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## **H.R. 884 - Promoting Antiterrorism Cooperation through Technology and Science Act**

### **Floor Situation**

H.R. 884 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Peter King (R-NY) on February 7, 2007, and has not been considered by any committee in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

H.R. 884 is expected to be considered on the floor on February 27, 2007.

*\*Note: In the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, Rep. King (NY) introduced similar legislation, the Promoting Antiterrorism Capabilities Through International Cooperation Act (H.R. 4942), which passed the House of Representative by voice vote on September 26, 2006. The Senate received the bill but no action was taken.*

### **Summary**

The Promoting Antiterrorism Cooperation through Technology and Science (PACTS) Act creates the Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office within the Department of Homeland Security. This office will be headed by a Director who reports to the Under Secretary of Homeland Security.

The purpose of the bill is to allow science and technology research to improve antiterrorism measures through international cooperation. Foreign partners may include Israel, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Singapore, and other allies in the global war on terrorism.

The Director is responsible for:

- Promoting cooperative research between the U.S. and its allies on homeland security technologies;
- Developing strategic priorities for international cooperative activity and addressing them through agreements with foreign entities;
- Facilitating the matching of U.S. entities engaged in homeland security research with appropriate foreign research partners;

- Ensuring that activities of the office are coordinated with other relevant research agencies; and,
- Planning and executing conferences and workshops to improve contact among technology developers and to help establish direction for future technology goals.

The bill authorizes \$25 million for each of the fiscal years 2008 through 2011 to implement the activities of the Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office.

### **Background**

Rep. King introduced H.R. 4942 in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, which passed the House of Representatives by voice vote. H.R. 884 is substantively similar to H.R. 4942. Minor modifications (e.g., ordering of sections, but not substance) of H.R. 4942 were made in order to more closely align the language with its Senate counterpart, S. 1554, which the Senate reintroduced as part of its 9/11 bill.

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