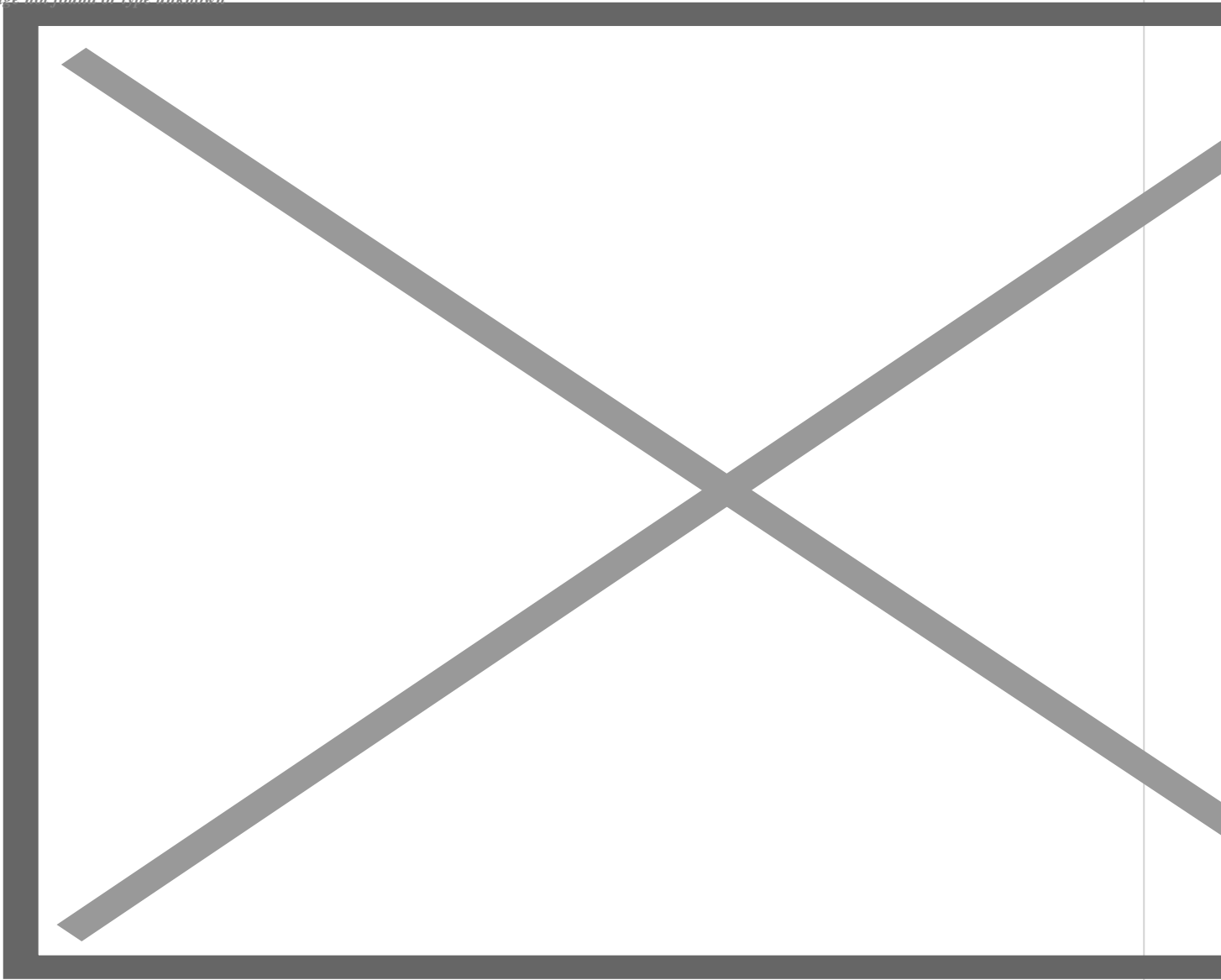


Chilean deputies will debate three citizen security projects

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Chilean Chamber of Deputies analyzed bills related to crime and citizen security

Havana, March 28 (RHC) The Chilean Chamber of Deputies convened its members to analyze on Tuesday the impact of the increase in criminal acts on citizen security. The meeting was called urgently after the impact caused among the population by the death of police officer Juan Carlos Rodríguez. Another member of that police force recently died after being run over by an individual who was part of a criminal organization. The anxiety in Chilean society due to the increase in criminal acts led the National Congress (parliament) to convene on Tuesday. On this day, three initiatives will be discussed to make modifications to the current Penal Code. The first of these consists of increasing prison sentences for the crime of kidnapping and the second of increasing the maximum sentence for the crime of homicide. The third topic consists of sanctioning the conspiracy with the purpose of committing the crime of homicide. According to the president of the Lower House, Vlado Mirosevic, there is a commitment from the parliament to improve citizen security. In addition to those mentioned, there are others related to the confrontation with hit men, the reform of the Criminal Procedure Code and the creation of a special unit to investigate organized crime. A recent survey indicated that insecurity is the main concern of the majority of Chileans, above economic problems and corruption.

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