



## H.CON.RES. 195 – EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT A NATIONAL DYSPHAGIA AWARENESS MONTH SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 195 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 Zach Wamp (R-TN) on July 27, 2007. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform agreed to the bill by voice vote on June 12, 2008.

H.Con.Res. 195 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 24, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 195 resolves that it is the sense of the Congress that a National Dysphagia Awareness Month should be established.

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### BACKGROUND

According to the [National Institutes of Health](#), people with dysphagia have an inability to swallow or experience difficulty when swallowing. These difficulties may include pain when swallowing food, liquids, and saliva. Often, dysphagia makes it difficult for those suffering from it to consume enough calories and fluids to properly nourish the body.

Dysphagia has many causes including disease and damage affecting muscles and nerves involved in swallowing. For some suffering from dysphagia, the ability to swallow is no longer possible. For others, surgery or medication may help them to more easily swallow solids and liquids.

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