



H.Res. 345- Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of New York

Floor Situation

H.Res. 345 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 Rep. Vito Fossella (R-NY) on April 30, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on House Oversight and Government Reform and was reported by voice vote.

H.Res. 345 is expected to be considered on the floor on July 23, 2007.

Summary

This legislation commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of New York.

Background

On April 8, 1808, the Diocese of New York was established by the Reverend R. Luke Concanen as its first Bishop. It was elevated to an Archdiocese in 1850, largely due to the size of its membership. Previously it had been under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The church has had many historic moments, including three papal visits.

On March 15, 1875, His Eminence, John Cardinal McCloskey, the second Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York, became the first Cardinal Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church in America.

One of the church parishioners was Elizabeth Ann Seton. She was the founder of today's Catholic education parochial school system and was named the first American-born Saint on September 14, 1975. Her name appears on the front doors to St. Patrick's Cathedral describing her as a "Daughter of New York". Several schools are also named after her, including Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey.

With 2,500,000 Catholics in its fold, the Archdiocese of New York consists of 402 parishes, 278 elementary and high schools, and 3,729 charitable ministries.

Cost

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored this legislation.

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