



## H.Res. 1086 – Recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2008

---

### FLOOR SITUATION

---

H.Res. 1086 is being considered on the House 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 8, 2008. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce but was never considered.

H.Res. 1086 is expected to be considered on the House floor on May 6, 2008.

---

### SUMMARY

---

H.Res. 1086 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Recognizes the significant contributions of nurses to the health care system of the United States;
- Supports the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, as founded by the American Nurses Association; and
- Encourages the people of the United States to observe National Nurses Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of nurses to the everyday lives of patients.

---

### BACKGROUND

---

National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, which is known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, which corresponds with the birthday of Florence Nightingale. Florence Nightingale is generally considered the founder of modern nursing. She was influential in the Crimean War between Russia and several allies of France and Great Britain. She trained nurses and was later dispatched to the front lines in Turkey to assist in the care for wounded soldiers.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, registered nurses are the largest health care occupation, with 2.5 million jobs. Registered nurses are projected to generate about 587,000 new jobs over the 2006-16 period, one of the largest numbers among all occupations.

Nurses help to teach patients and their families how to manage their illness or injury, explaining post-treatment home care needs; diet, nutrition, and exercise programs; and self-administration of medication and physical therapy.

There generally are four ways to specialize. Nurses can assist in operating rooms, they can specialize in specific health conditions, such as diabetes management nurses, or they may specialize in working with one or more organs or body system types. The fourth category is nurses who choose to work with a well-defined population, such as geriatric nurses, who work with the elderly.

---

### STAFF CONTACT

---

For questions or further information contact Luke Hatzis at (202) 226-2302.



# LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE | CHAIRMAN ADAM PUTNAM

1420 LONGWORTH HOB, WASHINGTON, DC 20515

[www.GOP.gov](http://www.GOP.gov)

PHONE 202.225.5107

FAX 202.226.0154