

Your “DOP Bill Re-Introduction Phone Tree”

The Bill to establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace will be re-introduced on the floor of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, September 14, 2005. This will be the third time the bill has been introduced in Congress and on that date, it will receive a new Bill number (“H.R. XXX”).

Purpose of Your Phone Tree

One of the ways we can express to our Congressional Representatives our support of the DOP Bill in a powerful way, is for many, many people to call the Washington offices of our Representatives ALL DURING THE WEEK OF THE BILL’S RE-INTRODUCTION (“Re-Introduction Week”). The person answering the phone in your Reps office will log your call and what you called about. More than 10 calls on one topic is considered to be significant. Twenty or more is a “flood”.

So, the purpose of your Phone Tree is to create a wave of 30+ (thirty-plus!) DOP support phone calls to the offices of our Congressional representatives during Re-Introduction Week.

What You Can Expect When You Call Your Rep’s Washington Office

The person answering the phone will ask if you live in the District and will want your name and maybe address. They will likely ask you if you know the Bill number. If you call before the Bill is dropped on the 14th, you can say, “The Bill number will be assigned when the Bill is dropped. If you’d just record that it is the ‘Department of Peace Bill’, that would be great.”

If you call on or after the day the Bill is dropped, you can either research the Bill number at: www.thomas.loc.gov web site or just say: “The Bill number was just assigned this week when it was dropped, so I don’t have it yet. It’s the Bill to establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace.”

Instructions For Your Phone Tree

1. Write the telephone number of your Congressional District Office here: _____.

2. Write the names of two people, who we’ll call your “Phone Tree Callers”:

also in your same District

NOT at tonight’s meeting

who you feel you can count on

who will call your Washington District office during Re-Introduction Week

and who would be willing to set up their own 2 Phone Tree Callers in support of the Bill

My 2 Phone Tree Callers are:

• _____ and

• _____

3. **Between today and August 31**, call your 2 Phone Tree Callers. Explain about the Re-introduction of the Bill and the power of multiple calls to the Washington office. If you like, you can use this script (or adapt it to suit you):

“ Would you be willing to do 2 quick and easy things to help get this Bill passed? The two things are:

1. call our Washington Congressperson’s office [*give them the phone number*] on either Sept. 13, 14, 15 or 16, and tell them you’re calling about the Bill to Establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace which is being re-introduced this week and that you are requesting the Member support this Bill; and

2) get two more friends in your District who believe in this Bill to also make a similar call during Re-Introduction Week. “

4. **During the week of Sept. 5**, call your 2 Phone Tree Callers to remind them to calendar their 3 calls: one to the Washington office and the two to be sure their 2 Phone Tree Callers will do the same.

5. **On Sept. 13, 14, 15 or 16** make your own call to the Washington office. Call your 2 Phone Tree Callers to be sure they make their 3 calls.

6. Celebrate your role in making the Department of Peace Bill a reality. !!!

Washington office phone numbers:

Susan Davis 202-225-2040

Duncan Hunter 202-225-5672

Bob Filner 202-225-8045

Duke Cunningham 202-225-5452

Darrell Issa 202-225-3906