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H.Res. 1475 - Congratulates the town of Tarboro, North Carolina, on the occasion of its 250th anniversary (*Butterfield, D-NC*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1475 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates the town of Tarboro, North Carolina, on the occasion of its 250th anniversary.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The North Carolina General Assembly on November 30, 1760, approved the charter of a town called Tarboro along the banks of the Tar River;
- “President George Washington slept in Tarboro during a visit on his southern tour in 1791;
- “Tarboro was home to former United States Congressman George Henry White who was elected to the Congress in 1896 and 1898, and was the last African-American to serve in Congress until World War II;
- “Tarboro was home to General Henry ‘Hugh’ Shelton who served in the United States Army and served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1997 to 2001; and
- “Tarboro today is home to approximately 11,000 residents and is known for its diversity and viable industrial base.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1475 was introduced on June 24, 2010, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1428 - Recognizing Brooklyn Botanic Garden on its 100th anniversary as the preeminent horticultural attraction in the borough of Brooklyn and its longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship and education for the City of New York (*Clarke, D-NY*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1428 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens on its 100th anniversary as the preeminent horticultural attraction in the borough of Brooklyn and for its longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship and education for the City of New York.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Brooklyn Botanic Garden opened to the public in 1910;
- “The Brooklyn Botanic Garden is a 52-acre urban oasis in the heart of Brooklyn, New York, and features more than 11,000 different kinds of plants from around the world;
- “The Brooklyn Botanic Garden improves public education in Brooklyn through a partnership with the Brooklyn Academy of Science and the Environment High School and has provided valuable training, curriculum development, and field study opportunities that would otherwise not be available; and
- “The Brooklyn Botanic Garden has become an integral part of the cultural life and economic development of Brooklyn and provides an invaluable service to residents.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1428 was introduced on June 9, 2010, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 5758 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, as the "Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building" (*Frank, D-MA*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.R. 5758 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River, Massachusetts as the "Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building."

Additional Information: Sergeant Robert Barrett was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 101st Field Artillery Regiment, Massachusetts National Guard, in Fall River Massachusetts. He was killed on April 19, 2010, near Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from injuries sustained in the explosion of an improvised explosive device while on dismounted patrol.

Committee Action: H.R. 5758 was introduced on June 15, 2010, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which held a markup and passed the legislation.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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: 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. 1529 - Commending Bob Sheppard for his long and respected career as the public-address announcer for the New York Yankees and the New York Giants (*McCarthy, D-NY*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1529 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the legacy of Bob Sheppard and his distinctive announcements as a revered tradition not only to the New York Yankees and the New York Giants, but also to the games of baseball and football and the field of sports announcing; and
- “Commends Bob Sheppard for his 52 years of service as a public-address announcer and his long tenure as a speech professor.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Bob Sheppard served as the public-address announcer for the New York Yankees from opening day in 1951 through 2007;
- “Bob Sheppard served as the public-address announcer for the New York Giants from 1956 through 2005;
- “Bob Sheppard announced at 62 World Series games, 2 All-Star Games, and introduced more than 72 Hall of Famers throughout his career, with his often-heard, booming voice eventually earning him the nickname ‘The Voice of God’;
- “Bob Sheppard utilized his great oratory skills not only in the sports arena, but as the chairman of the speech department at John Adams High School in Queens, New York, and as an adjunct professor of speech at St. John's University; and
- “Bob Sheppard died on July 11, 2010, at his home in Baldwin, New York, at age 99.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1529 was introduced on July 15, 2010, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 5655 - To designate the Little River Branch facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 NE 84th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Jesse J. McCrary, Jr. Post Office" (*Meek, D-FL*)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 5655 would designat the United States Postal Service located at 140 NE 84th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Jesse J. McCrary, Jr. Post Office."

Additional Information: Jesse J. McCrary was the first black Florida Secretary of State, and the second black man to serve in the Florida Cabinet. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Committee Action: H.R. 5655 was introduced on June 30, 2010, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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: 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. 5702 - To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to reduce the waiting period for holding special elections to fill vacancies in the membership of the Council of the District of Columbia
(Del. Norton, D-DC)**

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 5702 reduces the waiting period for holding special elections in the District of Columbia from 114 days to 70 days.

This legislation will apply to vacancies that occur on or after the date of enactment.

Additional Information: Under the D.C. Home Rule Act, the D.C. Democratic State Committee will be authorized to name an interim appointment for the at-large city council seat that becomes vacant once Kwame R. Brown is sworn in chairman of the council. Kwame Brown will be filling the seat that will be left vacant once Vincent Gray is sworn in as Mayor. The individual appointed by the D.C. Democratic State Committee would have to run in a special election to fill the remainder of Kwame Brown's original term.

There is an argument that it would be unfair to the challenger in the special election, because the required number of days for the special election is currently 114 days after appointment. This could give the appointed council member an unfair advantage in the special election.

Committee Action: H.R. 5702 was introduced on July 1, 2010, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia. The Subcommittee held a markup on July 21, 2010 and approved the legislation as amended. A full committee markup was held on September 23, 2010, and the legislation was approved as amended.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 6278 - Kingman and Heritage Islands Act of 2010 *(Del. Norton, D-DC)*

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 6278 amends the National Children's Island Act of 1995 to clarify the District of Columbia may use the easements granted by this legislation for recreational, environmental, or educational purposes in accordance with the Anacostia Waterfront Framework Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.

Definitions:

The Anacostia Waterfront Framework Plan - The November 2003 Anacostia Waterfront Framework Plan to redevelop and revitalize the Anacostia waterfront in the District of Columbia.

Comprehensive Plan - The Comprehensive Plan of the District of Columbia approved by the Council of the District of Columbia on December 28, 2006.

Committee Action: H.R. 6278 was introduced on September 29, 2010, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 5367 - D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act of 2010 *(Del. Norton, D-DC)*

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 5367 gives the chief judge of the Superior Court, and Court of Appeals, the ability to exercise emergency authority, over a class of litigants to comply with deadlines imposed by any Federal or District of Columbia law or rule that applies in the Superior Court. This authority may be used in times of natural disasters, or other emergency situation requiring the closure of Superior Court or rendering it impracticable for the United States or District of Columbia Government. Order given by this emergency authority may not last for more than 14 days. Within 180 days of expiration of the order, the chief judge shall submit a report to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration.

The U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia or the Attorney General for D.C. may request issuance or an order under this legislation, or the chief judge may act on their own motion.

This legislation also authorizes the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration to establish a voluntary separation incentive payments program. This program would be for non-judicial employees of the District courts, similar to that for certain federal employees and members of the uniformed services.

Committee Action: H.R. 5367 was introduced on May 24, 2010, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia. A subcommittee markup was held on May 27, 2010, and the legislation was approved as amended. A full committee markup was held on September 23, 2010, and the legislation was approved, as amended.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: CBO estimates that H.R. 5367 would have no significant effect 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?: 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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**S. 3567 - A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the "Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building"
(*Sen. Schumer, D-NY*)**

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S. 3567 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the “Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building.”

Additional Information: Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Jeffrey L. Wiener was assigned to II Marine Expeditionary Force and was killed May 7, 2005 in a combat incident in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Committee Action: S. 3567 was introduced on July 12, 2010, and referred to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security. The legislation was amended in the full committee, and passed the Senate on July 30, 2010, by unanimous consent. The legislation was then referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, where a markup was held and the legislation was approved.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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: 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. 1494 - Congratulating the champion, finalists, and all other participants in the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee
(Sutton, D-OH)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1494 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates all the contestants of the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee;
- “Recognizes the dedication and achievement of competition winner Anamika Veeramani and the other finalists Adrian Gunawan, Elizabeth Platz, Shantanu Srivatsa, Laura Newcombe, Lanson Tang, Joanna Ye, and Andrew Grose; and
- “Directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to the families and schools of such winner and finalists.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the largest and longest-running educational promotion in the United States, and is administered by the E.W. Scripps Company of Cincinnati, Ohio;
- “The 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee was held in Washington, DC, from June 2 through June 4, 2010;
- “Anamika Veeramani, a 14-year-old resident of North Royalton, Ohio, and an 8th grade student at Incarnate Word Academy, achieved the distinct honor of becoming the 83rd Annual Scripps National Spelling Bee champion; and

- “All the competitors are deserving of congratulations for their hard work and poise demonstrated in this difficult competition.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1494 was introduced on June 30, 2010, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which held a markup and approved the legislation.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 6237 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the "Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building" (Thompson, D-CA)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 6237 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco, California as the “Tom Kongsgaard Post Office.”

Additional Information: Judge Tom Kongsgaard was a Napa Superior Court Judge who served from 1958 through 1984.

Committee Action: H.R. 6237 was introduced on September 28, 2010 and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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: 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. 6387 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 337 West Clark Street in Eureka, California, as the "Sam Sacco Post Office Building (*Thompson, D-CA*)"

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 6387 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 337 West Clark Street in Eureka, California, as the "Sam Sacco Post Office Building."

Additional Information: Sam Sacco was a former mayor of Eureka, California. He passed away in July of 1988.

Committee Action: H.R. 6387 was introduced on September 29, 2010, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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

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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. 6399 - To improve certain administrative operations of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (*Brady, D-PA*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: Section 1 of H.R. 6399 would allow the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) to fix the rate of basic pay for more more than 32 positions at a rate not more than the highest total rate of the Senior Executive Service under subchapter VIII of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code.

Section 2 of H.R. 6399 would allow the AOC to purchase a Capitol Police vehicle maintenance facility that is located at 67 K. Street, SW, DC. This facility is currently being leased by the Capitol Police. According to Committee staff, the sale price of this facility is around \$8 million, and it has already been appropriated through the Legislation Branch Appropriations Act.

Committee Action: H.R. 6399 was introduced on November, 15, 2010, and was referred to the House Administration Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1714 - Congratulating the engineers, scientists, psychologists, and staff of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for helping to successfully rescue 33 trapped Chilean miners from a collapsed mine near Copiapo, Chile (*Johnson, D-TX*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1714 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates the engineers, scientists, psychologists, and staff of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for helping to successfully rescue 33 trapped Chilean miners from a collapsed mine near Copiapo, Chile; and
- “Recognizes that the experience and knowledge of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has acquired through space flight is beneficial to human life on Earth and was critical to the successful rescue of the Chilean miners.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “On August 5, 2010, 33 Chilean miners were trapped by the collapse of a gold and copper mine near Copiapo, Chile;
- “On August 22, 2010, all 33 miners were discovered alive after an intensive 17-day rescue effort;
- “On August 27, 2010, the Chilean government asked the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to provide technical advice that might be of assistance to the trapped miners;
- “NASA's vast knowledge and experience with extreme isolation, analog missions, undersea environments, and space flight uniquely suited the agency to help with this historic rescue; and
- “NASA's help was instrumental in the historic rescue of all 33 miners.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1714 was introduced on November 15, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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

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H.Res. 1654 - Expressing support for "Undergraduate Research Week" (Holt, D-NJ)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1654 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the designation of ‘Undergraduate Research Week’;
- “Recognizes the importance of undergraduate research and of providing research opportunities for the Nation's talented youth to cultivate innovative, creative, and enterprising young researchers, in collaboration with dedicated faculty;
- “Encourages institutions of higher education, Federal agencies, businesses, philanthropic entities, and others to support undergraduate research and undergraduate researchers and their faculty mentors;
- “Encourages opportunities, including through existing programs, for females and underrepresented minorities to participate in undergraduate research; and
- “Supports the role undergraduate research can and does play in crucial research that serves the Nation's best economic and security interests.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Close to 600 colleges and universities in the United States and thousands of undergraduate students and faculty pursue undergraduate research every year, providing research opportunities that will shape the trajectory of students' lives and careers and researchers' and institutions' purpose and contributions to academia and the research enterprise;
- “Students and faculty engaged in undergraduate research contribute to research across many disciplines, including arts and humanities, biology, chemistry, health sciences, geosciences, mathematics, computer science, physics and astronomy, psychology, and social sciences;
- “Research at the undergraduate level provides both students and faculty members opportunities for improving and assessing the research environment at their

- institution, develops critical thinking, creativity, problem solving, and intellectual independence, and promotes an innovation-oriented culture;
- “Undergraduate research is essential to pushing the Nation's innovation agenda forward by increasing the interest and persistence among young people in the crucial science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, and to cultivating the interest of would-be researchers who pursue a new aspiration of graduate education after participating in undergraduate research;
 - “The combining of two national organizations that advocate for important investments and support for undergraduate research and undergraduate researchers, the Council on Undergraduate Research and the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research, have come together to support the endeavor warrants recognition; and
 - “The week of October 24, 2010, would be an appropriate week to designate as ‘Undergraduate Research Week.’”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1654 was introduced on September 23, 2010 and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. No further public action was taken.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

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?: Although the bill contains no earmarks, and there is 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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1652 - Expressing support for National Principals Month (Davis, D-CA)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1652 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Honors and recognizes the contribution of school principals and assistant principals to the success of students in the Nation's elementary and secondary schools;
- “Supports the designation of National Principals Month; and
- “Encourages the people of the United States to observe National Principals Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals have declared the month of October 2010 as National Principals Month;
- “School leaders are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives as well as being entrusted with our young people, our most valuable resource;
- “Principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives;
- “The vision, dedication, and determination of a school leader provides the mobilizing force behind a school reform effort;
- “Leadership is second only to classroom instruction among all school-related factors that contribute to student achievement, according to research conducted by the Wallace Foundation;
- “Nearly 60 percent of a school's impact on student achievement is due to the combination of principal and teacher effectiveness, and studies find no examples of success in turnaround schools without effective principal leadership, according to New Leaders for New Schools;
- “The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that approximately 1 in 3 education administrators works more than 40 hours a week and often works an additional 15 to 20 hours each week supervising school activities at night and on weekends;
- “Assistant principals also play a crucial role providing leadership and charting a successful course at a school;
- “The NAESP National Distinguished Principals program honors exemplary elementary and middle level public, private, and independent school leaders as well as leaders from the U.S. Department of Defense Schools and the U.S. Department of State Overseas Schools, for outstanding leadership for student learning and the profession;
- “The MetLife-NASSP Principal of the Year program began in 1993 as a means to recognize outstanding middle level and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession;

- “The celebration of National Principals Month would honor elementary, middle level, and high school principals and recognize the importance of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1652 was introduced on September 23, 2010 and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. No further public action was taken.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

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?: Although the bill contains no earmarks, and there is 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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1641 - Celebrating September 30, 2010, as the 60th Anniversary of Impact Aid (*Hirono, D-HI*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1641 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes and celebrates the 60th anniversary of the enactment of the Impact Aid program (Public Law 81-874), the original Federal elementary and secondary education program, as ‘Impact Aid Recognition Day’;
- “Recognizes the importance of the Impact Aid program (which is currently in title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.)) in ensuring that federally connected children (including children of members of the Armed Forces, children residing on Indian lands, children in low-rent public housing, and children of civilians working or living on Federal land) receive a high-quality public education; and
- “Recommends that federally connected schools and the communities they serve recognize Impact Aid Recognition Day and carry out appropriate activities centered on the Federal Government’s obligation to federally connected children and the need for continuing funding.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “September 30, 2010, marks the 60th anniversary of the date on which President Harry S. Truman signed Public Law 81-874, which enacted the Impact Aid program into law;
- “The Impact Aid Program is considered by the community it serves as the ‘original’ Federal elementary and secondary education program, and is administered by the Secretary of Education;
- “Impact Aid is designed to reimburse local educational agencies for the loss of traditional revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt property or Federal activity;
- “Impact Aid payments are allocated directly to local educational agencies in lieu of lost local tax dollars to assist with the basic educational needs of the students and schools;
- “Nearly 1,000,000 children of our men and women in uniform, children residing on Indian lands, children in low-rent public housing, and children of civilians working or “Living on Federal land are ‘federally connected children’ who are served by local educational agencies that are eligible for Impact Aid payments in 2010;
- “In 1951, 1,183 local educational agencies were eligible for a total Impact Aid payment of \$29,080,788, and in 2010, 1,484 local educational agencies enrolling over 11,000,000 students will receive \$1,276,183,000;
- “The original Impact Aid statute (Public Law 81-874) was the vehicle used by Congress in 1965 to pass the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965;
- “Congress has continued to show its support for Impact Aid by reauthorizing the program 15 times during the period between 1950 and 2001;
- “The House Impact Aid Coalition was established in 1995 and the Senate Impact Aid Coalition was established in 1996 to formalize and energize the broad, bipartisan support for the Impact Aid Program; and
- “The Federal obligation upon which the Impact Aid Program is based today is no different than it was 60 years ago.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1641 was introduced on September 22, 2010 and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. No further public action was taken.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

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?: Although the bill contains no earmarks, and there is 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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1655 - Expressing support for "National Farm to School Month" (*Holt, D-NJ*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1655 resolves that:

- “It is the sense of the House of Representatives that--
 - (A) Farm to School programs should be recognized as a proven effective strategy that can provide immediate and long-term benefits to child health, small and medium-sized agricultural producer income, and community economic development; and
 - (B) The Federal Government should partner in assisting schools and local educational agencies with planning, technical assistance, and implementation of Farm to School programs; and
- “The House of Representatives--
 - (A) expresses support for designation of ‘National Farm to School Month’;
 - (B) encourages schools and local education agencies to use local produce in meals; and
 - (C) encourages schools, farmers and farm groups, local businesses, nonprofit institutions, churches, cities, State governments, and other local groups to raise awareness of Farm to School efforts in their communities.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Farm to School programs of varying scale are currently operational in over 8,900 schools in all 50 States;
- “Farm to School programs connect schools and local farms in order to serve healthier meals in school cafeterias, improve student nutrition, and provide agriculture, health, and nutrition education;
- “Farm to School programs often have experiential education components that can lead to permanent improvements in children's diets both in school and at home;
- “Farm to School programs facilitate the purchase of local food for school meals, thus increasing local farm sales and stimulating local economies;
- “Farm to School programs can benefit small and mid-sized agricultural producers by providing access to consistent markets and the planning and organization skills to expand to other institutional customers;

- “Farm to School programs can be particularly important for beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers as schools provide a consistent and secure customer base;
- “Farm to School programs can benefit local economies, for every \$1 spent on local foods in schools, \$1 to \$3 circulate in the local economy;
- “One-third of children in the United States are now obese or overweight, and over the past 3 decades, obesity rates have quadrupled in 6- to 11-year-olds and tripled in 12- to 19-year-olds according to the most recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Health and Nutrition Examination survey;
- “More than 9,000,000 young adults (25 percent) are too overweight to join the United States Armed Forces, making children's obesity rates a matter of national security...”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1655 was introduced on September 23, 2010 and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. No further public action was taken.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

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?: Although the bill contains no earmarks, and there is 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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. __ - Congratulating Joe Paterno on his 400th win as Penn State Nittany Lions football head coach (Thompson, R-PA)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

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

- “Congratulates Joe Paterno for his unparalleled success with both the Penn State football program and the University, resulting in 400 wins as head coach; and

- “Commends Joe Paterno for setting an on and off the field example of honor, success, integrity, and respect for thousands of players, coaches, students, and fans throughout the nation.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Joe Paterno reached his milestone of 400 wins as head coach on November 6th, 2010;
- “Joe Paterno has served the Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) with honor and distinction for 60 years since starting as an assistant coach in 1950;
- “In 2009, the graduation rate of Joe Paterno’s players was 89%, and the graduation success rate was 85% - both of which were the greatest among all football teams in the final 2009 Associated Press Top 25 poll;
- “The legacy Joe Paterno has left at Penn State reaches far beyond football, as he has personally given millions of dollars to the university and raised hundreds of millions more for the library and need-based scholarships;
- “Joe Paterno has been very active in the community as a strong supporter of the Pennsylvania Special Olympics and a national spokesperson for the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association...”

Committee Action: H. Res. ___ had not been introduced at press time.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

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?: Although the bill contains no earmarks, and there is 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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Con.Res. ___ - Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the enactment
of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975
(Miller, D-CA)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Con.Res. ___ resolves that the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring):

- “Recognizes the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (Public Law 94–142);
- “Acknowledges the many and varied contributions of children with disabilities, their parents, teachers, related services personnel, and administrators; and
- “Reaffirms its support for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) so that all children with disabilities have—
 - (A) Access to a free appropriate public education; and
 - (B) Equal opportunity to benefit from the general education curriculum and be prepared for further education, employment, and independent living.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 (Public Law 94–142), which amended the State grant program under part B of the Education of the Handicapped Act (Public Law 91-230), was enacted into law 35 years ago on November 29, 1975;
- “The Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 established the Federal policy of ensuring that all children, regardless of the nature or severity of their disability, have available to them a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment;
- “The Education of the Handicapped Act of 1975 was further amended by the Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986 (Public Law 99–457) to create a preschool grant program for children with disabilities 3 to 5 years of age and an early intervention program for infants and toddlers with disabilities from birth through age 2;
- “The Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1990 (Public Law 101–476) renamed the statute as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
- “The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was amended in 1997 to ensure children with disabilities are involved, and make progress, in the general education curriculum and are included in all general State and district-wide assessment programs;
- “IDEA was amended in 2004 to ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and support them in transitioning to further education, employment, and independent living;
- “IDEA currently serves an estimated 342,000 infants and toddlers, 709,000 preschoolers, and 5,890,000 children 6 to 21 years of age;
- “IDEA has assisted in a dramatic reduction in the number of children with developmental disabilities who must live in State institutions that are away from their families, costly, inappropriate, and isolated;

- “The number of children with disabilities who complete high school with a standard diploma has grown significantly since the enactment of IDEA...”

Committee Action: H.Con.Res. ____ had not been introduced at press time.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

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?: Although the bill contains no earmarks, and there is 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 stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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