

Committee on Rules

CS/HM 43 — Atrocities and Genocide in Cuba

by Rules Committee and Rep. Fabricio and others

The memorial urges the federal government to take action to address the atrocities and genocide in Cuba and formally request an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council to address the same issues.

Vote: Senate Adopted; House Adopted

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CS/SM 174 — Trade

by Commerce and Tourism Committee and Senators Pizzo and Book

The memorial urges Congress to renew Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) to the executive branch. The memorial also encourages the executive branch to negotiate a comprehensive and mutually beneficial free trade agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom, and encourages Congress to ratify such an agreement.

Vote: Senate Adopted; House Adopted

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SM 302 — Recognizing Veteran Suicide

by Senators Burgess, Book, Gibson and Harrell

The memorial urges the Congress of the United States to recognize the epidemic of suicide among veterans and to fully fund suicide prevention activities of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Both state and national statistics show a greater than 40 percent higher rate of suicide among veterans compared to the general population.

The memorial requires copies to be dispatched to the President of the United States, the President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation of the U.S. Congress.

Vote: Senate Adopted; House Adopted

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HM 791 — Organ Harvesting Practices of the People’s Republic of China

by Rep. Fischer and others (SM 1108 by Senator Baxley)

The memorial urges the President and Congress to:

- Condemn China for the practice of forcibly removing human organs for transplants;
- Pass legislation and measures that prohibit collaboration between U.S. pharmaceutical and medical companies and any Chinese counterparts linked to forced organ harvesting; and
- Ban people who have participated in forced organ harvesting from entering the U.S. and provide for the prosecution of such people.

Vote: Senate Adopted; House Adopted

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SM 826 — Florida National Guard

by Senators Wright, Harrell, and Rodrigues

The memorial urges the Congress of the United States to impel the United States National Guard Bureau to review resource allocations to the Florida National Guard and allow an increase to the state's force structure.

The memorial requires copies to be dispatched to the President of the United States, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

Vote: Senate Adopted; House Adopted

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SM 982 — Memorial/Internal Revenue Service Regulations

by Senator Diaz

The memorial urges the Congress of the United States to protect consumers from harmful and intrusive Internal Revenue Service regulations, such as burdensome reporting requirements for financial institutions.

Vote: Senate Adopted; House Adopted

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CS/HB 7049 — Legal Notices

by State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Reps. Grall, Fine, and others

The bill allows a local governmental agency the option to publish legal notices on a publicly accessible website owned or designated by the county instead of in a print newspaper under specified conditions. The bill reverts the criteria a newspaper must satisfy to be qualified to publish all legal notices back to the criteria in place before the passage of chapter 2021-17, Laws of Fla., with the exception that newspapers qualified to publish legal notices are no longer required to be for sale. It requires a governmental agency located in a county that has a population of fewer than 160,000 to first hold a public hearing and determine that its residents have sufficient access to the Internet by broadband service before publishing legally required advertisements and public notices on the county website. Finally, the bill eliminates the obligations of the Florida Press Association relating to equitable legal notice access by minority populations.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 26-13; House 79-40