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DEPARTMENT OF PEACE and NONVIOLENCE

What's Better: Violence or Peace?

People who agree that peace is healthier, cheaper, and more productive than violence are working to create a national **Department of Peace and Nonviolence**. Bill number **H.R. 808** has been introduced in Congress to create this Department, which seeks non-violent solutions to conflicts both internationally *and here at home*. Headed by a Secretary of Peace appointed by the President, this cabinet-level Department will be dedicated to reducing and preventing violence and to peaceful conflict resolution.

International Goals

Internationally, the goals of the Department of Peace include resolution of international conflicts, post-war reconstruction in war-torn countries, and negotiation of nuclear disarmament treaties. The long-term goal is to create a fundamental paradigm shift, so war becomes unnecessary.

Domestic Goals

Domestically, the Department would support proven programs addressing: domestic violence; child, elder and animal abuse; prison reform; racial, gang and school violence. Current agencies will be combined and expanded, with specific emphasis on articulating the causes and prevention of violence.

Peace Education

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