

# Calendar No. 707

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 2453

[Report No. 106-356]

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 13, 2000

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM , Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

JULY 24 (legislative day, JULY 21), 2000

Reported by Mr. GRAMM, without amendment

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress makes the following findings:

5           (1) Pope John Paul II, having transcended the  
6       bounds of religion, race, and political thought, has  
7       been a formidable champion, uniter, and defender in  
8       the world's struggle for peace and basic human  
9       rights.

10          (2) Having witnessed firsthand the inequities  
11       and brutal inhumanity of the tyranny of com-  
12       munism, Pope John Paul II has remained a tireless  
13       crusader against such inequities and inhumanity.

14          (3) The forceful vision and leading example of  
15       Pope John Paul II have become a paradigm of hope  
16       for our Nation and our Nation's children, while the  
17       Pope's fierce resolve to his ideals continues to map  
18       the way for our ever-changing world.

19          (4) Pope John Paul II has changed the lives of  
20       billions of people across the globe.

1           (5) It is only appropriate for Congress to for-  
2           malize its recognition and appreciation by awarding  
3           Pope John Paul II the Congressional Gold Medal.

4 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

5           (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of  
6 the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate  
7 are authorized to award to Pope John Paul II, on behalf  
8 of Congress, a gold medal of appropriate design honoring  
9 Pope John Paul II in recognition of his outstanding and  
10 enduring contributions to humanity.

11          (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purposes of the  
12 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the  
13 Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-  
14 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,  
15 devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Sec-  
16 retary.

17 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

18          The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in  
19 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2,  
20 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe,  
21 and at a price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, includ-  
22 ing labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead  
23 expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

1 **SEC. 4. STATUS AS NATIONAL MEDALS.**

2       The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national  
3 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United  
4 States Code.

5 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

6       (a) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.**—There is  
7 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint  
8 Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000  
9 to pay for the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

10       (b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the  
11 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be  
12 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise  
13 Fund.



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