



House Update and Public Laws for the Week of May 5-May 9, 2008

Last Week in the House

On Monday, May 5, 2008, the House passed two suspension bills:

- H.Res. 952, "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States" (Adopted 368-0, [Roll Call 240](#))
- H.Res. 1011, "Calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace and good governance in Chad, as well as in the wider region that includes the northern region of the Central African Republic and the Darfur region of Sudan" (Adopted 371-0, [Roll Call 242](#))

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

On Tuesday, May 6, 2008, the House passed six suspension bills:

- H.R. 3658, "To amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service" (Passed 416-0, [Roll Call 249](#))
- H.Con.Res. 317, "Condemning the Burmese regime's undemocratic constitution and scheduled referendum" (Adopted 413-1, [Roll Call 251](#))
- H.Res. 1109, "Honoring the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life's work and continuing to acknowledge and remember the victims of genocides that have taken place around the globe" (Adopted 413-1, [Roll Call 253](#))
- S. 2929, "A bill to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965" (Passed 408-0, [Roll Call 256](#))
- H.Res. 1168, "Congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, and for other purposes" (Adopted 391-2, [Roll Call 263](#))
- H.Res. 1155, "Honoring the recipients of the El Dorado Promise scholarship" (Adopted 390-1, [Roll Call 265](#))

On Wednesday, May 7, 2008, the House passed four suspension bills:

- H.Res. 1166, "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding provocative and dangerous statements and actions taken by the Government of the Russian Federation that undermine the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia" (Adopted 390-23, [Roll Call 270](#))
- H.Res. 1113, "Celebrating the role of mothers in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of Mother's Day" (Adopted 412-0, [Roll Call 274](#))



- H.R. 5937, "To facilitate the preservation of certain affordable housing dwelling units" (Passed 345-73, [Roll Call 277](#))
- H. Res. 1091, "Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Charlton Heston and extending its deepest sympathies to the family of Charlton Heston for the loss of such a great generous man, husband, and father" (Adopted by voice vote)

On Thursday, May 8, 2008, the House passed seven suspension bills:

- H. Con. Res. 340, "To make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H. R. 493" (Adopted 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)
- H.R. 4279, "To enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, and for other purposes" (Passed 410-11, [Roll Call 300](#))
- H. Res. 1086, "Recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2008" (Adopted by voice vote)
- H.R. 5690, "To exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events, provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 1512, "To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 5512, "To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to prescribe the weights and the compositions of circulating coins, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)

On Thursday, May 8, 2008, the House passed two rule bills:

- H.R. 5818, "Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008" (Passed 239-188, [Roll Call 299](#))

The second rule bill was agreeing to the Senate amendments with a series of House amendments to H.R. 3221 the, "Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008." For information about the nature of the amendments please see the [Legislative Digest for H.R. 3221](#)

- On motion to agree to the Senate amendment to the text with House amendment No. 1 (Frank D-MA) (Agreed to 266-154, [Roll Call 301](#))
- On motion to agree to the Senate amendment to the text with House amendment No. 2 (Rangel D-NY) (Agreed to 322-94, [Roll Call 302](#))
- On motion to agree to the Senate amendment to the text with House amendment No. 3 (Miller d-NC and LaTourette R-OH) (Agreed to 256-160, [Roll Call 303](#))



Public Laws Signed Last Week

Week of May 5-May 9, 2008, the President signed 21 bills into law:

- H.R. 4286, "[To award a congressional gold medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in recognition of her courageous and unwavering commitment to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and democracy in Burma](#)"
- H.R. 3196, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Sussex Street in Port Jervis, New York, as the "E. Arthur Gray Post Office Building"
- H.R. 3468, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1704 Weeksville Road in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "Dr. Clifford Bell Jones, Sr. Post Office"
- H.R. 3532, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5815 McLeod Street in Lula, Georgia, as the "Private Johnathon Millican Lula Post Office"
- H.R. 3720, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 424 Clay Avenue in Waco, Texas, as the "Army PFC Juan Alonso Covarrubias Post Office Building"
- H.R. 3803, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3100 Cashwell Drive in Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the "John Henry Wooten, Sr. Post Office Building"
- H.R. 3936, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 116 Helen Highway in Cleveland, Georgia, as the "Sgt. Jason Harkins Post Office Building"
- H.R. 3988, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3701 Altamesa Boulevard in Fort Worth, Texas, as the "Master Sergeant Kenneth N. Mack Post Office Building"
- H.R. 4166, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 East Copeland Drive in Lebanon, Missouri, as the "Steve W. Allee Carrier Annex"
- H.R. 4203, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3035 Stone Mountain Street in Lithonia, Georgia, as the "Specialist Jamaal RaShard Addison Post Office Building"
- H.R. 4211, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 725 Roanoke Avenue in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, as the "Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Post Office"
- H.R. 4240, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10799 West Alameda Avenue in Lakewood, Colorado, as the "Felix Sparks Post Office Building"
- H.R. 4454, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3050 Hunsinger Lane in Louisville, Kentucky, as the "Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Military Heroes of Louisville Memorial Post Office Building", in honor of the servicemen and women from Louisville, Kentucky, who died in service during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom"
- H.R. 5135, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Greenway Street in Derby, Kansas, as the "Sergeant Jamie O. Maugans Post Office Building"
- H.R. 5220, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3800 SW. 185th Avenue in Beaverton, Oregon, as the "Major Arthur Chin Post Office Building"



- H.R. 5400, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 160 East Washington Street in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, as the "Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building"
- H.R. 5472, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Julia M. Carson Post Office Building"
- H.R. 5489, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the "Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office"
- H.R. 5715, "[Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008](#)"
- S. 2457, "[A bill to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot \(Western\) Tribe](#)"
- S. 2739, "[Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008](#)"

Thus far in the 110th Congress, the President has signed 229 bills into law. Of those bills, 93 (41%) were for the purpose of naming post offices or public buildings.