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2 MARKUP TO COMPLETE CONSIDERATION OF:

3 H.R. 1741, THE "WITNESS SECURITY AND

4 PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM OF 2009"

5 AND H.R. 2247, THE "CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW

6 ACT IMPROVEMENT ACT

7 Wednesday, May 20, 2009

8 House of Representatives,

9 Committee on the Judiciary,

10 Washington, D.C.

11 The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:18 a.m., in Room

12 2141, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. John Conyers

13 [chairman of the committee] presiding.

14 Present: Representatives Conyers, Nadler, Scott, Watt,  
15 Lofgren, Jackson Lee, Cohen, Quigley, Sherman, Gonzalez,  
16 Schiff, Wasserman Schultz, Smith, Sensenbrenner, Gallegly,  
17 Lungren, Franks, Jordan, and Harper.

18 Staff present: Perry Apelbaum, Staff Director/Chief  
19 Counsel; Ted Kalo, General Counsel/Deputy Staff Director;  
20 George Slover, Legislative Counsel/Parliamentarian; Sean  
21 McLaughlin, Minority Chief of Staff/General Counsel; Allison  
22 Halataei, Minority Deputy Chief of Staff/Parliamentarian;  
23 Anita L. Johnson, Clerk.

24 Chairman Conyers. [Presiding.] Good morning. The  
25 committee will come to order.

26 Thanks for having a reporting quorum.

27 And pursuant to notice, I call up H.R. 1741, the Witness  
28 Security and Protection Grant Program Act, for purposes of  
29 markup.

30 And the clerk will report the bill, please.

31 The Clerk. H.R. 1741, a bill to require the attorney  
32 general to make competitive grants to eligible state, tribal  
33 and local prosecutors to establish and maintain certain  
34 protection and witness assistance programs.

35 [The bill follows:]

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37 Chairman Conyers. Without objection, the bill will be  
38 considered as read.

39 You will recall, last week, we had adopted Chairman  
40 Bobby Scott's substitute amendment and had moved to report  
41 the bill, but we suspended because of lack of a reporting  
42 quorum.

43 Mr. Scott. Mr. Chairman?

44 Chairman Conyers. Yes, Mr. Scott?

45 Mr. Scott. Mr. Chairman, I think we were in the middle  
46 of a roll call vote on that, and I would ask unanimous  
47 consent that that roll call vote be vitiated.

48 Chairman Conyers. Without objection, so ordered.

49 A reporting quorum being present, we will now vote on  
50 the bill, as amended, favorably to the House.

51 All in favor, say "aye."

52 [A chorus of ayes.]

53 Chairman Conyers. Opposed, "no?"

54 [No response.]

55 The ayes have it and the bill, as amended, is ordered  
56 reported favorably.

57 Without objection, the bill will be reported as a single  
58 amendment in the nature of a substitute, incorporating the  
59 amendments adopted.

60 And staff is authorized to make technical and conforming  
61 changes, and the members will have 2 days to submit any views

62 or other comments.

63       The other measure is H.R. 2247. And pursuant to notice,  
64 I call H.R. 2247, the Congressional Review Improvement Act,  
65 and ask the clerk to report that bill.

66       The Clerk. H.R. 2247, a bill to amend Title 5, United  
67 States Code, to make technical amendments to certain  
68 provisions of Title 5, United States Code, enacted by the  
69 Congressional Review Act.

70       [The bill follows:]

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72 Chairman Conyers. Without objection, the bill is  
73 considered as read and open for amendment at any point.

74 Last week, there were no amendments, and, of course, we  
75 had to adjourn because of lack of a quorum.

76 That quorum being present this morning, the question is  
77 on reporting the bill, as amended, favorably to the House.

78 All in favor, say "aye."

79 [A chorus of ayes.]

80 Chairman Conyers. All opposed, say "no."

81 [No response.]

82 The ayes have it and the bill, as amended, is ordered  
83 reported favorably. Without objection, the bill will be  
84 reported as a single amendment in the nature of a substitute,  
85 incorporating the amendments adopted.

86 And staff is, of course, authorized to make changes that  
87 conform or are technical in nature.

88 Members have 2 days for additional comments.

89 [Whereupon, at 10:22 a.m., the committee was adjourned.]