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H.Res. 505– Condemning the murder of Dr. George Tiller, who was shot to death at his church on May 31, 2009 (*Slaughter, D-NY*)

Order of Business: H.Res. 505 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 505 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Offers its condolences to Dr. Tiller's family; and
- “Commits to the American principle that tolerance must always be superior to intolerance, and that violence is never an appropriate response to a difference in beliefs.”

The resolution lists a new of findings including:

- “Dr. George Tiller was murdered in Wichita, Kansas, on May 31, 2009;
- “Dr. Tiller is mourned by his family, friends, congregation, community, and colleagues;
- “Dr. Tiller, 67, was killed in his place of worship, a place intended for peace and refuge that in a moment became a place for violence and murder;
- “Places of worship should be sanctuaries, but have increasingly borne witness to reprehensible acts of violence, with 38 people in the United States killed in their place of worship in the past 10 years and 30 people wounded in those same incidents;
- “These acts of violence include the murder of an Illinois pastor at the pulpit in March 2009, the murder of an Ohio minister in November 2008, the murder of an usher and a guest during a children's play in a Tennessee church in July 2008, the murder of four family members in a church in Louisiana in May 2006, and the shooting of a worshipper outside a synagogue in Florida in October 2005; and
- “Violence is deplorable, and never an acceptable avenue for expressing opposing viewpoints.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 505 was introduced on June 4, 2009 and referred to the House Judiciary Committee, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.R. 2675 – Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of
2004 Extension Act (Henry Johnson, D-GA)**

Order of Business: H.R. 2675 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 2675 extends for one year the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 so as to end in June 22, 2010. The Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 increased the maximum penalty in cases of antitrust crime. The act is set to expire on June 22, 2009.

Committee Action: H.R. 2675 was introduced on June 6, 2009 and referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO report was available at press time. However, extending the Act does not provide a cost to taxpayers.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the bill does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: No committee report citing constitutional authority is available.

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H.R. 1741 – Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act of 2009 (Cummings, D-MD)

Order of Business: H.R. 1741 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1741 authorizes \$30 million for each year from FY2010 through 2014 for the Department of Justice to make grants to state, local, and tribal governments for programs to protect witnesses in certain court proceedings involving homicide or a serious violent felony or serious drug offense.

Each recipient of a grant shall submit a report to the Attorney General (AG) that evaluates each program establishes or maintained by the grant.

The bill requires the AG to develop best practice models to assist states on addressing:

- Witness safety;
- Short-term and permanent witness relocation;
- Financial and housing assistance; and
- Any other services related to witness protection or assistance that are determined by the AG to be necessary.

Committee Action: H.R. 1741 was introduced on March 26, 2009 and referred to the House Judiciary Committee. The committee held a markup and reported the bill out of committee on May 20, 2009 by voice vote.

Cost to Taxpayers: According to CBO, the bill authorizes \$150 million from FY2010-FY2014.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: Yes. It creates a new grant program.

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

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the bill does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: No committee report citing constitutional authority is available.

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H.R. 2344—Webcaster Settlement Act *(Inslee, D-WA)*

Order of Business: H.R. 2344 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The bill would allow entities that broadcast audio content over the Internet (Webcasters) to negotiate royalty rates with SoundExchange, the entity designated to collect royalties for the music industry. Under the Webcaster Settlement Act of 2008, SoundExchange was given limited authority to enter into royalty fee agreements with webcasters that would differ from the rates established by the Copyright Royalty Board. This limited authority expired on February 15, 2009. However, many of the agreements have not been negotiated or entered into. This bill would extend the authority to finalize agreements for 30 days after the date of enactment of the bill.

Committee Action: H.R. 2344 was introduced on May 12, 2009, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, which marked up the bill and reported the bill out of committee by voice vote on May 13, 2009.

Cost to Taxpayers: According to CBO, H.R. 2344 would have no effect on federal spending.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the bill does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: No committee report citing constitutional authority is available.

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H.Res. __ - Condemning the murder of Army Private William Long and the wounding of Army Private Quinton Ezeagwula, who were shot outside the Army Navy Career Center in Little Rock, Arkansas on June 1, 2009 (Franks, R-AZ)

Order of Business: H.Res. __ is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. __ resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Offers its condolences to the family of Private William Long;
- “Hopes for a full recovery for Private Quinton Ezeagwula; and
- “Urges that the perpetrator or perpetrators of this senseless shooting be brought to justice.”

The resolution lists a new of findings including:

- “On June 1, 2009, Private William Long, 23, was murdered outside the Army Navy Career Center in Little Rock, Arkansas;
- “On June 1, 2009, Private Quinton Ezeagwula, 18, was wounded by gunfire outside the Army Navy Career Center in Little Rock, Arkansas;
- “There are more than 1,400,000 active component and more than 1,200,000 reserve component members of the Armed Forces protecting America;

- “There are more than 8,000 Army and Army Reserve recruiters and more than 7,000 Navy recruiters serving at more than 1,500 military recruiting stations and centers in United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Europe;
- “The men and women of the Armed Forces risk their lives every day to preserve America’s freedom and to defend the liberty, security, and prosperity enjoyed by the American people;
- “Service in the Armed Forces entails special hazards and demands extraordinary sacrifices from service members;
- “Members of the Armed Forces are the targets of violence not only abroad but in the United States as well; and
- “Such violence is despicable and must not be tolerated.”

Committee Action: The resolution had not been introduced at press time.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 503–Recognizing National Physical Education and Sport Week (Altmire, D-PA)

Order of Business: H.Res. 503 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 503 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes National Physical Education and Sport Week and the central role of physical education and sports in creating a healthy lifestyle for all children and youth;
- “Calls on school districts to implement local wellness policies as defined by the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 that include ambitious goals for physical education, physical activity, and other activities addressing the childhood obesity epidemic and promoting child wellness; and

- “Encourages schools to offer physical education classes to students and work with community partners to provide opportunities and safe spaces for physical activities before and after school and during the summer months for all children and youth.”

The resolution lists a new of findings including:

- “May 1 through May 7, 2009, is observed as National Physical Education and Sport Week;
- “Childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions in the United States;
- “The Department of Health and Human Services estimates that, by 2010, 20 percent of children in the United States will be obese;
- “A decline in physical activity has contributed to the unprecedented epidemic of childhood obesity;
- “Regular physical activity is necessary to support normal and healthy growth in children;
- “Overweight adolescents have a 70 to 80 percent chance of becoming overweight adults, increasing their risk for chronic disease, disability, and death;
- “Type 2 diabetes can no longer be referred to as ‘late in life’ or ‘adult onset’ diabetes because it occurs in children as young as 10 years old...”

Committee Action: H.Res. 503 was introduced on June 4, 2009 and referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 453– Recognizing the significant accomplishments of the AmeriCorps (Matsui, D-CA)

Order of Business: H.Res. 453 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 453 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Encourages all citizens to join in a national effort to salute AmeriCorps members and alumni, and raise awareness about the importance of national and community service;
- “Acknowledges the significant accomplishments of the AmeriCorps members, alumni, and community partners;
- “Recognizes the important contributions to the lives of our citizens by AmeriCorps members; and
- “Encourages citizens of all ages and backgrounds and from each state to consider serving in AmeriCorps.”

The resolution lists a new of findings including:

- “The AmeriCorps national service program, since its inception in 1994, has proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans in meeting a wide range of local needs, national response directives, and promote the ethic of service and volunteering;
- “Each year, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for 75,000 citizens across the Nation to give back in an intensive way to their communities, States, and to the Nation;
- “Those same individuals have improved the lives of the Nation's most vulnerable citizens, protect the environment, contribute to public safety, respond to disasters, and strengthen the educational system;
- “AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in their communities as volunteers, teachers, and nonprofit professionals in disproportionately high levels;
- “AmeriCorps members serve thousands of nonprofit organizations, schools, and faith-based and community organizations each year;
- “On April 21, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, passed by bipartisan majorities in both the House and the Senate, which reauthorizes and expands AmeriCorps programs to incorporate 250,000 volunteers each year;
- “National service programs have engaged millions of Americans in results-driven service in the Nation's most vulnerable communities, providing hope and help to people facing economic and social needs;
- “This year, as the economic downturn puts millions of Americans at risk, national service and volunteering are more important than ever; and
- “2009s AmeriCorps Week, observed May 9 through May 16, provides the perfect opportunity for AmeriCorps members, alums, grantees, program partners, and friends to shine a spotlight on the work done by members--and to motivate more Americans to serve their communities.”

Potential Conservative Concerns: Many conservatives may be concerned that government funding of AmeriCorps is “paid volunteerism.” Many AmeriCorps volunteers are also eligible to receive a living allowance, housing reimbursement, health care, and reimbursement for child care expenses.

Conservatives may be concerned that taxpayer dollars in support of the AmeriCorps program are supporting workers who spend their time “volunteering” at organizations like the abortion provider, Planned Parenthood. In addition, and as another example of misuse of taxpayer funds, AmeriCorps ran a program in the past that gave \$5 to children for each toy gun they brought in.

ExpectMore.gov, a website developed by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, with the goal to assess the performance of every federal program in order to hold programs accountable for improvement, has audited these programs. According to ExpectMore.gov, the programs included in H.R. 1388 have been audited as follows:

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps: Not performing; Ineffective
AmeriCorps State and National Grants: Performing; Adequate
AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America: Performing; Adequate

Committee Action: H.Res. 453 was introduced on May 18, 2009 and referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 411– Supporting the goals and ideals of the Intermediate Space Challenge in Mojave, California (McCarthy, R-CA)

Order of Business: H.Res. 411 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 411 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of the Intermediate Space Challenge;

- “Commends the volunteers who run the Intermediate Space Challenge and the Mojave Air and Space Port for opening its facility to the young leaders of the future in the science and engineering fields; and
- “Encourages teachers and school administrators across the country to implement similar programs to stimulate students and infuse them with a love of engineering, mathematics, and science.”

The resolution lists a new of findings including:

- “The Intermediate Space Challenge in Mojave, California, is a program designed to capture the imagination of youths regarding outer space;
- “The aspiration of the Intermediate Space Challenge is to introduce, instill, and energize youths' interest in the engineering, mathematics, and science career fields;
- “The Intermediate Space Challenge focuses on 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students during their formative years;
- “The Intermediate Space Challenge provides students the opportunity to visit the Mojave Air and Space Port, a 3,300 acre flight research center;
- “Aviation legends and private space pioneers such as Burt Rutan, Dick Rutan, Brian Binnie, and Mike Melvill have worked with and spoken to students participating in the program;
- “The Intermediate Space Challenge enables students to work together in a team environment to choose a team name, create team banners, craft an essay, and develop and use their math and science skills to construct and launch a small rocket under appropriate supervision; and
- “The program judges student rocket teams on banner designs, essays, and rocket construction and performance.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 411 was introduced on May 6, 2009 and referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 454– Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (Poe, R-TX)

Order of Business: H.Res. 454 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 454 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the 25th anniversary of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.”

The resolution lists a new of findings including:

- “An estimated 800,000 children are reported missing each year in the United States;
- “200,000 of that number are abducted by family members, and 58,000 are abducted by non-family members, for which the primary motive is sexual assault;
- “Each year 115 children are the victims of the most serious abductions, kidnapped by non-family members and either ransomed, murdered, or taken with the intent to keep;
- “The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) serves as the national resource center and information clearinghouse for missing and exploited children;
- “NCMEC was established by Congress in 1984;
- “NCMEC has assisted law enforcement in the recovery of more than 138,500 children;
- “NCMEC's Amber Alert program has led to 443 recoveries;
- “In 2008, NCMEC helped recover more children than any other year in the organization's 25-year history, raising the recovery rate from 62 percent in 1990 to 97 percent today;
- “NCMEC operates the toll-free 24-hour national missing children's hotline, which has handled more than 2,377,000 calls...”

Committee Action: H.Res. 454 was introduced on May 18, 2009 and referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 1687 – The Ralph Regula Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act (*Bocchieri, D-OH*)

Order of Business: H.R. 1687 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1687 would designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, SW., Canton, Ohio, as the “Ralph Regula Federal Office Building and Courthouse.”

Additional Information: Ralph Regula served in the U.S. Congress from 1973 to 2009 as a Republican from Ohio.

Committee Action: H.R. 1687 was introduced on March 24, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which held a mark-up and ordered the bill to be reported by voice vote on June 4, 2009.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 1687 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. courthouse 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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is not available.

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H.Res. 472 – Congratulating and saluting the seventieth anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and their dedication to general aviation, safety and the important contribution general aviation provides to the United States (Dent, R-PA)

Order of Business: H.Res. 472 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 472 would resolve that the U.S. House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates and salutes the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) for celebrating its 70th anniversary;
- “Commends the AOPA for creating the AOPA Air Safety Foundation nearly 60 years ago to improve general aviation safety;
- “Commends the AOPA for helping lead the recovery of the United States general aviation light aircraft manufacturing industry; and
- “Commends the AOPA for setting the stage for development of the Next Generation Air Transportation System.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) was formed 70 years ago, in May 1939, on the eve of World War II;
- “The AOPA represents more than 415,000 members, or 7 out of every 10 pilots in the United States;
- “The AOPA has developed and maintained close working relationships with agencies of the Federal Government, especially the Department of Transportation, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Transportation Security Administration; and
- “Those relationships have allowed the public and private sectors to address various issues of legitimate concern to the Federal government in ways that impose the least possible burden on general aviation pilots and aircraft owners.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 472 was introduced on May 21, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which held a mark-up and ordered the bill to be reported by voice vote on June 4, 2009.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is not available.

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H.Res. 410 – Recognizing the numerous contributions of the recreational boating community and the boating industry (*Klein, D-FL*)

Order of Business: H.Res. 410 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 410 would express the sense of the U.S. House of Representatives that:

- “The recreational boating community and the boating industry of the United States should be commended for their numerous contributions to the economy of the United States, the well-being of United States citizens, and responsible environmental stewardship of the marine resources of the United States; and
- “The President should issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe National Boating Day with appropriate programs and activities that emphasize family involvement and provide an opportunity to promote the boating industry.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “The boating community in the United States includes over 59,000,000 individuals, generates more than \$33,000,000,000 annually in the United States economy, and provides jobs for 337,000 citizens of the United States who earn wages totaling \$10,400,000,000 annually;
- “There are approximately 1,400 active boat builders in the United States, using materials and services contributed from all 50 States; and
- “boating, as an activity, provides opportunities for families to be together, appeals to all age groups, and has a beneficial effect on the physical fitness and scholastic performance of those who participate.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 410 was introduced on May 6, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which held a mark-up and ordered the bill to be reported by voice vote on June 4, 2009.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is not available.

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H.Res. 484 – Expressing support for designation of June 10th as "National Pipeline Safety Day" (*Larsen, D-CT*)

Order of Business: H.Res. 484 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 484 would resolve that the U.S. House of Representatives:

- “Supports the designation of National Pipeline Safety Day;
- “Encourages State and local governments to observe the day with appropriate activities that promote pipeline safety;
- “Encourages all pipeline safety stakeholders to use this day to create greater public awareness of all the advancements that can lead to even greater pipeline safety; and
- “Encourages individuals across the Nation to become more aware of the pipelines that run through our communities and do what they can to encourage safe practices and damage prevention.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “There are more than 2,000,000 miles of gas and hazardous liquid pipelines in this country operated by over 3,000 companies;
- “On June 10, 1999, a hazardous liquid pipeline ruptured and exploded in a park in Bellingham, Washington, killing two 10-year-old boys and a young man, destroying a salmon stream, and causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damages and economic disruption;
- “In response to this June 10th pipeline tragedy Congress passed significant new pipeline safety regulations in the form of the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 and the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006;
- “Even with all these new pipeline safety improvements, in 2008 alone there were still 274 significant pipeline incidents causing over \$395,000,000 in property damage and uncounted economic disruption; and
- “June 10, 2009, is the 10th anniversary of the Bellingham, Washington, pipeline tragedy that was the impetus for many of the above-mentioned safety improvements and would be an appropriate day to designate as “National Pipeline Safety Day.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 484 was introduced on May 21, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which held a mark-up and ordered the bill to be reported by voice vote on June 4, 2009.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is not available.

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H.Res. 385 – Celebrating the life of Millard Fuller, a life which provides all the evidence one needs to believe in the power of the human spirit to inspire hope and lift the burdens of poverty and despair from the shoulders of one's fellow man (*Bishop, D-GA*)

Order of Business: H.Res. 385 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 385 would resolve that the U.S. House of Representatives:

- “Celebrates the life of Millard Fuller, a life which provides all the evidence one needs to believe in the power of the human spirit to inspire hope and lift the burdens of poverty and despair from the shoulders of one's fellow man;
- “Honors Millard Fuller for three decades of leadership and service through Habitat for Humanity, and the millions he and his organization have inspired to embrace a passion for the good and the just; and
- “Urges the people of the United States to recognize and pay tribute to Millard Fuller's life and legacy of service by carrying on his vision for a kinder, gentler world, following the example he so emphatically set.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Mr. Millard Fuller, as the founder of Habitat for Humanity and as a dedicated citizen, displayed extraordinary commitment, selflessness, and benevolence throughout a lifetime of philanthropy and goodwill;
- “Habitat for Humanity has, since its founding in 1976, and with the help of countless volunteers, constructed over 300,000 homes for 1,500,000 of the world's less fortunate, providing hope that would otherwise be lost and promise that would otherwise lay unrealized;
- “Mr. Fuller's life has been previously and deservedly honored by President William Jefferson Clinton, who awarded him the Nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996; and

- “Millard Fuller passed away on February 3, 2009, leaving behind a loving wife, Linda Fuller, a proud family, and a world filled with inexhaustible gratitude.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 385 was introduced on April 30, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services, which held a mark-up and ordered the bill to be reported by voice vote on June 4, 2009.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is not available.

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H.R. 1327 – Iran Sanctions Enabling Act (*Frank, D-MA*)

Order of Business: H.R. 1327 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1327 includes a statement of policy that the U.S. will support the decisions of state governments, local governments, and educational institutions to divest from individuals that have more than \$20 million in Iran’s energy sector.

The legislation provides state and local governments with the authority to divest from an individual that the state or local government determines engages in investment activities of more than \$20 million in Iran’s energy sector. Any divestiture made per the legislation would require the state or local government to submit to the Attorney General a written notice which describes the measure.

In order to make such a divestiture, the legislation requires the state or local government to meet the following conditions:

- Provide written notice to each person that the state or local government intends to apply the measure.
- Give an individual affected by the legislation at least 90 days written notice prior to the divestiture.

- Give an individual affected by the legislation a hearing to demonstrate that the individual does not engage in investment activities in Iran (that meet the requirements of the legislation).

H.R. 1327 includes a sunset provision, which terminates the provisions of the legislation 30 days after the President certifies that:

- The government of Iran has ceased providing support for acts of international terrorism (and no longer satisfies the requirements for designation as a state-sponsor of terrorism).
- Iran has ceased the pursuit of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons, as well as ballistic missile technology.

Committee Action: H.R. 1327 was introduced on March 5, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services, which held a mark-up and ordered the bill to be reported by voice vote on April 28, 2009.

Cost to Taxpayers: According to CBO, the legislation would not have a significant impact on 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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is not available.

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H.Res. 502 – Recognizing National Homeownership Month and the importance of homeownership in the United States (Miller, R-CA)

Order of Business: H.Res. 502 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 502 would resolve that the U.S. House of Representatives:

- “Fully supports the goals and ideals of National Homeownership Month; “Honors Millard Fuller for three decades of leadership and service through Habitat for Humanity, and the millions he and his organization have inspired to embrace a passion for the good and the just;

- “Recognizes the importance of homeownership in building strong communities and families; and
- “Reaffirms the importance of homeownership in the Nation's economy and its central role in our national economic recovery.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “The month of June is recognized as National Homeownership Month; “Habitat for Humanity has, since its founding in 1976, and with the help of countless volunteers, constructed over 300,000 homes for 1,500,000 of the world's less fortunate, providing hope that would otherwise be lost and promise that would otherwise lay unrealized;
- “The people of the United States are one of the best-housed populations in the world;
- “Owning a home is a fundamental part of the American dream and is the largest personal investment many families will ever make; and
- “Homeownership provides economic security for homeowners by aiding them in building wealth over time and strengthens communities through a greater stake among homeowners in local schools, civic organizations, and churches.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 502 was introduced on June 3, 2009 and referred to the House Committee on Financial Services, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is not available.

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H.Res. 498—Honoring and congratulating the U.S. Border Patrol on its 85th anniversary (*Teague, D-NM*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 498 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Expresses its support for the Border Patrol's goals and objectives;

- “Expresses its gratitude to the U.S. Border Patrol for its commitment to protecting the United States; and
- “Congratulates the Border Patrol and its exemplary workforce on 85 years of service to the United States.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “In the early 20th century, control of the border was sporadic and piecemeal, and included mounted guards, Texas Rangers, and military troops;
- “The prohibition of alcohol and numerical limits placed on immigration to the United States by the Immigration Acts of 1921 and 1924 further exposed our inability to control our borders
- “Over the past 85 years the border patrol has undergone enormous changes, but their primary mission has remained the same, to detect and prevent the illegal entry of persons into the United States;
- “The wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001, the border patrol has taken on a new mission as part of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency, with the priority mission of preventing terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the United States;
- “Today over 18,800 agents risk their lives in pursuit of these objectives;
- “The Border Patrol recognizes 104 official line of duty deaths in service to their country;
- “The Border Patrol is also supported in their mission with air and marine assets and personnel from CBP Air and Marine.”

Committee Action: On June 2, 2009, the bill was introduced and referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security, which took no subsequent public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable for H.Res. 498.

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