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**Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:**

**Total Number of New Government Programs: 0**

**Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0**

**Effect on Revenue: \$0**

**Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0**

**Total New State & Local Government Mandates: \$0**

**Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0**

**Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 1**

**Number of Reported Bills that Don’t Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0**

## **H.Res. 537—Expressing support for the designation and goals of “National 9-1-1 Education Month,” and for other purposes (*Eshoo, D-CA*)**

**Order of Business:** H.Res. 537 is scheduled to be considered on Monday, March 10, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 537 would express the sense that the House:

- “Supports the designation of an appropriate month as ‘National 9-1-1 Education Month’ and the goals of such designation; and
- “Requests that the President issue a proclamation—
  - “Designating a month as ‘National 9-1-1 Education Month’; and
  - “Calling upon Government officials, parents, teachers, school administrators, care givers, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies, training events, and activities.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from police, fire, emergency medical services, or other appropriate emergency response entities;
- “In 1967, the President’s Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice recommended that a ‘single number should be established’ nationwide for reporting emergency situations and other Federal Government agencies and various governmental officials also supported and encouraged the recommendation;
- “People of all ages use 9-1-1 and it is critical to educate the public of all ages on the proper use of 9-1-1;
- “Senior citizens are at high risk for needing access to 9-1-1 and a large segment of this population is learning to use new technology;
- “Thousands of 9-1-1 calls are made every year by children properly trained on the use of 9-1-1 resulting in lives saved which underscores the critical importance of training children early in life about 9-1-1;
- “There is widespread misuse of the 9-1-1 system, including prank and non-emergency calls, which can result in costly and inefficient use of 9-1-1 and emergency response resources and a need to reduce this practice;
- “An established National 9-1-1 Education Month could include public awareness events, including conferences and media outreach, training activities for parents, teachers, school administrators, other care givers and businesses; educational events in schools and other appropriate venues; and production and distribution of educational content on 9-1-1 designed to educate people of all ages on the importance and proper use of 9-1-1; and
- “Americans deserve the finest education we can offer regarding 9-1-1 education.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 537 was introduced on July 11, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which held a mark-up and ordered the bill reported by voice vote on February 26, 2008.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?** No.

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**H.R. 3196—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Sussex Street in Port Jervis, New York, as the “E. Arthur Gray Post Office Building” (*Hall, D-NY*)**

**Order of Business:** H.R. 3196 is scheduled for consideration on Monday, March 10, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.R. 3196 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Sussex Street in Port Jervis, New York, as the “E. Arthur Gray Post Office Building.”

**Additional Background:** According to the *Times Herald-Record* of Hudson Valley, New York, E. Arthur Gray was a former N.Y. state senator and mayor of Port Jervis, N.Y. After serving as mayor from 1978 to 1988, the Democratic politician ran for and won the state senate seat in New York’s 39<sup>th</sup> district. According to his obituary, “Gray was a native and life-long resident of Port Jervis. He was a funeral home director for many years. Gray was also known as a standout basketball player at Port Jervis High School, a World War II veteran and later as a strong-willed politician.” Gray died on April 11, 2007, at the age of 82.

**Committee Action:** H.R. 3196 was introduced on July 26, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which held a mark-up and ordered the bill reported by voice vote on February 26, 2008.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO score for H.R. 3196 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?** No.

**Constitutional Authority:** Although no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to establish Post Offices and post roads.

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**H.R. 4166—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 East Copeland Drive in Lebanon, Missouri, as the “Steve W. Allee Carrier Annex” (Skelton, D-MO)**

**Order of Business:** H.R. 4166 is scheduled for consideration on Monday, March 10, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.R. 4166 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 East Copeland Drive in Lebanon, Missouri, as the “Steve W. Allee Carrier Annex.”

**Additional Background:** Steve Allee was a mail carrier from Stoutland, Missouri, who was killed while delivering mail when flash flooding swept his car off a road and into a rapidly rising river. According to KY3, an NBC news affiliate in Springfield, MO, Allee had been delivering mail since 1989. Allee was 51 years old when he was killed on August 20, 2007. Allee was survived by his wife, Debbie.

**Committee Action:** H.R. 4166 was introduced on November 13, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which held a mark-up and ordered the bill reported by voice vote on February 26, 2008.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO score for H.R. 4166 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.

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**H.Res. 924—Congratulating Iowa State University of Science and Technology for 150 years of leadership and service to the United States and the world as Iowa’s land-grant university (Braley, D-IA)**

**Order of Business:** H.Res. 924 is scheduled to be considered on Monday, March 10, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 924 would express the sense that the House “congratulates Iowa State University of Science and Technology for 150 years of outstanding service to the State of Iowa, the United States, and the world in fulfilling its mission as a land-grant university; and thanks the State of Iowa for its visionary leadership in the beginning of the land-grant movement in the United States of America.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- ”Iowa State University of Science and Technology was established by the Iowa General Assembly on March 22, 1858, as the Iowa Agricultural College and Model Farm in response to the State of Iowa’s desire to provide higher education opportunities to farm families and working classes in Iowa, predating the passage of the Federal Morrill Act by 4 years;
- “On September 3, 1862, Iowa became the first State in the United States to accept the terms and conditions of the Morrill Act creating the land-grant system of colleges and universities;
- “The Iowa Agricultural College and Model Farm, known today as Iowa State University of Science and Technology, received Iowa’s land-grant charter on March 29, 1864, making it one of the first land-grant institutions in the United States;
- “Iowa State hired one of the first permanent campus artists-in-residence, with sculptor Christian Petersen holding that position from 1934 to 1955 and providing hundreds of sculptures and other art objects to the university, whose Art on Campus collection today includes more than 600 major public works of art;
- “Iowa State has had a technology transfer office since 1935, longer than all but one other university in the United States, and is acknowledged today as a leader in putting technology to work, being cited as a ‘model of economic development’ and ‘licensing powerhouse’ in a 2007 study commissioned by the National Science Foundation;
- “Iowa State University is today spearheading new advances in science and technology, including new materials, information sciences, green architecture, biological research, and the development of biorenewable fuels and other resources to support the bioeconomy and the Nation’s independence from nonrenewable petroleum resources; and
- “More than 257,000 degrees have been awarded by Iowa State, and its graduates include heads of State, leaders of industry, great humanitarians, and gifted scientists, whose work has improved the quality of life for people worldwide.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 924 was introduced on January 16, 2008, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector**

**Mandates?** No.

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**H.Res. 948—Congratulating the University of Kansas (“KU”) football team for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and having the most successful year in program history (*Boyda, D-KS*)**

**Order of Business:** H.Res. 948 is scheduled to be considered on Monday, March 10, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 948 would express the sense that the House:

- “Congratulates and commends the University of Kansas football team for winning the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl and for having the most successful year in program history; and
- “Recognizes the significant achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and support staff whose dedication and hard work helped the University of Kansas football team win the FedEx Orange Bowl.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “On January 3, 2008, the University of Kansas (KU) football team won the 2008 FedEx Orange Bowl, defeating Virginia Tech by a score of 24 to 20 for the first major bowl victory in university history;
- “The KU football team won 12 games this season to set a school record;
- “KU ranked seventh in the final Top 25 polls released on January 8, 2008, for the second highest final ranking in school history (the school ranked sixth in 1968);
- “The KU football team reached a number 2 ranking on November 18, 2007, their highest national ranking in program history;
- “Head Coach Mark Mangino was awarded multiple national coach of the year honors;
- “Head Coach Mark Mangino has produced a minimum of 6 wins in 3 straight seasons for the first time in 46 years for the KU football program;
- “The KU football team produced 2 first-team All-Americans, cornerback Aquib Talib and offensive tackle Anthony Collins, and 1 second-team All-American in defensive tackle James McClinton; and
- “The KU football team was also honored to have 2 Academic All-American recipients on the team, Russell Brorsen and John Larson.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 948 was introduced on January 29, 2008, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, which took no official action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?** No.

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**H.Res. 493—Congratulating the women’s water polo team of the University of California, Los Angeles, for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Water Polo National Championship, and congratulating UCLA on its 100th NCAA sports national title, making it the most accomplished athletic program in NCAA history (Lewis, R-CA)**

**Order of Business:** H.Res. 493 is scheduled to be considered on Monday, March 10, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

**Summary:** H.Res. 493 would express the sense that the House:

- “Congratulates the women’s water polo team of the University of California, Los Angeles, and Head Coach Adam Krikorian for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Water Polo National Championship;
- “Congratulates UCLA on becoming the first school to win 100 NCAA sports national championship titles, making it the most accomplished athletic program in NCAA history; and
- “Recognizes the achievements of all the players, coaches, students, alumni, and staff of UCLA who were instrumental over the years in this prestigious achievement.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “On May 13, 2007, the women’s water polo team of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), defeated Stanford 5-4 in the championship game of the NCAA Division I Women’s Water Polo National Championship tournament;
- “The victory gave Head Coach Adam Krikorian and the Bruins women’s water polo team their third consecutive NCAA Championship and was the team’s fifth overall national title;
- “Kelly Rulon, a driver for the Bruins, was selected as the tournament’s Most Valuable Player;
- “UCLA women’s water polo players Kelly Rulon, Emily Feher, Courtney Mathewson, Jillian Kraus, and Kacy Kunkel were named to the NCAA All-Tournament First Team;
- “The UCLA women’s water polo team finished the 2007 season with a record of 28 wins and 2 losses, and now has a record of 90 wins and 6 losses over the past 3 seasons;
- “The 2007 Women’s Water Polo National Championship makes UCLA the first school ever to win 100 NCAA sports national titles;

- “UCLA won its 100th NCAA title less than 58 years after the UCLA men’s tennis team won the school’s first NCAA title in 1950; and
- “16 different men’s and women’s sports programs contributed to the Bruins’ 100 NCAA national championships.”

**Committee Action:** H.Res. 493 was introduced on June 18, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, which took no official action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution does not authorize expenditures.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?** No.

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## **H.R. 3361—Pension Protection Technical Corrections Act of 2007** *(Rangel, D-NY)*

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, March 10, 2008, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.R. 3361 would make a number of technical corrections and conforming changes to titles I through XII of the [Pension Protection Act of 2006](#), which amends the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). For a comprehensive summary of all the technical changes made by H.R. 3361, please see a Joint Committee on Taxation description here: <http://www.house.gov/jct/x-60-07.pdf>.

It is possible that the text of this bill will change prior to floor consideration. If the revised text contains any non-technical provisions, the RSC will alert its offices accordingly.

**Additional Background:** The Pension Protection Act of 2006 amended ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the funding rules for pensions. The bill was passed in the House on July 28, 2006, by a vote of [279-131](#). On August 17, 2006, the bill was signed by the President and became Public Law No. 109-280. According to the Minority staff on the House Ways and Means Committee, H.R. 3361 would make only clerical changes to the Pension Protection Act of 2006 and would not alter any of the bill’s significant provisions. The changes made by H.R. 3361 will be applied as if they were enacted in the original version of the legislation.

**Committee Action:** H.R. 3361 was introduced on August 3, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor and the Committee on Ways and Means. On September 19,



2007, the bill was referred to the Education and Labor Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, which took no official action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** A CBO score for H.R. 3361 was not available at press time. A Joint Committee on Taxation description of the bill does not indicate whether it will effect spending or revenues.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?** No.

**Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** A Committee Report citing compliance with rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits was not available. Such a report is not required because the bill is being considered under a suspension of the rules.

**Constitutional Authority:** The Committee Report citing constitutional authority was not available.

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