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Possible Amendments to the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act (H.R. 2799)

The House has agreed to a unanimous consent request to limit the number of amendments to the bill. Only the following amendments are in order:

#1 Hinchey: Prohibits funds for the Department of Justice from being used to prevent the States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, Oregon, or Washington from implementing State laws authorizing the use of medical marijuana in those States.

#2 Hinchey: Prohibits funds for the Federal Communications Commission from being used to grant, transfer, or assign any license for any broadcast station under certain circumstances (i.e. effectively overturning portions of the FCC media ownership rules). *Subject to a point of order.*

#3 Jackson-Lee: Prohibits funds from being used by the Department of State to regulate the issuance of consular identification cards by foreign missions in the United States.

#4 Jackson-Lee: Prohibits funds from being used by the Department of State to extend an H-1B visa more than 8 times.

#5 Jackson-Lee: Requires that four percent of fees collected from certain visa-issuance shall be used for the processing of nonimmigrant visas and that the remainder shall be used as additional resources for accelerating the processing by consular officers of other nonimmigrant visa applications. *Subject to a point of order.*

#6 Jackson-Lee: Prohibits funds from being used to prohibit the study of the issue of implementing “good time” for persons incarcerated for non-violent crimes in the Federal prison system.

#7 Jackson-Lee: Prohibits funds from being used by the Department of State to prohibit any organization, project, or activity from promoting the participation of women in international peace efforts, particularly in Africa and the Middle East.

#8 Jackson-Lee: Prohibits funds from being used to prohibit the Administrator of the Small Business Administration from providing technical assistance to small business concerns participating in the rebuilding of Iraq and Afghanistan.

#9 Jackson-Lee: Prohibits funds from being used to destroy or conceal physical and electronic records and documents related to any use of federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to members of the Texas Legislature for the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003.

#10 Paul: Prohibits funds from being made available for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

#11 Sanders: Prohibits funds from being used to make an application under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act for an order requiring the production of tangible things from a bookseller or library.

#12 King (IA): Prohibits funds from being used to engage in negotiations the purpose of which is to enter into a trade agreement with another country and in which provisions on the temporary entry of professionals are offered or accepted by a representative of the United States.

#13 King (IA): Prohibits funds from being used to engage in negotiations respecting a trade agreement with another country which creates or expands a nonimmigrant visa category authorizing the temporary entry of professionals into the United States.

Amendments not pre-filed:

Manzullo: Strikes authorizing language that limits the total amount of trust certificates that the Small Business Administration issues when its guaranteed loans are resold in the secondary market.

Tancredo: Prohibits funds from being used to by the Department of State to assist any foreign government in the development of consular identification cards.

Tancredo: Prohibits funds from being used to assist any state or local government entity or official that prohibits or restricts any government entity or official from sending to, or receiving from, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of an individual, as prohibited under current law.

Ose/Burton/Lampson/Maloney: Prohibits funds to support violations of the law prohibiting the granting of visas for admission to the United States for child abductors in violation of a U.S. court order and their immediate family for aiding and abetting the child abductors.

Other Amendments Under the U.C. Agreement:

Issa

Pence

Shimkus

Manzullo

Otter

Rohrabacher

Hostettler

Hostettler

Manzullo

Manzullo

Rush

Weldon

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Fosella

Biggert

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