



H.R. 2040 – CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 2040 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative John Lewis (D-GA) on April 25, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, but was not considered.

**Note: H.R. 2040 currently has 313 cosponsors.*

H.R. 2040 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 1, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 2040 authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to mint 350,000 \$1 commemorative coins for the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

**Note: The semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act will be in 2014.*

The design of the coins shall be emblematic of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its contributions to civil rights in America.

The Secretary may begin to issue the coins on January 1, 2014, at a price equal to the face value of the coins with a \$10 surcharge per coin that will go to the United Negro College Fund for the purposes of the Fund, which include providing scholarships and internships for minority students and operating funds and technology enhancement services for 39 member historically black college and universities.

BACKGROUND

On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law. This law prohibits racial discrimination and segregation in publicly owned and operated facilities, employment and union membership, and in federally funded programs. In addition, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 encouraged the desegregation of public schools.

The United Negro College Fund was established in 1944 and has provided scholarships and operating funds to its member colleges that have enabled over 300,000 African Americans to earn college degrees.

COST

There is no cost estimate available for H.R. 2040.

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