



H.RES. 1042 – SUPPORTING THE WE DON'T SERVE TEENS CAMPAIGN

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1042 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 Mary Bono Mack (R-CA) on March 12, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1042 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 23, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1042 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of campaigns working to improve long-term public health and well being, including campaigns that work to prevent underage drinking of alcoholic beverages, such as the We Don't Serve Teens Campaign;
- Encourages Americans to utilize resources, including the Web site of the Federal Trade Commission at www.dontserveteens.gov and the Web site of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism at www.alcoholfreekids.org that provide a wealth of information beneficial to combating and reducing such underage drinking; and
- Commends the leadership and continuing efforts of all groups working to reduce such underage drinking, including the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Health and Human Services, State and local officials, law enforcement, public health organizations, community groups, and the beverage alcohol industry.

BACKGROUND

The We Don't Serve Teens Campaign is maintained and run by the Federal Trade Commission. Other organizations affiliated with the Campaign include The Beer Institute, The Distilled Spirits Council, and Students Against Destructive Decisions. The mission of the Campaign is to prevent underage drinking, spread awareness of the dangers of underage drinking, and inform Americans about the laws which reduce teenage alcohol use.

According to the Campaign's website, since Congress raised the minimum drinking age to 21 by passing the National Minimum Drinking Age Act in 1984, twenty-five percent fewer high school seniors drink today that did in 1983. Additionally, alcohol-related fatal crashes involving teen drivers have dropped by more than half, from 22 per 100,000 licensed drivers 15 to 20 years old in 1982 to fewer than 10 per 100,000 in 2003.

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