



## House Update and Public Laws for the Week of July 14-19, 2008

### Last Week in the House

**On Monday, July 14, 2008**, the House passed seventeen suspension bills:

H.R. 5618, "To reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)

H.R. 1714, "To clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P" (Passed by voice vote)

H.R. 3227, "To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area" (Passed by voice vote)

H. Res. 984, "Expressing support for the designation of July 26, 2008 as *National Day of the Cowboy*" (Agreed to by voice vote)

H.R. 5506, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 369 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the, *Bishop Ralph E. Brower Post Office Building*" (Passed by voice vote)

H.R. 4010, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Percy Street in Indianola, Mississippi, as the, *Minnie Cox Post Office Building*" (Passed by voice vote)

H. Res. 1067, "Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the crossing of the North Pole by the USS Nautilus (SSN 571) and its significance in the history of both our Nation and the world" (Agreed to 375-0, [Roll Call 486](#))

H. Res. 1080, "Honoring the extraordinary service and exceptional sacrifice of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), known as the Screaming Eagles" (Agreed to 378-0, [Roll Call 487](#))

H. Con. Res. 297, "Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the integration of the United States Armed Forces" (Agreed to by 378-0, [Roll Call 488](#))

H.R. 3564, "To amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)

H. Con. Res. 381, "Honoring and recognizing the dedication and achievements of Thurgood Marshall on the 100th anniversary of his birth" (Agreed to by voice vote)

H. Res. 1182, "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American flags flown on Federal Government buildings and on Federal property be made in the United States" (Agreed to by voice vote)

H. Con. Res. 369, "Honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 35th anniversary" (Agreed to by voice vote)

H.R. 5057, "To reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program" (Passed by voice vote)



S. 3218, "To extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks" (Passed by voice vote)

H.R. 5464, "To direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)

S. 231, "To authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012" (Passed by voice vote)

*\* Note: Suspension bills require two-thirds majority for passage.*

**On Tuesday, July 15, 2008**, the House considered seventeen suspension bills, one suspension failed to garner the 2/3 vote required for passage:

H.R. 6455, "To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration" (Passed by voice vote)

S. 3145, "To designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the, *Timothy J. Russert Highway*" (Passed by voice vote)

S. 496, "To reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965" (Passed by voice vote)

H. Con. Res. 299, "Supporting the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month" (Agreed to by voice vote)

H. Res. 1259, "Congratulating the Hamilton College Continentals on winning the NCAA Division III women's lacrosse championship (Agreed to 423-0, [Roll Call 489](#))

H. Res. 1323, "Commending the Arizona State University softball team for their victory in the 2008 Women's College World Series (Agreed to 425-0, [Roll Call 490](#))

H. Res. 1327, "Congratulating the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Baseball Champions, the Fresno State Bulldogs, on an outstanding and historic season (Agreed to by voice vote)

H. Res. 1088, "Recognizing and commending the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater for 50 years of service as a vital American cultural ambassador to the world" (Agreed to by voice vote)

H. Res. 1261, "Congratulating East High School in Denver, Colorado, on winning the 2008 "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" national competition" (Agreed to by voice vote)

H. Res. 1090, "Honoring the esteemed former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela on the occasion of his 90th birthday" (Agreed to by voice vote)????

H. Con. Res. 385, "Condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994, and for other purposes" (Agreed to by voice vote)

H. Res. 1341, "Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments to H.R. 3890, with amendments" (The House agreed to the Senate amendments)



H.R. 6331, "To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes" (Passed 383-41, [Roll Call 491](#))

H.R. 3032, "To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate" (Passed by voice vote)

H.R. 6296, "To extend through 2013 the authority of the Federal Election Commission to impose civil money penalties on the basis of a schedule of penalties established and published by the Commission" (Passed by voice vote)

H.R. 5803, "To direct the Election Assistance Commission to establish a program to make grants to participating States and units of local government which will administer the regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held in November 2008 for carrying out a program to make backup paper ballots available in the case of the failure of a voting system or voting equipment in the election or some other emergency situation, and for other purposes" (**Failed by voice vote, 248-170**, [Roll Call 493](#))

**On Tuesday July 15, 2008** the House considered H. Res. 1345, "Raising a question of the privileges of the House" (The House agreed to refer the matter, impeaching President Bush and Vice President Cheney, to the Committee on the Judiciary, by a vote of 238-180, [Roll Call 492](#))

Additionally on Tuesday the House voted to override the President's veto of H.R. 6331 Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act by a vote of 383-41, [Roll Call 491](#))

**On Wednesday, July 16, 2008**, the House passed one suspension bill:

H. Con. Res. 295, "Expressing the deepest appreciation of Congress to the families of members of the United States Armed Forces (Agreed to 415-0, [Roll Call 508](#))

**On Wednesday, July 16, 2008**, the House passed two rule bills:

H.R. 415, "To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System" (Passed 242-175, [Roll Call 507](#))

H.R. 5959, "To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes" (Passed by voice vote)

**On Thursday, July 17, 2008**, the House considered two suspension bills, one suspension failed to garner the 2/3 vote required for passage:

S. 2062, "To amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes" (Passed 224-195, [Roll Call 498](#))

H.R. 6515 "To amend the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an expeditious environmentally responsible program of competitive leasing of oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, and for other purposes" (**Failed 244-173**, [Roll Call 511](#))



## Public Laws Signed Last Week

**Week of July 14-19** the President signed eighteen bills into law:

H.R. 430, "To designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East in Brooklyn, New York, as the *Conrad B. Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse*"

H.R. 781, "To redesignate Lock and Dam No. 5 of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System near Redfield, Arkansas, authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act approved July 24, 1946, as the Colonel *Charles D. Maynard Lock and Dam*"

H.R. 2728, "To designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the *Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station*"

H.R. 3721, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the *Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building*"

H.R. 4140, "To designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the *Richard B. Anderson Federal Building*"

H.R. 4185, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the "*Marisol Heredia Post Office Building*"

H.R. 5618, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19101 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, Florida, as the "*Cody Grater Post Office Building*"

H.R. 5395, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the *William 'Bill' Clay Post Office Building*"

H.R. 5479, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the *Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building*"

H.R. 5517, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the *Texas Military Veterans Post Office*"

H. R 5528, "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the *Rocky Marciano Post Office Building*"

H.R. 5778, "[District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Independence Preservation Act](#)"

H.R. 6040, "[To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Army to provide reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by members of the Committee on Levee Safety](#)"

H.R. 6331, "[Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act of 2008](#)"

H.R. 1019, "To designate the United States customhouse building located at 31 Gonzalez Clemente Avenue in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the *Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building*"

H.R. 634, "[American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act](#)"

H.R. 814, "[Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act](#)"



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S. 2967, "A bill to provide for certain Federal employee benefits to be continued for certain employees of the Senate Restaurants after operations of the Senate Restaurants are contracted to be performed by a private business concern, and for other purposes"

Thus far in the 110th Congress, the President has signed 279 bills into law. Of those bills, 105 (38%) were for the purpose of naming post offices or public buildings.