



H.Con.Res. 182 - Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes.

Floor Situation

H.Con.Res. 182 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. Nathan Deal (R-GA) on July 12, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, but was not acted upon.

H.Con.Res. 182 is expected to be considered on the floor on October 15, 2007.

Summary

H.Con.Res. 182 resolves that the Congress:

- Recognizes the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis;
- Supports the work of advocates and organizations in educating, supporting, and providing hope for individuals who suffer from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, including efforts to organize a National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week;
- Supports the designation of an appropriate week as National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week;
- Welcomes the issuance of a proclamation designating a National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week;
- Congratulates advocates and organizations for their efforts to educate the public about idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, while funding research to help find a cure for this disorder; and
- Supports the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week.

Background

Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis is a lung disorder causing progressive, incurable lung scarring. It is the most common type of a group of 200 disorders called interstitial lung disease.

According to the Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis, more than 128,000 people in the United States have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week was the week of September 24, 2007.

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