



H.Con.Res. 196 - Authorizing the use of the rotunda and grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama

Floor Situation

H.Con.Res 196 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 Robert Brady (D-PA) on August 1, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H.Con.Res 196 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on September 4, 2007.

Summary

H.Con.Res 196 authorizes the use of the rotunda and grounds of the Capitol for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama.

The Congressional Gold Medal ceremony will be held on October 17, 2007.

Background

The House passed S. 2784, "A bill to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding," on September 13, 2006 by voice vote.

The Dalai Lama is seen as the religious and political head of the Chinese province of Tibet. The current Dalai Lama was proclaimed at the age of two. On November 17, 1950, at the age of fifteen, he was enthroned as Tibet's Head of State. He is also the first Dalai to travel to the West.

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest honor Congress can bestow upon an individual or group.

Cost

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

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