

## TED POE Legislative Successes in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress

### **Legislation (6 bills passed into law, 9 bills passed the House, 11 bills passed out of committee of jurisdiction)**

1. Passed S. 178, the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, of which Congressman Poe was the lead House sponsor. (Signed into law 5/29/15)
2. Passed H.R. 583, The Timely Repatriation Act out of Judiciary committee as part of H.R. 1148. (3/18/2015)
3. Passed H.Res.37, a resolution condemning the January 2015 terrorist attacks on Charlie Hebdo offices in Paris. Unanimously passed the House on January 20, 2015.
4. Passed H.R. 237 the FTO Passport Revocation Act, authorizing the Secretary of State to revoke the passport of any individual whom the Secretary has determined has aided, assisted, abetted, or otherwise helped a foreign terrorist organization. Unanimously passed the House on July 21, 2015. Language included in S.1635 - Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016 (presented to the President 12/14/2016).
5. Passed H.R. 3766, the Foreign Aid Transparency and Accountability Act, which requires the President to establish guidelines on measurable goals, performance metrics, and monitoring and evaluation plans for all foreign aid programs and increases aid transparency by requiring more foreign aid information to be posted online (signed into law 7/15/2016).
6. Passed H.R. 3765 The ADA Education and Reform Act of 2015 out of Judiciary committee on 7/7/2016.
7. Passed H.R. 3654 the Counter Terrorist Use of Social Media Act, which requires the President to submit a strategy to counter terrorist use of social media. Unanimously passed the House on December 16, 2015. Language included in S.1635 - Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016 (presented to the President 12/14/2016).

8. Passed HR 4602 the Justice for All Reauthorization Act, which reauthorizes grants for victims' assistance programs, reduces the rape kit backlog by providing resources to forensic labs, increases access to restitution for crime victims and improves access to post-conviction DNA testing. (Signed by the President 12/16/2016)

9. Passed HR 5422 to ensure funding to the National Human Trafficking Hotline into law. This bill amends the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 to ensure that the Department of Health and Human Services can continue to efficiently and independently fund the Human Trafficking Hotline. (Presented to the President 12/14/2016)

10. Passed H.Res.660, the Georgia Territorial Support Act out of the House on 9/8/2016.

11. Passed H.R.5208 the North Korea State Sponsor of Terrorism Designation Act of 2016 out of House Foreign Affairs Committee (did not come to the House floor for a vote).

### **Amendments**

1. Amended H.R. 2578, the 2015 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill to include language that would prohibit the FBI to mandate or request backdoor access to an encrypted data without a warrant. (This is half of the Rep. Poe bill H.R. 2233 End Warrantless Surveillance of American's Act) (6/2/2015)

2. Amended H.R. 2578 the House Commerce Justice Science Appropriations bill to increase funding for human trafficking grants by \$17.3 million, bringing the funding level back up to a total of \$43 million for victim services and victim grants. Final Omnibus for 2016 included increased funding.

3. Amended the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (HR 2596) to require the Director of National Intelligence to report to Congress on wildlife trafficking, including the nexus between terrorist groups and wildlife trafficking, how the US can counter it, and coordination within the US government. Not included in final version.

4. Amended the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (HR 2596) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (HR 2029) to require the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a strategy to defeat

ISIS and al-Qaeda. Included in Intel Conference Report (Sec.704 of HR 4127) and included in omnibus (Sec.704, p.1717 of HR 2029).

5. Amended H.R. 4870 the 2015 Department of Defense Appropriations Act along with Rep. Massie, Lofgren and Sensenbrenner that would prevent the use of Section 702 searches on Americans without a warrant as well as the NSA or CIA requiring “backdoors” into products or software produced in the USA. (The amendment is nearly identical to Rep. Poe bill H.R. 2233 End Warrantless Surveillance of American’s Act) (6/19/2015)

6. Amended the FY16 Interior appropriations bill to set aside \$1 million from the US Forrest Service land acquisition account and use it to identify unused land for sale. (7/7/2015)

7. Amended the FY16 Interior appropriations bill to set aside \$1 million dollars from the management of lands account within BLM to be used for the identification and sale of unused federal lands (6/25/2015)

8. Amended the Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act of 2016 to prohibit the use of federal funds to enforce participation in the American Community Survey. (Agreed by voice vote 6/2/2015)

9. Amended S.1252 the Global Food Security Act to include consideration of water and sanitation issues when planning nutrition assistance (signed into law 7/20/2016).

10. Amended S.1356 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 to authorize up to 5% of program funds to be spent on monitoring and evaluation of Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid DOD programs. Included in Conference report (p.790 or Sec.1205).

11. Amended the FY17 National Defense Authorization Act by updating current law to give DHS and Border States preference for excess DOD equipment to strengthen border security. The equipment includes the following, all of which is currently used by CBP officers: 1) Unmanned surveillance aerial vehicles, including the Aerostat radar system; 2) Night-vision goggles; 3) Humvees. (5/18/2016)

a. A version of this language was included in the final Conference Report of the NDAA: "A review of the preferences and any associated prioritization provided to Federal, State, and local law enforcement agency requests for excess equipment to be used in border security, counterdrug, and counterterrorism activities, pursuant to section 2576a (a)(1)(A) of title 10 United States Code, including the overall numbers and percentages of equipment provided and used under these preferential categories."  
(11/30/2016)

12. Amended S.1356 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 to require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to submit to Congress an assessment of United States' efforts to disrupt and prevent foreign fighters traveling to Syria and Iraq and disrupt and prevent foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq traveling to the United States. Included in Conference report (p. 814, Sec.1222(b)(9)).").

13. Amended S.2943 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 to add an additional condition on aid to Pakistan (Sec.1212(e)(4)), new sanctions on Russia for INF Treaty violations (Sec.1259L), and support efforts to develop a monitoring and evaluation policy for security assistance (Sec.1207).

14. Amended S.1635 - Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016 encouraging reform proposals from any future candidates for the position of UN Secretary General (presented to the President 12/14/2016).

## **Other Actions**

1. Held a series of 12 hearings highlighting the Administration's lack of an effective strategy to defeat ISIS.

2. Held a series of hearings on the advantages of free trade and particularly the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Three months after the last hearing, the House

passed fast track authority for both TPP and a potential free trade deal with the EU.

3. Organized the only Congressional hearings highlighting how Ex-Im Bank reauthorization is critical to US small businesses and contributes to U.S. national security. The House passed a bill to reauthorize the Bank four days after the second hearing.

4. Helped build political support by holding two hearings (April 2, 2014 and April 14, 2015) highlighting the national security and economic benefits of lifting the ban on crude oil exports. The ban was lifted as part of the omnibus passed at the end of 2015.

5. Held 8 hearings examining the threat of ISIS.

6. Final Omnibus included an increase in Crime Victims Fund cap to 2.65 billion (no tax dollars) to ensure victims of crime receive the care they deserve.