

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1646, AS REPORTED
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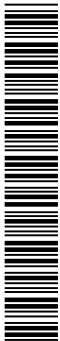
1 **SEC. 747. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE MURDER**
2 **OF JOHN M. ALVIS.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following
4 findings:

5 (1) On November 30, 2000, John M. Alvis was
6 brutally murdered in Baku, Azerbaijan.

7 (2) John Alvis was serving his final two weeks
8 of a two year full-time commitment to the Inter-
9 national Republican Institute, an American non-
10 governmental organization carrying out assistance
11 projects for the United States Government to help
12 promote democracy and strengthen the rule of law
13 in Azerbaijan.

14 (3) Almost immediately following the news of
15 the murder of John M. Alvis, our United States Am-
16 bassador to Azerbaijan, Ross Wilson, raised the
17 issue with the the President of Azerbaijan and with
18 the Minister of Interior, and was assured that every
19 effort would be made to carry out a prompt and
20 thorough investigation.



1 (4) After the murder, 18 members of Congress,
2 led by Congressman Kevin Brady and then-Chair-
3 man of the House International Relations Com-
4 mittee, Ben Gilman, wrote President Aliyev express-
5 ing the commitment of the Congress to seeing
6 John's murder solved, and Senator John McCain
7 wrote former President Clinton's Administration re-
8 questing the FBI's involvement.

9 (5) The United States Ambassador to Azer-
10 baijan continues to raise this issue with Azerbaijani
11 officials.

12 (6) The Government of Azerbaijan has cooper-
13 ated with the FBI to find the individual or individ-
14 uals responsible for killing John Alvis.

15 (7) United States President George W. Bush
16 wrote Azerbaijan's President Hedar Aliyev and
17 thanked Azerbaijan for its efforts to find the mur-
18 derer or murderers of John M. Alvis.

19 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
20 gress that—

21 (1) the United States and the Congress is abso-
22 lutely committed to ensuring that the truth of the
23 murder of John M. Alvis is determined and the indi-
24 vidual or individuals responsible for this heinous act
25 are brought to justice; and



1 (2) the Congress—

2 (A) appreciates the efforts of the Govern-
3 ment of Azerbaijan to find the murderer or
4 murderers of John M. Alvis and urges it to con-
5 tinue to make it a high priority; and

6 (B) urges the United States Department
7 of State to continue to raise the issue of the
8 murder of John M. Alvis with the Government
9 of Azerbaijan and to make this issue a priority
10 item in relations between the Government of
11 the United States and the Government of Azer-
12 baijan.

