



H.Res. 1143 – Supporting the Goals and Ideals of the Apple Crunch and the Nation’s Domestic Apple Industry

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1143 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Todd Platts (R-PA) on April 23, 2008. The resolution reported by voice vote from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on July 16, 2008.

H.Res. 1143 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 29, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1143 resolves that the House of Representatives supports the goals and ideals of National Apple Month and the Apple Crunch.

BACKGROUND

National Apple Month takes place during the month of October and was originally started as National Apple Week in 1904. The Apple Crunch will be celebrated on October 29, 2008, and is designed to encourage children and adults to include the apple as a regular part of their diet. Apples have long been included as part of a healthy diet on the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) food pyramid.

According to the USDA, the United States produced of 4.2 million tons of apples from July 2007 to June 2008 and is the third largest exporter of apples to countries around the world.

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