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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ON THE HOUSE PASSAGE OF FDA
LEGISLATION**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, released the following statement in response to the passage of the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007 by the United States House of Representatives last evening.

"I commend the House for taking action on this important legislation to provide urgently needed new resources and new tools to the FDA to ensure the safety of the medicines that American families count on to protect their health. I look forward to working with my House colleagues to see that Congress swiftly completes its work to enact legislation to improve drug safety, keep our food safe, and lower the cost of breakthrough biologics for all Americans."

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