pursuant to H. Res. 6 (consideration: CR H132-199)
 - 1/9/2007 6:17pm Considered as unfinished business (consideration: CR H209-222)
 - 1/9/2007 6:35pm The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule (consideration: CR H219)
 - 1/9/2007 6:36pm Ms. Ros-Lehtinen moved to recommit with instructions to Foreign Affairs

- 1/9/2007 6:51pm The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection (text: CR H219-220)
- 1/9/2007 7:09pm On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 198 - 230 (Roll no. 14)
- 1/9/2007 7:17pm On passage Passed by recorded vote: 299 - 128 (Roll no. 15) (text: CR H132-161)
- 1/9/2007 7:17pm Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection
- 1/9/2007 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

- **H.R.120 Intercountry Adoption Reform Act (ICARE) of 2007 “To reform Federal procedures relating to intercountry adoption”** (specifically relating to SEC. 101 FINDINGS; PURPOSES, stating that “before adoption, each child should have the benefit of measures taken to ensure that intercountry adoption is in his or her best interest and that prevents the abduction, selling, or trafficking of children” AND SEC. 201 on the reporting responsibilities of the Ambassador to prepare “those portions of the Human Rights Reports that relate to the abduction, sale, and trafficking of children”)
 - Introduced by Representative Jo Ann Davis
 - 1/4/2007 Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned
 - 1/4/2007 Referred to House Foreign Affairs
 - 1/4/2007 Referred to House Judiciary
 - 2/2/2007 Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law

APPENDIX: Links to State Legislature Websites for States and Territories

ALABAMA

<http://www.legislature.state.al.us/>

ALASKA

www.legis.state.ak.us/

AMERICAN SAMOA (American Samoa is an unincorporated and unorganized territory of the United States, administered by the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior.)

<http://www.asg-gov.net/>

ARIZONA

<http://www.azleg.state.az.us/>

ARKANSAS

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/>

CALIFORNIA

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>

COLORADO

<http://www.leg.state.co.us/>

COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANAS (The Northern Mariana Islands are a commonwealth in political union with the United States. Federal funds to the Commonwealth are administered by the Office of Insular Affairs of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Executive power is exercised by the government. Legislative power is vested in both the government and the two chambers of parliament. The Judiciary is independent of the executive and the legislature.)

<http://www.gov.mp>

CONNECTICUT

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/>

DELAWARE

<http://www.legis.state.de.us/Legislature.nsf/?Opendatabase>

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

<http://www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/>

FLORIDA

www.leg.state.fl.us/

GEORGIA

<http://www.legis.state.ga.us/>

GUAM (In 1950, the island's administration was transferred from the Navy to the US Department of the Interior. Under the 1950 Organic Act of Guam, passed by the US Congress, the island was established as an unincorporated territory of the United States.)

<http://www.guamlegislature.com/>

HAWAII

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

IDAHO

<http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/>

ILLINOIS

<http://www.ilga.gov/>

INDIANA

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/>

IOWA

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/>

KANSAS

<http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-legisportal/index.do>

KENTUCKY

<http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/home.htm>

LOUISIANA

<http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

MAINE

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/>

THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (In 1979 the Government of the Marshall Islands was officially established and the country became self-governing. In 1986 the Compact of Free Association with the United States entered into force, granting the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) its sovereignty. The Compact provided for aid and U.S. defense of the islands in exchange for continued U.S. military use of the missile testing range at Kwajalein Atoll.)

<http://www.rmiembassyus.org/Government.htm>

MARYLAND

<http://mlis.state.md.us/>

MASSACHUSETTS

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/legis.htm>

MICHIGAN

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/>

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (Micronesia, officially the Federated States of Micronesia, is an island nation located in the Pacific Ocean, northeast of Papua New Guinea. The country is a sovereign state in free association with the United States. The Federated States of Micronesia were formerly part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, a United Nations Trust Territory under US administration. In 1979 they adopted a constitution, and in 1986 independence was attained under a Compact of Free Association.)

<http://www.fsmgov.org/>

MINNESOTA

<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/>

MISSISSIPPI

<http://www.ls.state.ms.us/>

MISSOURI

<http://www.moga.state.mo.us/>

MONTANA

<http://leg.state.mt.ucss/default.asp>

NEBRASKA

<http://www.unicam.state.ne.us/>

NEVADA

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>

NEW HAMPSHIRE

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/ie/>

NEW JERSEY

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>

NEW MEXICO

<http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/default.asp>

NEW YORK

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/>

NORTH CAROLINA

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/homePage.pl>

NORTH DAKOTA

<http://www.legis.nd.gov/>

OHIO

<http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/>

OKLAHOMA

<http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/>

OREGON

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/>

PENNSYLVANIA

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/>

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO (Puerto Rico is a self-governing commonwealth in association with the United States. The chief of state is the President of the United States of America.)

www.senadoelapr.org (Web site under construction)

RHODE ISLAND

<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/>

SOUTH CAROLINA

<http://www.scstatehouse.net/>

SOUTH DAKOTA

<http://legis.state.sd.us/index.cfm>

TENNESSEE

<http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/>

TEXAS

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/>

UTAH

<http://www.le.state.ut.us/>

VERMONT

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/>

VIRGINIA

<http://legis.state.va.us/>

VIRGIN ISLANDS

<http://www.senate.gov.vi/>

WASHINGTON

<http://www1.leg.wa.gov/legislature>

WEST VIRGINIA

<http://www.legis.state.wv.us/>

WISCONSIN

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>

WYOMING

<http://legisweb.state.wy.us/>

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