



H.Res. 751 – Supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 751 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 Silvestre Reyes (D-TX) on February 5, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology but was not considered.

H.Res. 751 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 22, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Res.751 resolves the following:

- Recognizes the important contributions of chemical scientists and engineers to technological progress and the health of many industries have created new jobs, boosted economic growth, and improved the Nation's health and standard of living;
- Recognizes the need to increase the number of Americans from under represented groups participating in science and technology fields like chemistry;
- Supports the goals of National Chemistry Week as founded by the American Chemical Society; and

Encourages the people of the United States to observe National Chemistry Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of chemistry to our everyday lives.

BACKGROUND

The theme of National Chemistry Week in 2007 (the 20th anniversary of science week) is, "The Many Faces of Chemistry". It was chosen to emphasize the extensive variety of careers available in the world of chemistry and to honor the tremendous diversity of people who have contributed and will contribute to the advancement of chemistry and all of its branches.

The American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society, founded National Chemistry Week in 1987 to educate the public, particularly school age children, about the important role of chemistry in society and to enhance the appreciation of the chemical sciences.

During the week of October 22, which is National Chemistry Week, more than 10,000 National Chemistry Week volunteers from industry, government and academia reach and educate millions of children through hands-on science activities in local schools, libraries, and museums.

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