

**WASHINGTON, D.C.--** Representatives Lee Terry (R-NE) and Steve King (R-IA) today issued the following statements after the House of Representatives passed the conference report on H.R. 3199, the USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005:

**"This legislation contains a critical first step to win the war on methamphetamine," said Terry. "Meth addicts who go from store to store purchasing ingredients to cook their deadly drug will be increasingly apprehended by law enforcement, particularly if states choose to keep efficient electronic purchase logs. Today's bill creates common-sense daily and monthly limits on the amount of pseudoephedrine that can be bought, without burdening legitimate customers who need cold medicine. I was pleased to work with Chairman Barton and Congressman King to retain the purchase limits to help protect children and communities from meth."**

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**King added, " Iowa 's meth law works and we know it because it caused almost an eighty percent drop in meth lab seizures. I brought those results directly to my colleagues in Congress. While the legislation passed today is a good step toward getting a national law on par with Iowa's, I won't be satisfied until we get something that will protect Iowa from all sides."**

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Terry serves on the House Energy & Commerce Committee and specifically fought to retain a limit on the amount of pseudoephedrine - a key ingredient used to make meth - that can be purchased by individuals. He has also led the charge in the House to retain key federal grants that help law enforcement officers dismantle meth labs. King has introduced legislation (H.R. 3955) to implement at the federal level Iowa 's successful law to combat meth. Since this law was implemented, the number of small, toxic meth labs in Iowa has dramatically reduced.

The Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act, included in the conference report on H.R. 3199, will do the following to reduce the supply of meth and punish meth producers, traffickers, and smugglers:

Ø Restrict the sale of pseudoephedrine and ephedrine (common, over-the-counter medicines used in the production of meth);

Ø Require exporters and importers to report on their traffic of precursor drugs to prevent diversion of these drugs to meth production; and

Ø Toughen federal penalties for methamphetamine traffickers and smugglers as well as those who produce or deal meth in the presence of children.

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