



H. Res. 990 – Supporting the officers and personnel who carry out the important mission of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as amended (Rep. Higgins, R-LA)

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FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration on July 18, 2018, under a suspension of the rules which requires 2/3 majority for final passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H. Res. 990](#) expresses the continued support of the House of Representatives for United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the officers and personnel that carry out the mission of ICE.

COST:

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is not necessary for House resolutions.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

Background: In response to the Trump Administration's [zero tolerance policy](#), requiring the prosecution of those who illegally cross U.S. borders, many Democratic lawmakers have [called](#) for the elimination of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Rep. Pocan (D-WI) introduced legislation (H.R. 6361, the [Establishing a Humane Immigration Enforcement System Act](#)) to abolish ICE – which would terminate the agency responsible for stopping and [detaining](#) terrorists, [identifying](#) and rescuing victims of [human trafficking and child exploitation](#), and seizing hundreds of thousands of pounds of illegal [narcotics](#) each year.

In FY 2017, ICE [rescued](#) 518 victims of trafficking and over 904 child exploitation victims were identified or rescued. ICE [arrested](#) 4,818 gang members, including 793 MS-13 members in 2017. In FY 2016 ICE Homeland Security Investigations [arrested](#) 1,952 individuals for human trafficking. From those arrests ICE was able to identify over 400 trafficking victims and provide them with the critical care they needed. Also in FY 2017, ICE [seized](#) 981,586 lbs. of narcotics, including more than 2,370 lbs. of fentanyl and 6,967 lbs. of heroin.

H. Res. 990 would express the continued support of the House of Representatives for United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the officers and personnel that carry out the mission of ICE. The resolution further denounces calls for the abolishment of ICE and supports the efforts of federal agencies, law enforcement, and military personnel that work to provide security at our nation's borders.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H. Res. 990 was introduced on July 11, 2018, and was referred to the House Committees on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Homeland Security, and Armed Services.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

A Statement of Administration Policy is not available.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

Constitutional authority statements are not required for resolutions.

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