



House Update and Public Laws for the Week of June 2-6, 2008

Last Week in the House

On Tuesday, June 3, 2008, the House passed nine suspension bills:

- H. Con. Res. 138, "Supporting National Men's Health Week" (Agreed to 362-0, [Roll Call 367](#))
- H. Res. 923, "Recognizing the State of Minnesota's 150th anniversary" (Agreed to 363-0, [Roll Call 368](#))
- H. Res. 1114, "Supporting the goals and ideals of the Arbor Day Foundation and National Arbor Day" (Agreed to 364-0, [Roll Call 369](#))
- H.R. 1734, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the 'Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office'" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 5477, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 South Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel, California, as the 'Chi Mui Post Office Building'" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 3774, "To provide for greater diversity within, and to improve policy direction and oversight of, the Senior Executive Service" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 4106, "To improve teleworking in executive agencies by developing a telework program that allows employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours worked in every 2 administrative workweeks, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)
- S. 2420, "To encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 4791, "To amend title 44, United States Code, to strengthen requirements for ensuring the effectiveness of information security controls over information resources that support Federal operations and assets, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)

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

On Wednesday, June 4, 2008, the House passed ten suspension bills:

- H. Con. Res. 311, "Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby" (Agreed to by Voice vote)
- H. Con. Res. 335, "Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated" (Agreed to by Voice vote)
- H.R. 3712, "To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the 'James M. & Thomas W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse'" (Passed by voice vote)



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- H.R. 5599, "To designate the Federal building located at 4600 Silver Hill Road in Suitland, Maryland, as the 'Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building'" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 1343, "To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act" (Passed 393-24, [Roll Call 372](#))
- H.R. 5669, "To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States" (Passed 405-10, [Roll Call 373](#))
- H.R. 5893, "To reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 5972, "To make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)
- H. Con. Res. 366, "Expressing the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority" (Agreed to by Voice vote)
- H. Res. 1180, "Recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding women scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians in the United States and around the world on Mother's Day, 2008" (Agreed to by Voice vote)

On Wednesday June 4, 2008, the House passed one rule bill:

- H.R. 3021, "To direct the Secretary of Education to make grants and low-interest loans to local educational agencies for the construction, modernization, or repair of public kindergarten, elementary, and secondary educational facilities, and for other purposes" (Passed 250-164, [Roll Call 379](#))

On Thursday, June 5, 2008, the House passed two suspension bills:

- H.R. 5940, "To authorize activities for support of nanotechnology research and development and for other purposes" (Passed 407-6, [Roll Call 383](#))
- H.R. 3058, "To amend chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, to provide full payments under such chapter to units of general local government in which entitlement land is located, to provide transitional payments during fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to those States and counties previously entitled to payments under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes" (Passed 218-193, [Roll Call 387](#))

On Thursday, June 5, 2008, the House passed two rule bills:

- S. Con. Res. 70, "Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013 (Agreed to 241-210, [Roll Call 382](#))



- H.R. 5540, "To amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the continuing authorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network" (Passed 321-86, [Roll Call 386](#))

Public Laws Signed Last Week

Week of June 2-June 6 2008, the President signed five bills into law:

- H.R. 2356, "To amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on Father's Day"
- H.R. 2517, "[Protecting Our Children Comes First Act of 2007](#)"
- H.R. 4008, "[Credit and Debit Card Receipt Clarification Act of 2007](#)"
- S. 2829, "[A bill to make technical corrections to section 1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, which provides special immigrant status for certain Iraqis, and for other purposes](#)"
- S.J. Res. 17, "[A joint resolution directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean](#)"
- H.R. 1195, "[SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008](#)"

Thus far in the 110th Congress, the President has signed 244 bills into law. Of those bills, 93 (38%) were for the purpose of naming post offices or public buildings.

We also offered a number of motions to recommit that would improve energy usage and the price at the pump.

The MTR to H.R. 3021, the "21st Century Green High-Performing Public Schools Facilities Act" would have allowed schools to use the bill's authorized funds for maintenance costs, including energy costs. The trigger would apply if the school district's energy costs have risen 50% since January 1, 2007 (the day Democrats took control of Congress).

The MTR to H.R. 5440, the "Chesapeake Bay Gateways bill", would amend the bill (promptly) to require the Secretary of the Interior to educate the public on the effect high gas prices has on recreational activities on the Chesapeake Bay.