



House Update and Public Laws for the Week of July 21-25, 2008

Last Week in the House

On Tuesday, July 22, 2008, the House passed fifteen suspension bills:

- S. 2565, "To establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal law enforcement officers" (Passed by voice vote)
- H.R. 6531, "To amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck" (Passed by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1241, "Congratulating Ensign DeCarol Davis upon serving as the valedictorian of the Coast Guard Academy's class of 2008 and becoming the first African American female to earn this honor" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H.R. 6493, "To amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance aviation safety" (Passed 392-0, [Roll Call 512](#))
- S. 2766, "To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel" (Passed by voice vote)
- S. 3298, "To clarify the circumstances during which the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and applicable States may require permits for discharges from certain vessels, and to require the Administrator to conduct a study of discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels" (Passed by voice vote)
- S. 294, "To reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1139, "Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and congratulating the men and women who provide exceptional service to our military and keep our Pacific Fleet *fit to fight*" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H.R. 4049, "To amend section 5318 of title 31, United States Code, to eliminate regulatory burdens imposed on insured depository institutions and money services businesses and enhance the availability of transaction accounts at depository institutions for such business, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)
- H. Con. Res. 364, "Recognizing the Significance of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1311, "Expressing support for the designation of National GEAR UP Day" (Agreed to 385-1, [Roll Call 513](#))
- H. Res. 1202, "Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Guard Youth Challenge Day" (Agreed to 388-0, [Roll Call 514](#))
- H. Res. 1128, "Expressing support of the goals and ideals of National Carriage Driving Month" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H.R. 6226, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the *Stan Lundine Post Office Building*" (Passed by voice vote)



- H.R. 5235, "To establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission" (Passed by voice vote)

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

On Tuesday, July 23, 2008, the House passed nine suspension bills:

- H.R. 6532, "To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the Highway Trust Fund balance" (Passed 387-37, [Roll Call 518](#))
- H.R. 6545, "To require the Director of National Intelligence to conduct a national intelligence assessment on national security and energy security issues" (Passed 414-0, [Roll Call 520](#))
- H.J. Res. 93, "Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1360, "Honoring and commemorating the selfless acts of heroism displayed by the late Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police on July 24, 1998" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 645, "Expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the House of Representatives to the professionalism and dedication of the United States Capitol Police" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Con. Res. 395, "Authorizing the printing of an additional number of copies of the 23rd edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution" (Agreed to by unanimous consent)
- H. Res. 1286, "Recognizing and celebrating the 20th anniversary of the National Black Arts Festival" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 1355, "Expressing support for designation of Disability Pride Day and recognizing that all people, including those living with disabilities, have the right, responsibility, and ability to be active, contributing members of our society and fully engaged as citizens" (Agreed to by voice vote)
- H. Res. 655, "Honoring the life and accomplishments of Katherine Dunham" (Agreed to by voice vote)

On Wednesday, July 23, 2008 the House passed one rule bill:

- H.R. 3221, "Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008" (Passed 272-152, [Roll Call 519](#))

On Thursday, July 24, 2008 the House passed two suspension bills:

- H.R. 6578, "To provide for the sale of light grade petroleum from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and its replacement with heavy grade petroleum" (**Failed** under suspension 268-157, [Roll Call 527](#))
- H. Res. 1296, "Supporting the designation of a National Child Awareness Month to promote awareness of children's charities and youth-serving organizations across the United States and recognizing their efforts on behalf of children and youth as a positive investment for the future of our Nation" (Passed 404-0, [Roll Call 533](#))



On Thursday, July 24, 2008, the House passed one rule bill:

- H.R. 3999, "To amend title 23, United States Code, to improve the safety of Federal-aid highway bridges, to strengthen bridge inspection standards and processes, to increase investment in the reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges on the National Highway System, and for other purposes" (Passed 367-55, [Roll Call 530](#))

Public Laws Signed Last Week

For the Week of July 21-25 the President signed three bills into law:

S. 3145, "A bill to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the *Timothy J. Russert Highway*"

H.R. 3403, "[NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008](#)"

H.R. 3712, "To designate the United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the *James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse*"

Thus far in the 110th Congress, the President has signed 282 bills into law. Of those bills, 107 (38%) were for the purpose of naming post offices or public buildings.