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Summary of the Bill Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates:

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 3

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

H.R. 504— To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4960 West Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the “Ray Charles Post Office Building” —*as introduced (Watson)*

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 20th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The bill designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4960 West Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the “Ray Charles Post Office Building.”

Additional Information: Ray Charles Robinson was born on September 23, 1930 and was seven years old before he completely lost his sight. He went to St. Augustine’s state school for the deaf and blind, where he learned to read Braille and to type and developed his gift of music. He went on to a 50-year career in music, including 12 Grammy Awards. He died June 10, 2004, at the age of 73, of acute liver disease.

Committee Action: On February 1, 2005, the bill was introduced and referred to the House Government Reform Committee, which did not consider the bill.

Cost to Taxpayers: The only costs associated with a postal facility renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

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

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

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

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H.R. 1001 — To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Heatherwilde Boulevard in Pflugerville, Texas, as the “Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building” (McCaul)



Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 20th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The bill designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Heatherwilde Boulevard in Pflugerville, Texas, as the “Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building.”

Additional Information: Sgt. Byron W. Norwood, 25, of Pflugerville, Texas, died November 13, 2004, as result of enemy action in Al Anbar province, Iraq. Norwood was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He was honored during the President’s State of the Union when the President read from a letter Norwood’s mother wrote, “When Byron was home the last time, I said that I wanted to protect him like I had since he was born. He just hugged me and said: ‘You’ve done your job, mom. Now it’s my turn to protect you.’”

Committee Action: On March 1, 2005, the bill was introduced and referred to the House Government Reform Committee, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The only costs associated with a postal facility renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

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

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

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

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H.Res. 184 — Recognizing a National Week of Hope in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City (Istook)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 20th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution resolves that the House of Representatives sends “best wishes and prayers to the families, friends, and neighbors of the 168 people killed” and those injured in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, thanks the people who helped, and “encourages Americans to observe a National Week of Hope to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing; and to allow each American to participate in an event each day of that week to teach a lesson that-- hope can exist in the midst of political violence; good endures in the world even among those who commit bad acts; and there is a way to resolve differences other than by resorting to terrorism or violence; congratulates the people of Oklahoma City for making tremendous progress over the past decade and for demonstrating their steadfast commitment to such lessons; and applauds the people of Oklahoma City as they continue to persevere and to stand as a beacon to the rest of the Nation and the world attesting to the strength of goodness in overcoming evil wherever it arises.”

Additional Information: For additional information see <http://www.oklahomacitynationalmemorial.org/>

Committee Action: On April 5, 2005, the bill was introduced and referred to the House Government Reform Committee, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

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

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

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H.R. 1072 — Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Designation Act — *as introduced (Hinojosa)*

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled for consideration on April 20, 2005, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1072 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 West End Street in Goliad, Texas, as the "Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building."

Additional Information: Judge Vargas is a first-generation American who was born in Goliad, Texas. He served on the Goliad Independent School District Board of Trustees for 14 years, and served for over 28 years with the Texas Department of Human Services as a caseworker. He also served for the past 10 years as the Justice of the Peace for Goliad County.

Committee Action: H.R. 1072 was introduced on March 3, 2005, and referred to the Committee on Government Reform. The Committee has taken no action on the bill.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score of H.R. 1072 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

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

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

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

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H. Res. 130 — Recognizing the contributions of environmental systems and the technicians who install and maintain them to the quality of life of all Americans

**and supporting the goals and ideals of National Indoor Comfort Week — as
introduced (Manzullo)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled for consideration on April 20, 2005, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H. Res. 130 would recognize the contributions to the quality of life of all Americans of environmental systems and the technicians who install and maintain these systems. It would also support the goals and ideals of National Indoor Comfort Week.

Committee Action: H. Res. 130 was introduced on March 1, 2005, and referred to the Committee on Small Business. The resolution was reported out by the Committee on April 6, 2005, by voice vote.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would authorize no expenditure.

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

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

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**H. Con. Res. 126 — Expressing the condolences and deepest sympathies of the
Congress in the aftermath of the recent school shooting at Red Lake High School
in Red Lake, Minnesota — as introduced (Peterson of MN)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled for consideration on April 20, 2005, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H. Con. Res. 126 would express the condolences and deepest sympathies of the Congress in the aftermath of the recent school shooting at Red Lake High School in Red Lake, Minnesota.

Additional Information: On March 21, 2005, a Red Lake High School student named Jeffrey Weise opened fire with a hand gun on employees and other students of the school. Ten people are confirmed dead: Weise, five students, a female English teacher, a male security officer and Weise's grandfather and the man's girlfriend. Fifteen others were wounded in the shooting. This represents the nation's worst school shooting since the 1999 Columbine shooting. The high school is located on Red Lake Indian Reservation in Minnesota.

Committee Action: H. Con. Res. 126 was introduced on April 6, 2005, and referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The Committee has taken no action on the resolution.

Cost to Taxpayers: The concurrent resolution would authorize no expenditure.

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

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

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H.Res. 208 — Recognizing the University of Pittsburgh and Dr. Jonas Salk on the fiftieth anniversary of the milestone discovery of the Salk polio vaccine, which has virtually eliminated the disease and its harmful effects (Murphy)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled for consideration on April 20, 2005, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 208 resolves that the House of Representatives—

- “recognizes the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Michigan on the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery and the declaration that the Salk polio vaccine was potent, virtually eliminating the disease and its harmful effects;
- “recognizes the pioneering achievement of Dr. Jonas Salk and his team of researchers at the University of Pittsburgh in the development of the Salk polio vaccine;
- “recognizes the unprecedented scope and magnitude of the field trials conducted by Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr., and his team of more than 100 statisticians and epidemiologists at the University of Michigan; and
- “states its appreciation to—
 - “the University of Pittsburgh for the elimination of a disease that caused countless deaths and disabling consequences;
 - “the members of Dr. Salk’s research team;
 - “the individuals, a majority of whom were residents of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, who generously agreed to participate in clinical trials to validate the efficacy of the polio vaccine;
 - “the family members of Dr. Salk for their participation in medical history;
 - “the University of Michigan for its efforts in proving the Salk polio vaccine was safe and effective; and
 - “the members of Dr. Francis’ team of statisticians and epidemiologists.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 208 was introduced on April 12, 2005, and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The Committee has taken no action on the resolution.

Cost to Taxpayers: The concurrent resolution would authorize no expenditure.

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

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

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