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H.R. 2383 — To designate the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River connecting St. Louis, Missouri, and southwestern Illinois as the "Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge", Davis (R-IL)

<u>Order of Business</u>: <u>H.R. 2383</u> is <u>scheduled</u> to be considered on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

<u>Summary</u>: The bill names the new Interstate Route 70 bridge over the Mississippi River between southwestern Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri as the "Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge".

Additional Background: Stan Musial was a baseball legend who brought home three World Series titles to St. Louis with the St. Louis Cardinals. He was a 24-time All-Star and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1969. Stan Musial was also a navy veteran. The Interstate Route 70 bridge links the states of Illinois and Missouri. Illinois is home to over 750,000 veterans and Missouri is home to over 500,000 veterans.

RSC Bonus Fact: Stan "The Man" Musial was awarded the <u>Presidential Medal of Freedom</u>, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 2010. A video of the awards ceremony can be viewed <u>here</u>. Stan Musial also served as chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports under President Johnson.

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.R. 2383 was introduced on June 14, 2013, and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. There was no further Committee action on the bill.

<u>Administration Position</u>: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) was available at time of press.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: At time of press there was no Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate available.

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 Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10th Amendment?</u>: No.

Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

<u>Constitutional Authority</u>: According to the sponsor, "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution." Congressman Davis' statement in the Congressional Record can be viewed <u>here</u>.

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H.R. 1092 — To designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the Patricia Clark Boston Air Traffic Control Center (D-VT)

<u>Order of Business</u>: <u>H.R. 1092</u> is <u>scheduled</u> to be considered on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, which requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

<u>Summary</u>: This legislation renames the air traffic control center in Nashua, New Hampshire as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center".

<u>Additional Background</u>: According the sponsor, Patty Clark is a fifty-year veteran of the Nashua Air Traffic Control Center to be renamed in her honor. The Committee report can be viewed here.

<u>Committee Action</u>: H.R. 1092 was introduced on March 12, 2013. It was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The Committee held no hearings on the bill.

On May 16, 2013, the full Committee held a <u>markup</u> and reported the bill favorably by a voice vote.

<u>Administration Position</u>: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) was available at time of press.

<u>Cost to Taxpayers</u>: According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) <u>cost estimate</u>, "enacting this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget."

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 Contain Any Federal Encroachment into State or Local Authority in Potential Violation of the 10th Amendment?: No.

Does the Bill Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No.

<u>Constitutional Authority</u>: According to the sponsor, "Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress), and Article IV, Section 3, clause 2 (related to the power of Congress to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States) of the United States Constitution." Rep. Kuster's statement in the Congressional Record can be viewed here.

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H.R. 2289 – To rename section 219(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA (Rep. Johnson, R-TX)

<u>Order of Business</u>: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, June 25, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

<u>Summary</u>: Former Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison served in Congress for 25 years, with 20 years of service in the U.S. Senate. While in the U.S. Senate, she worked with Sen. Mikulski (D-MD) to amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow work-from-home spouses to contribute to IRA's. This bill would rename the <u>relevant section</u> of the Code in former Sen. Hutchison's

honor. An identical bill (S. 3667) passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent on December 30, 2012.

<u>Additional Background</u>: The allowance for IRA contributions from work-from-home spouses was in the <u>Small Business</u> Job Protection Act of 1996.

Cost to Taxpayers: None.

What Is the Constitutional Authority for the Legislation?: According to Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX): Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 1.

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