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Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 3

Number of Reported Bills that Don’t Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0

H.R. 521 — To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the “Lane Evans Post Office Building” (Hare, D-IL)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled for consideration on Monday, January 29, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 521 would designate the U.S. Postal facility located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the “Lane Evans Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: Lane Allen Evans is a former Member of the House of Representatives, representing the 17th District of Illinois, from 1983 through 2006. Former Rep. Evans was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in 1995.

Rep. Evans had a 100% rating by the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL), having voted in favor of destroying human embryos for research in 2005, voting against restricting interstate transport of minors to obtain abortions, voting against making it a crime to harm or kill an unborn child while committing another crime, and voting against a ban on partial-birth abortion, among many other anti-life votes.

Committee Action: H.R. 521 was introduced on January 17, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score of H.R. 521 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Constitutional Authority: Although no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to establish Post Offices and post roads.

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H.R. 49 — To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the “Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building” (Udall, D-CO)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled for consideration on Monday, January 29, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 49 would designate the U.S. Postal Service facility located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the “Gerald R. Ford, Jr. Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: Gerald Rudolph Ford served as President from 1974 to 1976, first becoming Vice President when Vice President Spiro Agnew resigned during the Watergate scandal, and then assuming the Presidency when President Nixon resigned on August 8, 1974. Ford was serving as Republican Minority Leader in the House of Representatives, and was

elevated to the Vice Presidency with the first use of the 25th Amendment. By being sworn in as President, Ford became the only person to hold that office without having been elected either President or Vice President. Ford represented Michigan's 5th District in the House. On December 26, 2006, President Ford died at the age of 93.

Committee Action: H.R. 49 was introduced on January 4, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score of H.R. 49 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Constitutional Authority: Although no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to establish Post Offices and post roads.

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H.R. 335 — To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the “Gale W. McGee Post Office” (Cubin, R-WY)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled for consideration on Monday, January 29, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 335 would designate the U.S. Postal Service facility located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the “Gale W. McGee Post Office.”

Additional Background: Gale William McGee served as a Senator from the state of Wyoming, from 1959 to 1977, after being defeated by Malcolm Wallop. Senator McGee died on April 9, 1992. He also served as U.S. Ambassador to the Organization of American States, appointed by President Carter in 1977.

Senator McGee wrote and published *The Responsibilities of World Power* in 1968. According to various internet sources, this work warned of the dangers of isolationism and urged the U.S. to accept its power and position in the aftermath of World War II.

Committee Action: H.R. 335 was introduced on January 9, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score of H.R. 335 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Constitutional Authority: Although no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to establish Post Offices and post roads.

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H.Res. 70 — Congratulating the University of California at Santa Barbara men’s soccer team, the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Champions (*Capps, D-CA*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, January 29, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 70 would resolve “that the House of Representatives congratulates the University of California at Santa Barbara men’s soccer team, the Gauchos, and Coaches Tim Vom Steeg, Greg Wilson, Erick Foss, and Neil Jones on an outstanding championship season, a season that set the Gauchos among the elite in collegiate soccer.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including the following:

- “the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) Gauchos claimed the 2006 NCAA Championship, 2-1, over the University of California at Los Angeles Bruins at Robert R. Hermann Stadium at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, on December 3, 2006;
- “the UCSB Gauchos, in their 2006 season, had an overall record of 18-7-0, and a perfect 6-0 mark in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament; and
- “Nick Perera was named the tournament’s offensive Most Valuable Player and Andy Iro was named the defensive Most Valuable Player.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 70 was introduced on January 17, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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H.Res. 82 — Commending the University of Louisville Cardinals football team for their victory in the 2007 Orange Bowl (*Yarmuth, D-KY*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, January 29, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 82 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “commends the University of Louisville Cardinals football team for their victory in the 2007 Orange Bowl;
- “recognizes the achievements of the players, Coach Bobby Petrino and his staff, Director of Athletics Tom Jurich, and President James Ramsey at the University of Louisville for the hard work and dedication that led to the Cardinals Orange Bowl victory; and
- “directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to the director of athletics at the University of Louisville for appropriate display.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including the following:

- “on January 2, 2007, the University of Louisville Cardinals football team defeated the Wake Forest Demon Deacons 24-13 at Dolphin Stadium in Miami, Florida, to win the Orange Bowl;
- “the Cardinals victory marked the climax of a 12-1 season, which yielded the most wins in the program's history, a Big East Championship, and the school's first Bowl Championship Series victory;
- “junior quarterback Brian Brohm was named the most valuable player of the game after completing 24 of 34 passes for 312 yards, and junior wide receiver Harry Douglas tied an Orange Bowl record with 10 catches and 165 receiving yards to finish the season with a school record 1,265 receiving yards;
- “the success of the Cardinals is due in no small part to the dedication of Coach Bobby Petrino and his staff, as well as the Cardinals coaches of the last 2 decades, who led a magnificent ascent begun by Coach Howard Schnellenberger; and
- “the exceptional group of young men who comprised the 2006 Cardinals should be publicly recognized as the greatest football team in the history of the University of Louisville.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 82 was introduced in the House on January 19, 2007, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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