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Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

<u>Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations</u>: \$45 million in FY 2009 and \$229 million over the FY 2009—FY 2013 period

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: \$0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of *Bills* Without Committee Reports: 1

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

H.Con.Res. 308—Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (*Norton*, *D-DC*)

<u>Order of Business</u>: H.Con.Res. 308 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 308 would authorize the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police to hold the 27th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on the Capitol Grounds on May 15, 2008. The service would be held in honor of law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty in 2007.

<u>Additional Information</u>: According to the Fraternal Order of Police's Website, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day in 1962. While law enforcement officers have made the trek to Washington D.C. to honor fallen officers every year since the proclamation, the first official memorial service was not held until 1982. Since that time the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service has grown to include several different events to honor the memory of peace officers that were killed in the line of duty the previous year. The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Grand Lodge Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Police are the official sponsors of the event, which will honor 191 officers who died in service in 2007.

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.Con.Res. 308 was introduced on March 4, 2008, and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The following day the bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.

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H.Res. 444—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft (Filner, D-CA)

<u>Order of Business</u>: H.Res. 444 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 444 would express the sense that the House:

- ➤ "Supports National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day to honor the professional men and women who ensure the safety and security of our airborne aviation infrastructure; and
- ➤ "Recognizes the life and memory of Charles Edward Taylor, the aviation maintenance technician who built and maintained the engine that was used to power the Wright brothers' first controlled flying machine on December 17, 1903."

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- ➤ "The safety of the flying public is ensured and the integrity of the aircraft airworthiness is personally guaranteed by individuals who comprise the professional aviation maintenance technician workforce;
- ➤ "The professional aviation maintenance technician is a key member of the United States military in protecting America through a strong armed forces aviation infrastructure;
- ➤ "The duties of aviation maintenance technicians are critical to United States homeland security and an integral component of the Nation's aerospace industry;
- ➤ "Using only a metal lathe, drill press, and hand tools, Charles Edward Taylor built, in 6 weeks, the 12-horsepower engine that was used to power the Wright brothers' first flying machine:
- ➤ "Charles Edward Taylor's ingenuity earned him a place in aviation history when the Wright brothers successfully flew their airplane in controlled flight on December 17, 1903:
- ➤ "Charles Edward Taylor had a successful career in aviation maintenance for more than 60 years; and
- ➤ "45 of the States together with the Commonwealths, Territories, Republics, and Federations of the United States have already declared May 24 to be Aviation Maintenance Technician Day within their jurisdictions."

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.Res. 444 was introduced on May 24, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. On August 2, 2007, a mark-up was held and the resolution was reported by voice vote.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.

H.Res. 964—To promote the safe operation of 15 passenger vans (Duncan, R-TN)

<u>Order of Business</u>: H.Res. 964 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 964 would express the sense that the House "recognizes the need for awareness regarding the increased risks of driving 15-passenger vans and encourages any operator of such a vehicle or person who provides transportation on such a vehicle to provide adequate training for drivers and safety information, including the necessity for wearing seat belts, to passengers."

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- ➤ "An organization that owns or operates a 15-passenger van should not allow an inexperienced driver of such a van to drive the van because design and handling characteristics of a 15-passenger van make it drive differently than other passenger vehicles:
- ➤ "The safety records of drivers experienced in driving a 15-passenger van are significantly better than drivers not experienced in driving such a van;
- ➤ "Adding passengers in a 15-passenger vans increases the center of gravity causing the van to be increasingly difficult to handle and less stable;
- ➤ "The death rate for all occupants was higher for 15-passenger vans than for other passenger vehicle types combined;
- ➤ "During the period 2001 through 2005, the death rate for 15-passenger vans was 250 per million registered vehicles compared to 151 per million for all other registered vehicles;
- ➤ "In fatal, single vehicle rollovers involving 15-passenger vans over the past decade, 91 percent of occupants wearing seat belts survived; and
- > "Driver education and training, and general awareness of the dangers of these vans are the only effective means of reducing the death rates of these existing vans."

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.Res. 964 was introduced on February 7, 2008, and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. On February 28, 2007, a mark-up was held and the resolution was reported, as amended, by voice vote.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.

H.R. 5919—To make technical corrections regarding the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007 (Roybal-Allard, D-CA)

<u>Order of Business</u>: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

<u>Summary</u>: H.R. 5919 would make technical corrections to <u>S. 1858</u>, the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007, which was passed in the House by voice vote on April 8, 2008. The technical corrections would resolve a mistake made by the Senate enrolling clerk and see to it that the dates and authorization levels in the House passed version of the bill matched those in the Senate's version. To read the RSC's original Legislative Bulletin on S. 1858, <u>click here</u>.

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.R. 5919 was introduced on April 29, 2008, and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, which took no official action.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: A CBO score for H.R. 5919 was not available at press time. However, a CBO score for S. 1858 stated that the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$45 million for FY 2009 and \$229 million over the FY 2009— FY 2013 period.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.

<u>Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?</u> A Committee Report citing compliance with rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits was not available. Such a report is not required because the bill is being considered under a suspension of the rules.

<u>Constitutional Authority</u>: A Committee Report citing constitutional authority was not available.

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H.R. 1777—Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2007 (Delahunt, D-MA)

<u>Order of Business</u>: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

<u>Summary</u>: H.R. 1777 would permanently exempt colleges and universities from antitrust laws that obstruct institutions of higher learning from establishing common standards and practices for awarding non-federal, institutional financial aid. The current exemption, which was passed by Congress in 2001, will expire on September 30, 2008.

Additional Background: According to House Report 110-577, certain Ivy League colleges and universities made an agreement in the 1950s to establish common practices for awarding institutional (non-federal) aid to students with financial needs. These schools continued to coordinate their internal financial aid programs through 1989, when the Justice Department filed an antitrust suit against nine Ivy League colleges and universities that engaged in the practice. In response to the suit, Congress passed a temporary antitrust exemption (known as Section 568) that allowed colleges to establish common standards for awarding need-based, non-federal financial aid. The purpose of the provision is to enhance access to colleges and universities by allowing schools to coordinate practices for distributing non-federal aid in a manner that helps the largest number of financially disadvantaged students. In 2007, colleges and universities provided students with \$26 billion in non-federal institutional aid, compared to the \$15 billion in aid that came from federal grant programs.

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.R. 1777 was introduced on March 29, 2007, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, which held a mark-up on April 2, 2008, and reported the bill by voice vote.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: According to CBO, H.R. 1777 would not affect spending or revenues.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? According to the Committee on the Judiciary, in House Report 110-577, H.R. 1777 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(d), 9(e), or 9(f) of Rule XXI.

<u>Constitutional Authority</u>: According to <u>House Report 110-577</u>, the Committee on the Judiciary cites constitution authority in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (the "commerce clause").

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H.Con.Res. 330—Supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (*Baldwin, D-WI*)

<u>Order of Business</u>: H.Con.Res. 330 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

<u>Summary</u>: H.Con.Res. 330 would express the sense that the House "recognizes Congress strongly recommends national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, colleges and universities, and the media to promote, through National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, awareness of sexual violence and strategies to decrease the incidence of

sexual assault and Congress supports the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month."

The resolution would also express the sense of the House that:

- ➤ "National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month provides a special opportunity to educate the people of the United States about sexual violence and to encourage the prevention of sexual assault, the improved treatment of its survivors, and the prosecution of its perpetrators;
- ➤ "It is appropriate to properly acknowledge the more than 20,000,000 men and women who have survived sexual assault in the United States and salute the efforts of survivors, volunteers, and professionals who combat sexual assault;
- ➤ "National and community organizations and private sector supporters should be recognized and applauded for their work in promoting awareness about sexual assault, providing information and treatment to its survivors, and increasing the number of successful prosecutions of its perpetrators; and
- ➤ "Public safety, law enforcement, and health professionals should be recognized and applauded for their hard work and innovative strategies to increase the percentage of sexual assault cases that result in the prosecution and incarceration of the offenders."

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- "On average, a person is sexually assaulted in the United States every two-and-a-half minutes:
- ➤ "The Department of Justice reports that 191,670 people in the United States were sexually assaulted in 2005;
- ➤ "1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men have been victims of rape or attempted rape;
- ➤ "Because of recent advances in DNA technology, law enforcement agencies have the potential to identify the rapists in tens of thousands of unsolved rape cases;
- ➤ "Aggressive prosecution can incarcerate rapists and therefore prevent them from committing further crimes;
- Free, confidential help is available to all survivors of sexual assault through the National Sexual Assault Hotline, more than 1,000 rape crisis centers across the United States, and other organizations that provide services to assist survivors of sexual assault; and
- > "April is recognized as 'National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month."

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.Con.Res. 330 was introduced on April 17, 2008, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, which took no official action.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.

H.Res. 1096—Commending the University of Kansas Jayhawks for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I basketball championship (Moore, D-KS)

<u>Order of Business</u>: H.Res. 1096 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1096 would express the sense that the House:

- ➤ "Commends the University of Kansas men's basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I basketball championship;
- ➤ "Recognizes the achievements of all the student-athletes, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the University of Kansas men's basketball team win its 3rd NCAA Division I basketball championship and 5th national championship; and
- * "Respectfully requests the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to the University of Kansas for appropriate display; Robert Hemenway, the Chancellor of the University of Kansas; Lew Perkins, the Athletic Director of the University of Kansas; and Bill Self, the Head Coach of the University of Kansas men's basketball team."

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- ➤ "On April 7, 2008, the University of Kansas Jayhawks defeated the University of Memphis Tigers 75-68 in the final game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Basketball Tournament in San Antonio, Texas, on the 20th anniversary of the historic win by the team led by Danny Manning, known as 'Danny and the Miracles';
- > "The Jayhawks now hold 5 men's basketball national titles, including 3 NCAA men's basketball championships;
- ➤ "Kansas head coach Bill Self won his first NCAA title and improved his all-time record at Kansas to 142-32;
- ➤ "Kansas guard Mario Chalmers was chosen as the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four, and was named to the NCAA Final Four All-Tournament Team, along with guard Brandon Rush and forward Darrell Arthur; and
- ➤ "The families of the student-athletes, students, alumni, and faculty of the University of Kansas, and all the supporters of the University of Kansas, are to be congratulated for their commitment to, and pride in, the basketball program at the University."

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.Res. 1096 was introduced on April 9, 2008, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.

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H.Res. 1130—Recognizing the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well being (Graves, R-MO)

<u>Order of Business</u>: H.Res.1130 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

<u>Summary</u>: H.Res.1130 would express the sense that the House "thanks and promotes the profession of teaching to encourage students, parents, school administrators, and public officials to participate in teacher appreciation events during National Teacher Appreciation Week."

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- ➤ "Education and knowledge are the foundation of America's current and future strength;
- ➤ "Teachers and other education staff have earned and deserve the respect of their students and communities for their selfless dedication to community service and the future of our Nation's children;
- ➤ "The purpose of National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4, 2008, through May 10, 2008, is to raise public awareness of the unquantifiable contributions of teachers and to promote greater respect and understanding for the teaching profession; and
- ➤ "A number of organizations representing educators, such as the National Education Association and the National Parent Teacher Association, are hosting teacher appreciation events in recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week."

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.Res.1130 was introduced on April 22, 2008, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.

H.Res. 1100—Congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes Wrestling Team on Winning the 2008 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships (Loebsack, D-IA)

<u>Order of Business</u>: H.Res.1100 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res.1100 would express the sense that the House "commends the University of Iowa Hawkeyes Wrestling Team for winning the 2008 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championship and congratulates the team on winning their 21st national title since 1975 and finishing the season with a 21-1 overall dual record and a perfect 8-0 conference record."

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- ➤ "The University of Iowa Hawkeyes Wrestling Head Coach Tom Brands was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year, the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Coach of the Year, and led the team to its 21st national title and his 1st national title;
- ➤ "The University of Iowa Hawkeyes Wrestling Team crowned two national champions, Mark Perry, and Brent Metcalf;
- ➤ "Mark Perry won his 2d national title making him only the 14th University of Iowa wrestler to earn 2 national titles while also overcoming a knee injury during his match, and was awarded his 4th all-American honor making him only the 17th University of Iowa wrestler to earn 4 all-American honors;
- ➤ "The University of Iowa Hawkeyes Wrestling Team have brought honor to themselves, the University of Iowa, the City of Iowa City, and the State of Iowa."

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.Res. 1100 was introduced on April 10, 2008, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.

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H.Res. 1119—Supporting the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week (Platts, R-PA)

<u>Order of Business</u>: H.Res.1119 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res.1119 would express the sense that the House:

- ➤ "Supports the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week;
- "Acknowledges the diligent efforts of our major federally funded community service and volunteer programs;
- ➤ "Recognizes with gratitude the contributions of the millions of dedicated and caring individuals who have chosen to serve others through volunteerism; and
- ➤ "Encourages all American people, of any age and background, to seek out opportunities to serve through volunteerism."

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- ➤ "National Volunteer Week will be observed during the week of April 27, 2008 through May 3, 2008;
- "The National Volunteer Week will give Americans the opportunity to thank some of our Nation's most valuable assets, our volunteers, and to recognize the myriad of ways they improve our communities;
- ➤ "The theme of this year's National Volunteer Week is 'Volunteer to Change the World', and is about engaging individuals in service, inspiring a Nation to join a movement for change, and recognizing the deserving volunteers, including those that have received the President's Volunteer Service Award, for their work in their local communities;
- ➤ "National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Nixon signed an Executive Order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering, and since then, every United States President, along with many governors, mayors, and other elected officials has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week;
- ➤ "About 61,000,000 people volunteered through or for an organization at least once between September 2006 and September 2007, according to a recent survey by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, which represents more than a quarter of the total United States population; and
- National Volunteer Week will continue to build awareness of the role that volunteers play in local, national, and international communities, and their commitment and dedication to improving lives, strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement through service and volunteering."

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.Res. 1119 was introduced on April 17, 2008, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.

H.Res. 1149—Expressing support for the designation of April 2008 as National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month, and supporting efforts to devote new resources to research the causes of the disease, environmental and otherwise, along with treatments and workforce strategies to support individuals with sarcoidosis (*Davis*, *D-IL*)

<u>Order of Business</u>: H.Res.1149 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res.1149 would express the sense that the House:

- ➤ "Supports the goals and ideals of National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month;
- ➤ "Recognizes that sarcoidosis has played a prominent yet hidden role in America's workforce history, being the chief diagnosis of the deaths of fluorescent light bulb workers in Salem, Massachusetts, in the 1940s;
- ➤ "Recognizes that sarcoidosis disproportionately affects factory workers, Navy deckgrinders, and was the first diagnosis for an overwhelming majority of rescue workers who assisted with the rescue and recovery operations after the attacks on September 11, 2001;
- ➤ "Acknowledges the diligent efforts of individuals and organizations who observe National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month with appropriate activities to further promote awareness of the disease; and
- > "Supports research efforts to better understand the links between sarcoidosis and specific occupations where sarcoidosis is disproportionately represented."

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- Sarcoidosis is a noncontagious systemic disease of unknown origin and is commonly diagnosed with the detection of inflamed, microscopic growths called granulomas that grow and often affect the lungs, skin, eyes, and nervous system;
- > "Sarcoidosis can affect any organ of the body and more than one organ at any given time;
- > "The inflammation of such vital organs may cause seizures, blindness, disfiguring lesions, and heart failure;
- > "Many individuals stricken with sarcoidosis eventually develop a serious disabling or potentially fatal condition;
- ➤ "Sarcoidosis was once thought to be an uncommon condition, but is now known to affect tens of thousands of people throughout the United States;
- > "Sarcoidosis afflicts African-Americans up to 8 times more frequently than other races;
- ➤ "The National Sarcoidosis Society strives to serve those afflicted by the disease by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, public awareness and education, and finding a cure; and
- ➤ "April 2008 would be appropriate to designate as National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with sarcoidosis, to raise awareness of the environmental and occupational issues associated with sarcoidosis, and to educate medical professionals who care for individuals with sarcoidosis."

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.Res. 1149 was introduced on April 24, 2008, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.

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H.Res. 1154—Supporting the mission and goals of Workers Memorial Day in order to honor and remember the workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace (*Johnson*, *D-TX*)

<u>Order of Business</u>: H.Res.1154 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res.1154 would express the sense that the House:

- ➤ "Recognizes Workers Memorial Day to honor and remember workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace;
- > "Recognizes the importance of worker health and safety standards;
- ➤ "Encourages the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, industries, employers and employees to support activities aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of preventing illness, injury, and death in the workplace; and
- > "Calls upon the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies and respect."

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- ➤ "Each year, more than 5,500 workers are killed due to workplace-related injuries in the United States, and more than 2,000,000 workers across the world die of workplace-related accidents and diseases;
- ➤ "Each day, an average of 16 workers are killed due to workplace injuries in the United States;
- ➤ "There are more than 4,000,000 occupational injuries and illnesses in the United States annually;
- > "Tens of thousands of Americans with workplace injuries or illness become permanently disabled;
- > "Worldwide, more people are killed each year at work than in wars;
- > "Observing Workers Memorial Day allows us to honor and remember victims of workplace injuries and disease; and

> "Observing Workers Memorial Day reminds us of the need to strive for better worker safety and health protections."

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.Res. 1154 was introduced on April 24, 2008, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

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

<u>Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?</u> No.