



# BUDGET WEEK

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## SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) **To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 40 South Walnut Street in Chillicothe, Ohio, as the "Larry Cox Post Office"** (H.R. 5434). 

This bill does not affect direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or revenue.

2) **To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 202 East Washington Street in Morris, Illinois, as the "Joshua A. Terando Princeton Post Office Building"** (H.R. 5428). 

This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

3) **Honoring the Life and Accomplishments of the Late Robert E. O'Connor, Jr.** (H.Res. 983). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

4) **North American Wetlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2006** (H.R. 5539). 

This bill authorizes the appropriation of \$75 million a year for programs carried out under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act [NAWCA] through fiscal year 2012 (current authority expires at the end of fiscal year 2007). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] uses amounts appropriated under NAWCA primarily for grants to State, local, and tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and other entities that carry out wetlands conservation projects. This bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

5) **To Revise the Boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Jekyll Island Unit GA-06P** (H.R. 138). 

This bill revises the Coastal Barrier Resources System [CBRS] map of Jekyll Island, GA. The Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimates that enacting H.R. 138 would have no significant impact on the Federal budget. The bill could affect direct spending, but any net change would be negligible. Enacting the bill does not affect revenue.

6) **To Replace a Coastal Barrier Resources System Map Relating to Coastal Barrier Resources System Grayton Beach Unit FL-95P in Walton County, Florida** (H.R. 479). 

This bill updates a map of the Coastal Barrier Resources System [CBRS] in Walton County, FL. It excludes 26 acres of private land from this cluster and allows those homeowners to purchase Federal flood insurance. This will increase insurance premium collections, but also will create a small increase in underwriting and administrative costs, which are direct spending. Nevertheless, CBO estimates that

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enacting H.R. 479 would have no significant impact on the Federal budget. Enacting the bill does not affect revenue.

7) **Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation Act** (H.R. 5094). 

This bill directs the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS], to convey to North Carolina 6 acres of land in the Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge, including the Mattamuskeet Lodge. Under the bill, the State would be responsible for paying all administrative costs of the transfer such as survey expenses. Based on information provided by the USFWS, CBO estimates that completing the conveyance would have no significant effect on the Federal budget. Enacting the bill does not affect direct spending or revenue.

8) **National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act of 2006** (H.R. 5381). 


This bill authorizes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] to allow nonfederal partners to carry out projects and programs that promote and support national fish hatcheries. Assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized by the bill, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5381 would cost \$350,000 a year over the 2007-11 period. Enacting the bill also could increase revenue from private donations and associated direct spending, but such effects would be less than \$500,000 a year. The bill does not affect direct spending.

9) **Pueblo de San Ildefonso Claims Settlement Act of 2005** (S. 1773). 

This bill ratifies a settlement agreement entered into by the Departments of Justice, the Interior, and Agriculture with the Pueblo de San Ildefonso. Under the agreement, the tribe would receive about \$7 million in exchange for extinguishing certain claims against the government. The legislation also would allow land sales with an estimated value of about \$850,000, and all proceeds from the land sales would be available to the U.S. Forest Service to spend, without further appropriation, to purchase nonfederal lands within or adjacent to national forests in New Mexico. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1773 will increase direct spending from the Judgment Fund of the U.S. Treasury by about \$7 million in fiscal year 2006. Because the lands to be sold currently generate no significant receipts, and are not expected to do so during the next 10 years, there would be no net budget impact from those sales. (This estimate assumes enactment of this legislation during fiscal year 2006. If enactment is delayed and the legislation is not enacted until fiscal year 2007, enacting the legislation would cause the Committee on Resources to exceed its committee allocation.)

10) **To Provide for Acquisition of Subsurface Mineral Rights to Land Owned by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Land Held in Trust for the Tribe, and for Other Purposes** (H.R. 631). 

This bill directs the Department of the Interior [DOI] to acquire, by eminent domain, all subsurface rights and interests to certain lands in Arizona, and put into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. The tribe, which already owns the related surface estate, would reimburse the department for any transaction and appraisal costs. Based on information provided by DOI, and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that acquiring the affected property rights for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe would cost less than \$500,000 over the next year. Reimbursement by the tribe for associated transaction costs would total a few thousand dollars, resulting in no significant effect on direct spending. Enacting H.R. 631 would not affect revenue.

11) **Recognizing the Importance of Establishing a National Memorial at the World Trade Center Site to Commemorate and Mourn the Events of February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001** (H.Res. 175). 

This resolution has no budget implications.

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12) **To Amend Section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to Restrict Off-Reservation Gaming** (H.R. 4893). 

This bill amends provisions in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act [IGRA] related to off-reservation Indian gaming. Specifically, the legislation adds new restrictions on tribes operating Indian gaming outside their existing reservations. Based on information from the Department of the Interior [DOI], CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4893 will not have a significant impact on the Federal budget. Enacting the bill will not affect direct spending or revenue.

13) **Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006** (S. 2590). 

This bill directs the Office of Management and Budget [OMB] to oversee the creation of a single comprehensive searchable Web site that would include information on all Federal grants, contracts, and other funding awarded to public and private organizations. CBO estimates that implementing S. 2590 will cost \$4 million in 2007 and about \$15 million over the 2007-11 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the legislation does not affect direct spending or revenue.

14) **Fourteenth Dalai Lama Congressional Gold Medal Act** (S. 2784). 

This bill authorizes the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to present, on behalf of the Congress, a gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his contributions to peace and religious understanding. Based on the costs of recent medals produced by the Mint, CBO estimates that the gold medal would cost about \$35,000 to produce over the next year and the Mint is expected to recoup some of its costs by selling bronze duplicates to the public. Enacting this bill would cause the Committee on Financial Services to exceed its fiscal year 2007 allocation by amounts of less than \$35,000.

#### LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

**Bill:** **Relating to the Terrorist Attacks Against the United States on September 11, 2001** (H.Res. 427). 

**Committee:** International Relations, Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Judiciary, Homeland Security

**Summary:** This bill extends the deepest sympathies of the House of Representatives to the thousands of innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, their families, friends, and loved ones. The bill also honors the heroic actions and the sacrifices of U.S. military and civilian personnel and their families who have sacrificed much, including their lives and health, in defense of their country in the Global War on Terrorism.

**Cost:** A formal cost estimate was not available, but this resolution is not expected to have an impact on the Federal budget.

**Budget Act:** This resolution does not violate the Congressional Budget Act.

**Bill:** **Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2006** (H.R. 2965). 

**Committee:** Judiciary

**Summary:** Under current law, most Federal agencies are required to award purchase contracts to the Federal Prison Industries [FPI] – a government-owned corporation that produces goods and services for the Federal Government with prison labor – on a noncompetitive basis if

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FPI has products available to meet the agencies' needs and the cost would not exceed current market prices. Such products include office furniture, textiles, vehicle tags, and fiber optics. The bill amends the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to require an executive agency: 1) before purchasing a product listed in the latest edition of the FPI catalog, to determine whether the FPI product is comparable to products available from the private sector; and 2) if such product is not comparable, to use competitive procedures or make an individual purchase under a multiple award. It phases out the requirement to award noncompetitive purchase contracts to FPI over the 2007-12 period.

**Cost:** The bill authorizes the appropriation of \$357 million over the 2007-11 period for new FPI programs. In addition, CBO expects that additional amounts would be needed to pay for security costs at federal prisons. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2965 would cost \$445 million over the 2007-11 period. The bill would have no significant effect on net direct spending by FPI.

**Budget Act:** This bill does not violate the Congressional Budget Act.

**Bill:** **Providing for Earmarking Reform in the House of Representatives**

**Committee:** Rules

**Summary:** The final text of the legislation was not available.

**Cost:** A formal cost estimate was not available, but this legislation is not expected to have an impact on the Federal budget.

**Budget Act:** This legislation is not expected to violate the Congressional Budget Act.