



House Update and Public Laws for the Week of April 28-May 2, 2008

Last Week in the House

On Tuesday, April 29, 2008, the House passed twelve suspension bills:

- S. 2457, "To provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 3522, "To ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 3490, "To transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1043, "Honoring the life and legacy of Chief Standing Bear, a pioneer in civil rights for Native Americans, on the 100th anniversary of Chief Standing Bear's death" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1079, "Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month 2008, and for other purposes" (Agreed to 402-2, [Roll Call 224](#))
- H.R. 4332, "To amend the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act to require the Council to establish a single telephone number that consumers with complaints or inquiries could call and be routed to the appropriate Federal banking agency or State bank supervisor, and for other purposes" (Passed 408-1, [Roll Call 225](#))
- S. 2739, "To authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes" (Passed 291-117, [Roll Call 226](#))
- H. Res. 578, "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Watermelon Month" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 892, "Expressing support for designation of March 11, 2008, as "National Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day"" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1073, "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 5 through 11, 2008" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 49, "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Letter Carriers Appreciation Day" (Agreed to by voice vote)



- H.R. 5631, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building" (Passed by voice vote)

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

On Wednesday, April 30, 2008, the House passed thirteen suspension bills:

- H.R. 1195, "To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, and for other purposes"
- H. Res. 444, "Supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 964, "To promote the safe operation of 15 passenger vans" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H.R. 5919, "To make technical corrections regarding the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007" (Passed by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1096, "Commending the University of Kansas Jayhawks for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I basketball championship" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1100, "Congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes Wrestling Team on Winning the 2008 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Con. Res. 330, "Supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1130, "Recognizing the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well being" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1119, "Supporting the goals and ideals highlighted through National Volunteer Week" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1149, "Expressing support for the designation of April 2008 as National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month, and supporting efforts to devote new resources to research the causes of the disease, environmental and otherwise, along with treatments and workforce strategies to support individuals with sarcoidosis" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- 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" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H.R. 1777, "To amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws" (Passed by voice vote)
- H. R. 1195, "SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act" (Passed 358-51, [Roll Call 229](#))

On Wednesday, April 30, 2008, the House passed one rule bill:



- H.R. 5522, "To require the Secretary of Labor to issue interim and final occupational safety and health standards regarding worker exposure to combustible dust and for other purposes" (Passed 247-165, [Roll Call 233](#))

On Thursday, May 1, 2008, the House passed three suspension bills:

- H. Con. Res. 308, "Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service" (Agreed to 412-0 [Roll Call 237](#))
- H. Con. Res. 340, "To make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H. R. 493" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- S. 2954, "To amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond May 2, 2008" (Passed by voice vote)

On Thursday, May 1, 2008, the House passed one rule bill:

- H.R. 493, "To prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment" *Agreed to the Senate Amendment* (Passed 414-1, [Roll Call 234](#))

Public Laws Signed Last Week

Week of April 28-May 2, 2008, the President signed 3 bills into law:

- S. 793, "[Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 2008](#)" ([Roll Call 163](#))
- H.R. 1119, "[Purple Heart Family Equity Act of 2007](#)" (Agreed to without objection)
- S. 1858, "[A bill to amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond May 2, 2008](#)" (Passed by voice vote)

Thus far in the 110th Congress, the President has signed 208 bills into law. Of those bills, 76 (38%) were for the purpose of naming post offices or public buildings.