



## House Update and Public Laws for the Week of February 4-8, 2008

### Last Week in the House

On Wednesday, February 6, 2008 the House passed eight suspension bills:

- H.Con.Res. 273, "Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences" (Voice vote)
- H.Res. 867, "Commending the Houston Dynamo soccer team for winning the 2007 Major League Soccer Cup" (Adopted 373-0, [Roll Call 29](#))
- H.Res. 942, "Recognizing the significance of Black History Month" (Adopted 367-0, [Roll Call 30](#))
- H.Res. 931, "Expressing support for designation of February 17, 2008, as 'Race Day in America' and highlighting the 50th running of the Daytona 500" (Voice vote)
- H.Res. 943, "Remembering the space shuttle Challenger disaster and honoring its crew (Adopted 371-0, [Roll Call 31](#))
- H.Con.Res. 287, "Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the United States Explorer I satellite, the world's first scientific spacecraft, and the birth of the United States space exploration program" (Voice vote)
- H.Res. 907, "Congratulating the X PRIZE Foundation's leadership in inspiring a new generation of viable, super-efficient vehicles" (Voice vote)
- S. 781, "To extend the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to collect Do-Not-Call Registry fees to fiscal years after fiscal year 2007" (Voice vote)

*\*Note: Suspension bills require two-thirds majority for passage.*

On Thursday, February 7, 2008 House passed three suspension bills:

- H.Con.Res. 283, "Calling for a peaceful resolution to the current electoral crisis in Kenya" (Adopted 405-1, [Roll Call 34](#))
- H.R. 4848, "To extend for one year parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits" (Passed 384-23, [Roll Call 35](#))
- H.Res. 947, "Congratulating Lee Myung-Bak on his election to the Presidency of the Republic of Korea and wishing him well during his time of transition and his inauguration on February 25, 2008" (Adopted 388-0, [Roll Call 41](#))

On Thursday, February 7, 2008 the House passed one rule bill:

- H.R. 4137, "College Opportunity and Affordability Act" (Passed 354-58, [Roll Call 48](#))  
The motion to recommit failed by a vote 194-216 ([Roll Call 39](#))

On Thursday, February 7, 2008 the House concurred in the Senate Amendments to H.R. 5140, "Recovery Rebates & Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008," by a vote of 380-34 ([Roll Call 42](#))



## Public Laws Signed Last Week

For the Week of February 4-8, 2008 the President signed 3 bills into law:

- H.R. 5104, "To extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 15 days"
- H.R. 3432, "Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act"
- S.2110, "A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 427 North Street in Taft, California, as the "Larry S. Pierce Post Office."

Thus far in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, the President has signed 184 bills into law. Of those bills, 74 were for the purpose of naming post offices or public buildings.