



House Update and Public Laws for the Week of February 11-15, 2008

Last Week in the House

On Tuesday, February 12, 2008 the House passed fourteen suspension bills:

- H.Res. 954, "Honoring the life of senior Border Patrol agent Luis A. Aguilar, who lost his life in the line of duty near Yuma, Arizona, on January 19, 2008" (Adopted 357-0, [Roll Call 43](#))
- H.R. 2251, "To extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park" (Voice vote)
- H.R. 3332, "To provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Molokai, in the State of Hawaii, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969" (Voice vote)
- H.Res. 868, "Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the declaration of Muir Woods National Monument by President Theodore Roosevelt" (Voice vote)
- H.Con.Res. 209, "Expressing the sense of Congress that the Museum of the American Quilter's Society, located in Paducah, Kentucky, should be designated as the 'National Quilt Museum of the United States'" (Voice vote)
- H.R. 29, "To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, military, and other uses from the Santa Margarita River, California" (Voice vote)
- H.R. 5270, "To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund" (Voice vote)
- H. Res. 909, "Commemorating the courage of the Haitian soldiers that fought for American independence in the "Siege of Savannah" for Haiti's independence and renunciation of slavery" (Adopted 361 – 0, [Roll Call 44](#))
- H.Con.Res. 281, "Celebrating the birth of Abraham Lincoln and recognizing the prominence the Declaration of Independence played in the development of Abraham Lincoln's beliefs" (Adopted 357-0, [Roll Call 45](#))
- H.R. 3468, "To designate the 'Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office' in Elizabeth City, North Carolina" (Voice vote)
- H.R. 3532, "To designate the 'Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office' in Lula, Georgia" (Voice vote)
- H.R. 4203, "To designate the 'Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building' in Lithonia, Georgia" (Voice vote)
- H.R. 5135, "To designate the 'Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building' in Derby, Kansas" (Voice vote)



- H.Res. 975, "Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Tom Lantos" (Voice vote)

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

On Wednesday, February 13, 2008 House passed two suspension bills:

- H. Res. 960, "Congratulating the National Football League champion New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLII" (Adopted 412-1-2, [Roll Call 55](#))
- H.Res. 917, "Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week" (Adopted 408-0, [Roll Call 57](#))

On Wednesday, February 13, 2008 the House defeated one rule bill:

- H.R. 5349, "To Extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 21 Days" (Defeated 191- 229, [Roll Call 54](#))

On Wednesday, February 13, 2008 the House adopted:

- H.Con.Res. 293, "Providing for the adjournment of the two Houses for the President's day District Work Day" (Adopted 215-203, [Roll Call 56](#))

On Thursday, February 14, 2008 the House passed eight suspension bills:

- H.Res 966, "Honoring African American inventors, past and present, for their leadership, courage, and significant contributions to our national competitiveness" (Adopted 387 – 0, [Roll Call 61](#))
- H.R. 1834, "National Ocean Exploration Program Act" (Passed 352 – 49, [Roll Call 62](#))
- S. 2571, "To make technical corrections to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act" (Passed 400 – 0, [Roll Call 63](#))
- H.Con.Res. 289, "Honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 99th anniversary" (Adopted 403 – 0, [Roll Call 64](#))
- H.R. 4169, "American Braille Flag Memorial Act" (Passed 396 – 0, [Roll Call 65](#))
- H. Res 790, "Commending the people of the State of Washington for showing their support for the needs of the State of Washington's veterans and encouraging residents of other States to pursue creative ways to show their own support for veterans" (Adopted 383 – 0, [Roll Call 66](#))
- H.Res. 963, "Supporting the goals and ideals of National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week" (Adopted 384 – 0, [Roll Call 67](#))
- H.Res. 972, "Supporting the Goals and Ideals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day" (Adopted 389 – 0, [Roll Call 68](#))

On Thursday, February 14, 2008 the House passed a self executing rule (H.Res. 982) which was adopted by a vote of (223 – 32 – 1, [Roll Call 60](#)). H.Res. 982 provided for the adoption of the following 2 resolutions:



- H. Res. 979 - Recommending that the House of Representatives find Harriet Miers and Joshua Bolten, Chief of Staff, White House, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary
- H.Res. 980 - Authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas

Public Laws Signed Last Week

For the Week of February 11-15, 2008 the President signed 2 bills into law:

- H.R. 5140, "Economic Stimulus Act of 2008"
- H.R. 4253, "Military Reservist and Veteran Small Business Reauthorization and Opportunity Act of 2008"

Thus far in the 110th Congress, the President has signed 186 bills into law. Of those bills, 74 were for the purpose of naming post offices or public buildings.