

The Morphism of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006

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How HR 4472 (The Adam Walsh Act) Passed the U.S. House and Reasons Why it is a BAD Law?

Perhaps the most important fact to know about "Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006" (HR 4472) is that, the full U.S. House has never seen portions of this bill, nor have they voted on portions of it, before the rules were suspended. Congressional procedure was thwarted. How could this happen, well here is how. Be ready to see how ONE Congressman -using tricks in the rules- controlled the entire U.S. House to pass this very bad law! Then again, when the bill came back from the Senate This Congressman followed the same procedures to deny the full house access to the morphed bill.

The second important fact is what happened in the Senate -behind closed doors- where HR-4472 was again morphed into a new creature. Like in the House, Senators were also denied access to the -behind closed doors sessions- on a new creature which was ultimately dedicated to a murdered child victim, Adam Walsh, by someone who is not known, and not known to be a sex offender.

The following outlines the birth, or morphism, of the bill HR-4472 into enactment! A law created by a handful of Congressmen, not representative of the nation, and using a congressional rule known as "suspension of the rules" and to obtain the signatures and votes of the remainder of lawmakers without their knowledge.

Could the remainder of the lawmakers stop this runaway train, yes, but likely it would have been at the expense of their career. They would have been accused of coddling former sex offenders, certainly political suicide. The story:

Historical Background:

In May of 2005 Sen. Hatch introduced "Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act" (S-1086) and was working on this bill. Then the Senate passed the bill in May of 2006 and sent it to the US House.

In June of 2005 Rep. Sensenbrenner introduced "the Children's Safety Act of 2005" (HR 3132), then in September 2005, the US House passed it sending it to the Senate, there the bill died. It died for good reasons; it violated principles of constitutional law. It was overbearing on past offenders and failed to prevent future sexual offenses.

A stalemate ensued, neither side liking what the other presented. Rep. Sensenbrenner knew that the Senate did not like his bill, there must have been some back-door discussions which let him know that. Clearly lawmakers were being pressured to come up with something although at that time no one knew where the pressure was coming from.

March 8, 2006 U.S. House:

Then in December of 2005 Rep. Sensenbrenner, wanting a do-over, introduced the "Children's Safety and Violent Crime Reduction Act of 2005" (HR-4472 Version-1). Remember, when the bill was introduced it was referred to the House Judiciary Committee, guess who was Chairman, Rep. Sensenbrenner. Key point to remember.

Construction of HR 4472 Version-1 (CLICK > Text of Legislation > Version #1): The bill began with the guts of the former HR-3132 (which died in the Senate), with many provisions made harsher. Additionally, there were many sections dealing with gangs not a subject of this Op-Ed. This made up HR 4472 as introduced (Version-1) and it was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

NOTE: While in the Judiciary Committee, another group of bills get morphed into HR-4472, for discussion sake I'll refer to them as "The Morphed Bills." Watch carefully the dates bills are introduced in the House and when the House ultimately votes on HR-4472 (packaged w/morphed bills) on March 8, 2006.

The Morphed Bills: and <u>HR 4732</u> (Intro: 2-8-06) and <u>HR 4815</u> (Intro: 2-28-06 [<u>HR 271</u> in 2007]) and <u>HR 4883</u> (Intro: 3-7-06) and <u>HR 4905</u> (Intro: 3-8-06). This is now <u>HR 4472</u> (Version-2) (CLICK > Text of Legislation > Version #2).

Note: Each of the morphed bills, when Introduced in the House were referred to the Judiciary Committee and never came out of committee, instead they were morphed into HR 4472.

Specifically, <u>HR 4815</u> (HR 271 in 2007) <u>Paul Gillmor's National RSO Classification System</u> and HR 4905 Mark Foley's National RSO Registration Requirements, directly pertain to RSOs nationally. HR 4905 was a complete harsher rewrite of his bill (HR 3133) that was originally within the failed HR 3132.

Mark Foley's HR 4905 was introduced by him, on 3-8-06, only minutes before it was morphed into HR 4472, and then walked into the full House for a floor vote on Hr 4472. There is no way possible hundreds of House members had any opportunity to review that bill or what effects it may have on the laws of their respective states. This was a runaway train with no engineer excepting HR 4472's author.

Version-2 was sent to the House floor on 3-8-06 where the title was changed to the "Children's Safety and Violent Crime Reduction Act of 2006" (Year changed) (HR 4472 Version-3) (CLICK > Text of Legislation > Version #3).

In the House on March 8, 2006 Rep. Sensenbrenner motioned the House (only 20 or so Members were present) to "Suspend the Rules" in order to get HR 4472 (Version-3) passed and sent to the Senate; fast tracking the bill. Rep. Sensenbrenner tells the Speaker:

"H.R. 3132, the Children's Safety Act of 2005, passed the House on September 14 of last year by a vote of 371-52. H.R. 1751, the Secure Access to Justice and Courthouse Protection Act, was approved by the House on November 9, 2005, by a vote of 375-45, and H.R. 1279, the Gang Prevention and Deterrence Act, passed the House on May 11, 2005, by a vote of 279-144. H.R. 4472 incorporates core provisions of each bill with some modifications and additions." (See March 8 transcript below)

Unbelievable comment "H.R. 4472 incorporates core provisions of each bill with some modifications and additions," without fully explaining what they were, virtually a rewrite, and the Speaker of the House permitted him to -suspend the rules- on that information. Rep. Sensenbrenner fails to tell the Speaker about the remainder of the Hidden Bills which were morphed into HR 4472 during its stay in the Judiciary Committee (Bills: 4732, 4815, 4883, 4905).

(Suspend the Rules: ... Because the rules may be suspended and the bill passed only by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members voting, a quorum being present, this procedure is usually used only for expedited consideration of relatively noncontroversial public measures.)

Further, a quorum of the House must be present to vote, and they were not, there were about 20 present.

Accordingly the vote should not have been permitted, but did take place. (See March 8, 2006 Transcript below).

The Speaker was not made aware of the the Morphed Bills, which is required, and that the full House had never debated them, nor did they come out of the Judiciary Committee. Rep. Sensenbrenner infers, the Full House reviewed and voted on HR 3132 in September, but ignores that it was virtually rewritten and made harsher (Morphed bills printed is 38 pgs. HR-4472 printed is 77pgs. Means 49% of bill was new, minutes, before it went to the House floor for a vote under <u>suspension of the rules</u>.). Finally, a voice vote was taken, the bill passed, and there is no written record of that voice vote.

The March 8th Transcript (color coded to point out certain things) along with the above, will help folks verify and understand what took place and who did object and on what basis. The result was HR 4472 passed -under suspension of the rules- and sent to the Senate. Remember, this was March 8, 2006!

May 4, 2006 Larry King LIVE:

Larry King LIVE, Larry was questioning John Walsh and Ed Smart (father of <u>Elizabeth Smart who was abducted</u> and held some 9 months by a self-proclaim prophet, quote:

"KING: This new law, Ed, though [it sic] wouldn't have covered her alleged abductor who had no prior record right?

ED SMART: No prior record.

KING: So, you're still for it even though it wouldn't?

ED SMART: Absolutely. I think that in most cases they are -- they do have prior records.

KING: Ninety-five percent (INAUDIBLE).

ED SMART: And because of that [95%] -- absolutely and I mean, you know, I think that the majority of the people out there are people that the family knows and people that you're trusting in and unfortunately you've got to be aware of your surroundings and be aware that this risk is there."

(Transcript Larry King Live 5-4-06)

The abducters of Elizabeth Smart (a panhandler hired by Elizabeth's mother to work on the Smart home in 2001) had no prior record which means, nothing in either S 1086 or HR 4472 would have prevented that horendous crime. Here we have Bill supporters using misinformation to make a point, a broad sound bite. In fact, the DOJ also proved that nonsex offenders released from prison commit six new sex offenses to every one committed by a released sex offfender.

July 16, 2006 Nancy Grace Show:

ELIZABETH SMART: Thank you.

GRACE: What are you doing in Washington today?

ELIZABETH SMART: We have been on Capitol Hill, helping to get this bill through, pushing to get it through.

GRACE: Is Senator Orrin Hatch helping you?

ELIZABETH SMART: Yes.

GRACE: Let's go to the senator right now before we go back to Elizabeth. Senator Hatch, thank you for being with us. Explain to us what the bill is all about.

SEN. ORRIN HATCH (R), UTAH: Well, the bill really puts the screws to those who are sexual predators, and you know, sexual offenders. You know, we have around 500,000 of them in this country that we know of, and about 150,000 of them we don't know even where they are, even though they're supposed to report in. This bill stop that. This bill will require them to report in regularly. If they don't, they're going back to jail. If they break the rules after that, they'll have to wear a leg brace or leg monitor that we can talk to them any time we want. If they try to take that off, they're going to get hit really hard.

So the bill also makes inroads with regard to using the Internet and using, you know, the on-line approach to try and lure young girls away.

GRACE: Senator Hatch, do you expect a lot of political wrangling? Elizabeth is there with her father, trying to make a difference on Capitol Hill. Do you believe a lot of addendums will be added and this will actually meet opposition?

HATCH: No, I don't. As a matter of fact, I signed off on the bill this evening. We've got the bill worked out between the House and the Senate. I really don't believe that anybody is going to fight it. It should come up tomorrow. And I believe we'll get it through.

And I think we all owe, you know, Ed Smart and his beautiful daughter, Elizabeth, a great deal of thanks and a lot of others, as well, but they have particularly worked very hard. And so has John Walsh. We want to get this bill through this week so that the president can sign it on the 27th of April [sic July], which was -- would be the 25th anniversary of Adam Walsh's death. And it's named the Adam Walsh Bill.

(Transcript Nancy Grace show 7-16-06)

The events below are being investigated to obtain all possible direct links to related documents for reader self-verification! This is an ongoing project to document the truth of what actually occurred. Should anyone have materials related to these incidents, and feel they should be posted, please forward the links to eAdvocate

July 20, 2006 U.S. Senate:

What took place with links will be posted soon(Research showed it was also done behind closed doors, no record). For now here is the July 20th Transcript (color coded to point out certain things).

July 25, 2006 U.S. House:

What took place with links will be posted soon (Research shows more done behind closed doors, no record). For now here is the <u>July 25th Transcript</u> (color coded to point out certain things).

Another excellent description of what occurred "What John Walsh WON'T tell you about The Children's Safety Act (H.R. 4472)" by Sharon Wilson (2006) is worth reading. See also her "Other Articles" (2006)

When bills such as HR 4472, and the procedure by which it was passed, can pass Congressional muster we are in a Constitutional Crisis!

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The Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2017 Passes in the House of Representatives

May 22, 2017

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2017, which would allow the protections of the Adam Walsh Protection and Safety Act to continue saving the lives of children throughout the nation, passed in the House of Representatives with broad bipartisan support.

Introduced by Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act became law in 2006 and has played a vital role in the prevention of sexual exploitation of America's children. The comprehensive, bipartisan law strengthened sex offender registry requirements and enforcement across the country, as well as extended registry requirements to Native American tribes, increased penalties for child predators, and authorized funding for various programs to strengthen our defenses against child exploitation.

This legislation is critical because despite ongoing prevention efforts, the fight against child exploitation is not over. The Justice Department reports that only 17 states, three territories, and 36 Native American tribes have substantially implemented the Sex Offender Management Assistance Program and the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).

Additionally, there are also an estimated 100,000 fugitive sex offenders across the country who are unregistered or in violation of registry requirements.

Congressman Sensenbrenner: "Childhood sexual abuse is a serious problem facing this nation. The devastation it causes impacts every societal group and lasts a lifetime for its victims and their loved ones. Today's reauthorization the Adam Walsh Protection and Safety Act ensures that serious action will continue to prevent the ongoing sexual exploitation of our nation's children."

Further details of the bill include the following:

- The Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2017 reauthorizes the two primary programs of the Adam Walsh Act – The Sex Offender Management Assistance Program and SORNA – for five years.
 - SORNA sets minimum guidelines for state sex offender registries and establishes the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website, which is a comprehensive national system for the registration and notification to the public of sex offenders. This registry currently contains information on more than 600,000 convicted sex offenders in the United States.
 - The Sex Offender Management Assistance Program provides funding to the states, tribes, and other jurisdictions to offset the costs of implementing and enhancing SORNA, and funding for the U.S. Marshals Service and other law enforcement agencies to assist jurisdictions in locating and apprehending sex offenders who violate registration requirements.

The Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2017 makes targeted changes to the SORNA requirements, including giving states more flexibility in classifying sex offenders on their registry, lowering the period that certain juveniles must register to 15 years, and limiting public access to juvenile sex offender information.

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