



H.Res. 527 - Recognizing the month of November as "National Homeless Youth Awareness Month"

Floor Situation

H.Res. 527 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 Jim McDermott (D-WA) on June 28, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means but was not considered.

H.Res. 527 is expected to be considered on the House floor on July 11, 2007.

Summary

H.Res. 527 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports helping vulnerable youth through current programs authorized under title IV of the Social Security Act;
- Encourages the promotion through such programs of assistance especially for foster youth in staying off the streets, staying in school, and obtaining their high school diplomas and further education and training;
- Applauds the initiative of public and private organizations and individuals dedicated to helping these programs prevent homelessness among youth, and provide aid when prevention fails; and,
- Should recognize 'National Homeless Youth Awareness Month' to support and further encourage such efforts.

Background

An estimated 1.3 million to 2.8 million youths in the United States are homeless for at least one night each year, with many staying on the streets or in emergency shelters. Homeless youth are typically too poor to secure basic needs, are often unable to access adequate medical or mental health care, and are often unaware of supportive services that are available.

An average of 13 homeless youth die each day due to physical assault, illness, or suicide.

Cost

The Congressional Budget Office has not scored this legislation.

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