

## Legislative Bulletin.....October 6, 2009

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### **H.Res. 741 - Expressing support for designation of October 8, 2009, as national Jumpstart's "Read for the Record Day" (*Rep. Markey, D-CO*)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Res. 741 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- "Supports the designation of 'Read for the Record Day';
- "Commends Jumpstart's Read for the Record in its fourth year; and
- "Encourages adults, including grandparents, parents, teachers, and college students to come together with children of all ages to create the world's largest shared reading experience to show their support for early literacy and Jumpstart's year-long program working with preschool children in low-income communities."

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- "Jumpstart, a national early education organization, is working to ensure that all children in the United States enter school prepared to succeed;

- “Jumpstart's Read for the Record, presented in partnership with the Pearson Foundation, is an annual campaign, now in its fourth year, that brings national attention to the crisis in early education by organizing the world's largest shared reading experience;
- “The goals of the campaign are to raise national awareness about the importance of early education by engaging 1,000,000 children reading the same book on the same day, provide books to children in low-income households through donations and book purchases and sponsorship, and raise money to help bring Jumpstart to more children to prepare them for school success;
- “Jumpstart hopes to engage more than 1,000,000 children to read ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ in this record-breaking celebration of reading, service, and fun, all in support of the Nation's preschoolers; and
- “October 8, 2009, would be an appropriate date to designate as national Jumpstart's ‘Read for the Record Day’ because it is the date Jumpstart aims to set a new world record for the world's largest shared reading experience on the same day.”

**Additional Information:** This resolution commends [Jumpstart’s Read for the Record](#) program. Jumpstart has been a member of the [AmeriCorps](#) network since 1996.

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 741 was introduced on September 14, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no 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. 167 - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives supporting the goals and ideals of Campus Fire Safety Month, and for other purposes. (Pascrell, D-NJ)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Res. 167 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of Campus Fire Safety Month;
- “Encourages administrators and municipalities across the country to provide educational programs to all students during September and throughout the school year; and
- “Encourages administrators and municipalities to evaluate the level of fire safety being provided in both on- and off-campus student housing and take the necessary steps to ensure firesafe living environments through fire safety education, installation of fire suppression and detection systems, and the development and enforcement of applicable codes relating to fire safety.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “Each year, States across the Nation formally proclaim September as Campus Fire Safety Month;
- “Many students are living in off-campus occupancies, Greek housing, and residence halls that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm systems;
- “It is recognized that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and reducing the resulting loss of life and property damage;
- “It is vital to educate the future generations of our Nation about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to ensure their safety during their college years and beyond; and
- “By developing a generation of firesafe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 167 was introduced on February 12, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor and the Subcommittee on higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no 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.

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**H.Res. 707 - Expressing support for designation of the week of  
September 13, 2009, as Adult Education and Family Literacy  
Week. (Polos, D-CO)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Res. 707 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the designation of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, including raising public awareness about the importance of adult education and family literacy;
- “Encourages people across the United States to support programs to assist those in need of adult education and family literacy programs; and
- “Requests that the President issue a proclamation recognizing the importance of adult education and family literacy programs, calling upon the Federal Government, States, localities, schools, libraries, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, consumer advocates, institutions of higher education, labor unions, and businesses to support increased access to adult education and family literacy programs to ensure a literate society.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “The literacy of its citizens is essential for the economic well-being of the United States, our society, and the individuals who can benefit from full participation therein;
- “The economy and our position in the world marketplace depend on having a literate, skilled population;
- “Studies show that two important factors that influence student achievement are the mother's education level and poverty in the home, it is clear that if adults are not part of the learning equation, then there is no long-term solution to our Nation's education challenges;
- “National Adult Education and Family Literacy week highlights the need for our government to support efforts to ensure each and every citizen has the necessary literacy skills to succeed at home, at work, and in society; and
- “The week of September 13, 2009, would be an appropriate date to designate as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 707 was introduced on July 13, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no 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.

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**H.Res. 650 – Recognizing that country music has made a tremendous contribution to American life and culture and declaring country music to be a uniquely American art form. (Stearns, R-FL)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Res. 650 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Declares country music to be a uniquely American art form; and
- “Recognizes that country music should be honored for its contributions to American life and culture.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “Country music was created in the United States and its distinctive sound makes it a uniquely American institution;
- “In 1922, a country music performance was broadcast on the radio for the first time, and the earliest commercial recording of country music was made, featuring the song ‘Sallie Gooden’, performed by fiddlist A.C. ‘Eck’ Robertson;
- “No institution is more closely associated with country music than WSM Radio’s Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, which, since 1925, has introduced the United States to many of the great talents of country music through live Saturday night performances;

- “Top country musician Willie Nelson said that country music is where ‘people tell their life stories’; and
- Country music continues to increase in popularity in the United States and around the world.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 650 was introduced on July 15, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

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**H.Res. 795 - Honoring the people of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and the Flight 93 Ambassadors for their efforts in creating the Flight 93 temporary memorial and encouraging the completion of the National Park Service Flight 93 National Memorial by the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001 (*Shuster, R-PA*)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Res. 795 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Honors the Shanksville, Pennsylvania, community and Flight 93 Ambassadors for--
  - Their foresight, dedication, and leadership in protecting the Flight 93 temporary memorial, the preservation and sharing of the heroic story of the brave intervention of the passengers and crew against terrorists; and
  - Their efforts to establish a permanent national memorial to Flight 93; and

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “On September 11, 2001, the passengers and crew of United Flight 93 courageously gave their lives, thereby thwarting a planned attack on our Nation's Capital;
- “The Flight 93 crash site is a profound national symbol of American patriotism and spontaneous leadership of citizen heroes;
- “The people of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, came together as a community to protect the sacred ground and construct a temporary memorial where Flight 93 crashed on September 11th;
- “The Flight 93 Ambassadors, created by members of the Shanksville community after the tragic events of September 11th, have exhibited selfless dedication and leadership by preserving and recounting the heroic story of the brave intervention of the passengers and crew against the terrorists to the memorial's visitors; and
- “In large part due to the efforts of the community and Flight 93 Ambassadors, Congress authorized the creation of a permanent national memorial as part of the National Park System under Public Law 107-226, the Flight 93 National Memorial Act.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 795 was introduced on October 1, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

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**H.Res. 701 – To recognize the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve as a unique and precious ecosystem. (Rep. Moran, D-VA)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Res 701 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve of Fairfax County, Virginia, as a unique and precious ecosystem that serves as an invaluable natural resource both locally and nationally;
- “Recognizes and expresses appreciation for Representative John Dingell's, Representative John Saylor's, and Representative Henry Reuss's leadership in preserving this precious natural resource;
- “Celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Federal legislation designating the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve as a protected wetland habitat;
- “Expresses the need to continue to conserve, protect and restore this fragile habitat, in which a diverse array of plants, animals and other natural resources is threatened by past dredging and filling, a gradual depletion in size, urban and suburban development, river traffic, stormwater runoff, poaching, and non-native invasive species; and
- “Commends the Friends of Dyke Marsh for its longstanding commitment to promoting conservation and environmental awareness and stewardship, so that the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve may be enjoyed by generations for the next 50 years and into the future.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “The Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve on the west bank of the Potomac River just south of Alexandria in Fairfax County is one of the largest remaining freshwater tidal marshes in the Greater Washington, DC, area;
- “The Honorable John D. Dingell of Michigan, the late Honorable John P. Saylor of Pennsylvania, and the late Honorable Henry S. Reuss of Wisconsin were instrumental in passing this legislation and in preventing proposed development along the Potomac River, thereby protecting the Dyke Marsh ecosystem from further dredging, filling, and other activities incompatible with a preserve;
- “Dyke Marsh is 5,000 to 7,000 years old and is a unique natural treasure in the national capital region, with more than 6,500 species of plants, insects, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians contained within an approximately 485-acre parcel;
- “The Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve serves as an outdoor laboratory for scientists, educators, students, naturalists, artists, photographers, and others, attracting people of all ages; and
- “The Friends of Dyke Marsh is a conservation advocacy group created in 1975 and dedicated to the preservation and restoration of this wetland habitat and its natural resources.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 701 was introduced on July 30, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, and the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

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

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## **H.Res. 710 – Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Estuaries Day". (Castor, D-FL)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Res. 710 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of ‘National Estuaries Day’;
- “Acknowledges the importance of estuaries to the Nation's economic well-being and productivity;
- “Recognizes the persistent threats that undermine the health of the Nation's estuaries;
- “Applauds the work of national and community organizations and public partners to promote public awareness, protection, and restoration of estuaries; and
- “Reaffirms its support for estuaries, including the preservation, protection, and restoration thereof, and expresses its intent to continue working to protect and restore the estuaries of the United States.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “The estuary regions of the United States comprise a significant share of the national economy, with 43 percent of the population, 40 percent of employment, and 49 percent of economic output located in such regions;
- “More than 43 percent of all adults in the United States visit a sea coast or estuary at least once a year to participate in some form of recreation, generating \$8,000,000,000 to \$12,000,000,000 in revenue annually;
- “Estuaries provide critical ecosystem services that protect human health and public safety, including water filtration, flood control, shoreline stabilization and

- erosion prevention, and protection of coastal communities during extreme weather events;
- “In the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.), Congress found and declared that it is national policy to preserve, protect, develop, and where possible, to restore or enhance, the resources of the Nation's coastal zone, including estuaries, for current and future generations; and
  - “September 26, 2009, has been designated ‘National Estuaries Day’ to increase awareness among all citizens, including local, State, and Federal officials, about the importance of healthy estuaries and the need to protect them.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 710 was introduced on July 31, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no 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.

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## **H.Res. 567 - Congratulating the University of California, Irvine's men's volleyball team for winning the 2009 national championship. (Campbell, R-CA)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Res. 567 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates the men's volleyball team of the University of California, Irvine, and its Chancellor, Michael V. Drake, M.D., for winning the 2009 NCAA Division I Men's Volleyball National Championship; and

- “Recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and staff who were instrumental in helping the University of California, Irvine win the national title.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “The men's volleyball team of the University of California, Irvine (UC Irvine), known as the Anteaters, achieved many historic accomplishments during the 2008-2009 season;
- “The UC Irvine men's volleyball team finished the year 27-5 overall;
- “The Anteaters have been ranked in the Nation's top 10 for 75 consecutive weeks, including No. 1 for 21 of those weeks;
- “The NCAA Championship title is UC Irvine's second Division I title in three years; and
- “UC Irvine, under the leadership of Chancellor Michael V. Drake, M.D., has continued to establish itself as a world-class research university, and as one of the top universities in the Nation.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 567 was introduced on June 19, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, which took no public action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no 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.

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