



9 HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BILL TO ESTABLISH A CABINET LEVEL DEPARTMENT OF PEACE and NONVIOLENCE Congressional Bill H.R. 808

- 1 • Establishes a **DEPARTMENT OF PEACE and NONVIOLENCE at the cabinet level** in the executive branch of the Federal Government, dedicated to: 1) peacemaking, and 2) the study of conditions conducive to both domestic and international peace
- 2 • **DEPARTMENT OF PEACE and NONVIOLENCE mission** includes: strengthening nonmilitary means of conflict resolution; preventing violence; developing policies to prevent domestic and international conflict; promoting nonviolent means of intervention, mediation and encouraging local peace initiatives
- 3 • **DOMESTIC SCOPE of the DEPARTMENT OF PEACE and NONVIOLENCE** - develop policies and programs to address: domestic violence (spousal, child and elder abuse); drug /alcohol abuse; crime, punishment and rehabilitation; violence against animals; gun violence; school violence; gang, racial and ethnic violence; hate crimes; violence against women, gays and lesbians
- 4 • **INTERNATIONAL SCOPE of the DEPARTMENT OF PEACE and NONVIOLENCE:**
 - advise Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State on prevention and amelioration of international conflict
 - train personnel for post-conflict reconstruction and demobilization
 - develop plans and programs for addressing root sources of conflict
 - train civilian peace-keepers to participate in multinational nonviolent police forces
 - strengthen peace enforcement of international arms embargoes
 - submit to the President recommendations for reductions in weapons of mass destruction and report annually on U.S. arms sales to other nations
 - advise the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations on matters pertaining to the U.N. Security Council
- 5 • **MANDATORY CONSULTATION with the DEPARTMENT OF PEACE and NONVIOLENCE:**
 - “**prior to the initiation of any armed conflict** between the United States and any other nation and for any matter involving the use of Department of Defense personnel within the U.S”, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State **shall consult** with the Secretary of Peace concerning nonviolent means of conflict resolution; this mandatory consultation process is also required in drafting treaties and peace agreements
- 6 • **EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES of the DEPARTMENT OF PEACE and NONVIOLENCE:**
 - commission peace curricula for local school district level and provide grants for university level peace studies
 - create and **establish a Peace Academy, modeled after military service academies**, with a 4 year program in peace education; graduates to serve 5 years in public service posts dedicated to nonviolent conflict resolution
- 7 • **MEDIA RESPONSIBILITIES of the DEPARTMENT OF PEACE and NONVIOLENCE:**
 - study and report on the role of media in the escalation and de-escalation of conflict
 - increase media awareness of peace building initiatives
- 8 • **ADDITIONAL OFFICES established within the DEPARTMENT OF PEACE and NONVIOLENCE:** Office of Domestic Peace Activities; Office of International Peace Activities; Office of Technology for Peace; Office of Arms Control and Disarmament; Office of Peaceful Coexistence and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution
- 9 • **AGENCIES TRANSFERRED to the DEPARTMENT OF PEACE and NONVIOLENCE:** Five existing agencies are transferred to the DOP, including the Peace Corps, U.S. Institute of Peace; the Secretary of Peace will serve as delegate to the National Security Council

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For more information, please visit <http://www.afdop.org/> or, www.thepeacealliance.org



ABOUT AFDOP...

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Our Inspiration

"It is time that we become as sophisticated at waging peace as we have become at waging war."

Marianne Williamson

Our Mission Statement

To advocate passage of the federal Bill that is now in Congress to establish a cabinet-level **Department of Peace and Nonviolence**, through citizen education, grassroots activism and spiritual commitment.

Our Credo

"If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito."

Bette Reese

Most Americans are surprised to learn that there is a Bill in Congress that would establish a cabinet-level **"Department of Peace and Nonviolence"**.

The **Department of Peace and Nonviolence** would have jurisdiction internationally and domestically. Abroad, it would provide the President with a full array of options for non-violent resolution of conflict and highly sophisticated peacemaking strategies for post-war stabilization, such as those so sorely lacking in Iraq. Here in the U.S., the **Department of Peace and Nonviolence** would have jurisdiction to address drug and gang violence, school bullying, prison reform and domestic abuse. Government agencies addressing these problems, currently scattered among various departments, would be coordinated under one umbrella to increase efficiency and effectiveness. Patterned after the military academies, the **Department of Peace and Nonviolence** would establish a Peace Academy where students would learn peaceful conflict resolution skills and, after graduation, would serve in peace-related postings here at home or abroad.

YOU CAN PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN TURNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE BILL INTO LAW.

NOTE: *Our activities are "trans-partisan", transcending parties and candidates. No partisan politics will be discussed, nor will any specific party or political candidate be endorsed or criticized in discussion or materials. The focus is education and moving this Bill into reality.*

Check our web site for information about our next meeting!

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