



H.Res. 119 - Supporting the mission and goals of National Crime Victims' Rights Week in order to increase public awareness of the rights, needs, and concerns of victims and survivors of crime in the United States during such week and throughout the year

Floor Situation

H.Res. 119 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 Jim Costa (D-CA) on January 31, 2007. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary but was not acted on.

The resolution is expected to be considered on the floor on April 23, 2007.

Summary

H.Res. 119 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- supports the mission and goals of the 2007 National Crime Victims' Rights Week in order to increase public awareness of the impact of crime on victims and survivors of crime, and of the rights and needs of such victims and survivors; and
- directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Office for Victims of Crime in the Department of Justice.

Background

Since 1984, the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) has collected \$8 billion in fines, fees, and assessments on individuals convicted of Federal crimes to support crime victim compensation and victim assistance programs nationwide. There are over 10,000 system-based and community-based victim assistance programs that provide interventions, support, and justice system advocacy to crime victims and survivors, including 4,400 programs that receive VOCA funding.

Cost

This resolution has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

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