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House Sends Terrorist Tribunal Bill to President

House Passed Nearly Identical Bill on Wednesday

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, today voted in support of sending the president legislation that establishes a system of justice for suspected foreign terrorists and clarifies the rules for their detention and treatment.

“The war against radical Islamists is unlike any conflict the United States has ever faced,” Hoekstra said. “It requires a new court designed for such extremists with rules that honor the U.S. tradition of providing suspects with basic rights under the rule of law.”

The House passed the Military Commissions Act (S. 3930) by a vote of 250 to 170. The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 65 to 34 on Thursday.

“Terrorists who respect no law and murder innocent civilians, like 9-11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammad, will finally face justice for their heinous acts,” Hoekstra said. “The new law will also enable us to obtain valuable information from terrorist detainees under a clearly defined set of rules that conform to international laws and treaty obligations.”