

Legislative Bulletin.....April 20, 2004

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Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: 15

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0

Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: At least \$199.0 billion[#] over five years

Total Amount of Revenue Reductions: \$0

Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: \$9.8 billion over five years

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: \$474 million over five years

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0

Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: 10[#]

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Year to Date Prior to Today's Bills: 11

[#] This figure does not include H.R. 3873, the Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act. A CBO analysis of this bill is not yet completed.

H.R. 4037—Richard G. Wilson Processing and Distribution Facility Designation Act (Emerson)

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

Summary: H.R. 4037 would designate the U.S. Postal Service facility located at 475 Kell Farm Drive in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the “Richard G. Wilson Processing and Distribution Facility.”

Additional Background: Richard G. Wilson was a Medal of Honor recipient after displaying exceptional bravery in the Korean War. At the age of 19, Private Wilson was killed in action while trying to shield and administer aid to a wounded comrade. Private Wilson was born and is buried in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. For more information, visit this website:

http://www.homeofheroes.com/moh/citations_1950_kc/wilson_richard.html

Committee Action: On April 1, 2004, the Committee on Government Reform marked up and, by unanimous consent, ordered the bill reported to the full House.

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 Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: 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. 3855—General John J. Pershing Post Office Designation Act (Graves)

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

Summary: H.R. 3855 designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 607 Pershing Drive in Laclede, Missouri, as the “General John J. Pershing Post Office.”

Additional Background: John Pershing was born in Missouri on September 13, 1860. He graduated from West Point in 1886 and served in the Spanish American War, the Philippines Insurrection, and the Mexican Expedition and was the overall American Commander in Europe during World War I. Following the war, he served as Army Chief of Staff. General Pershing was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal in 1946.

General Pershing died at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington on July 15, 1948.

Committee Action: The bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform on February 26, 2004. The Committee favorably reported the bill on March 3 by voice vote.

Cost to Taxpayers: 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 Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: 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. 1822—Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office Designation Act (*Watson*)

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

Summary: H.R. 1822 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3751 West 6th Street in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office.”

Additional Background: Dosan Ahn Chang Ho was born in 1878 in Pyongyang, Korea. In 1902, he and his wife Helen immigrated to the United States. Chang Ho was very active in the Korean American community, founding the Korean National Association, and worked for Korean national independence from Japan. He died in a Korean hospital in 1938, while under arrest for engaging in nationalist activities against the Japanese.

Committee Action: The bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform on April 11, 2003. The committee reported the bill by unanimous consent on April 1, 2004.

Cost to Taxpayers: 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 Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: 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.Con.Res. 57 — A concurrent resolution recognizing the 91st annual meeting of The Garden Club of America (*Sen. Sarbanes*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 57 has four findings regarding The Garden Club of America, and states that the Senate (with the House concurring) resolves that:

“Congress commends The Garden Club of America for the many contributions it has made in our Nation's Capital and in communities across the United States, and sends its best wishes on the occasion of its 91st annual meeting in Washington, DC, April 24 through 27, 2004.”

Additional Information: The Garden Club of America is holding its 91st annual meeting in Washington, DC April 24 through 27, 2004. According to the resolution's findings, The Garden Club of America has 195 member clubs in 40 States and the District of Columbia, representing more than 17,000 members, focusing on the “fields of horticulture, conservation, historic preservation, and civic improvement, and an influential organization in the protection of America's environment.” The group's homepage can be found at: <http://www.gcamerica.org/>

Committee Action: The resolution was introduced in the Senate on March 9, 2004, and passed the full Senate by unanimous consent on March 22. It was referred to the House Committee on Government Reform, which did not consider the resolution.

Cost to Taxpayers: None.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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

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