



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

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1154 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 Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) on April 24, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1154 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 30, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1154 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- 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.

BACKGROUND

Workers Memorial Day is a day to remember those who have died or been injured due to work-related injuries and was first observed on April 28, 1989, in conjunction with the anniversary of the establishment of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Trade unions across the nation continue to observe every April 28th as Workers Memorial Day.

OSHA is a division of the Department of Labor focused on improving and maintaining safe work environments for employers and employees nationwide. OSHA began in 1971, and has reduced workplace fatalities and injuries by over 60 percent and 40 percent, respectively.

According to OSHA, every year in the U.S. over 5,500 workers are killed because of workplace related injuries, averaging sixteen workers killed every day. There are also more than four million work-related injuries in the U.S. every year caused by injuries or occupation-related illness.

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