

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Westlund, Walker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/6

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Condemns state-sponsored violence toward its citizens in Ethiopia. Updates the name of the Ethiopian ambassador and number of protestors killed by security force. Urges the President of the United States and Congress to reexamine the foreign policy toward Ethiopia.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Updates the Ethiopian Ambassador's name and the number of protestors killed by security forces.

**BACKGROUND:** Ethiopia has been a multi-party republic since 1994. National elections held in May 2005 returned the ruling party, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, to power. Although the opposition gained a significant number of seats in Parliament, some of its leaders rejected the results and called for civil disobedience. Disturbances followed in a number of cities including the capital, Addis Ababa. Leaders of the major opposition party as well as leaders of civil society were detained and are currently standing trial. The majority of the opposition have taken their seats in Parliament and initiated dialogue with the government.

U.S. development assistance to Ethiopia is focused on reducing famine vulnerability, hunger, and poverty and emphasizes economic, governance, and social sector policy reforms. Some military training funds, including training in such issues as the laws of war and observance of human rights, also are provided.