

Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. considered and agreed to. considered and agreed to.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
(September 28, 2010)

By Mr. PITTS (for himself, Mr. Salazar, Mr. Tonko, Mr. Goodlatte, Mr. Boehner, Ms. Ros-Lehtinen, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Jordan of Ohio, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Whitfield, Ms. Giffords, Mr. Wilson of South Carolina, Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania, Mr. Posey, Mr. Walden, Mr. Lewis of California, Mrs. Myrick, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Platts, Mr. Bilirakis, Mr. Lamborn, Mr. Dicks, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Shuster, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania, Mr. Gerlach, Mr. Roskam, Mr. Dent, Mr. Garamendi, Mr. Manzullo, Mr. McCaul, Mr. Royce, Mr. Mack, Mr. Poe of Texas, Mr. Boozman, and Mr. Burton of Indiana):

H. Res. 1661. A resolution honoring the lives of the brave and selfless humanitarian aid workers, doctors, and nurses who died in the tragic attack of August 5, 2010, in northern Afghanistan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. considered and agreed to. considered and agreed to.

SECURE AND RESPONSIBLE DRUG DISPOSAL ACT OF 2010
(September 29, 2010)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act will improve drug take-back programs where pharmacies and others accept unused prescription drugs and dispose of them safely. Prescription drugs provide valuable therapeutic benefits to tens of millions of Americans, from treating disease to improving people's quality of life. However, a segment of our society does not use these medications for therapy but, rather, abuses them for some sort of dangerous high. Many teenagers get their hands on these medications by stealing unused medications from the family's medicine cabinet.

While some pharmacies, States, and localities have established prescription drug take-back programs, these programs may not take back controlled substances due a technical reading of the Controlled Substances Act. By passing this legislation, these programs could help further reduce the likelihood of prescription drugs being diverted to those to whom they were not prescribed.

It is important to note that this bill does not require any entity to establish a drug take-back program. But if a drug take-back program currently operates, it only makes sense to allow that facility to take back controlled drugs like oxycontin as well as noncontrolled prescription drugs.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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