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H.R. 1308 - To amend the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act to extend the termination date for the Commission, and for other purposes (Gallegly, R-CA)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1308 would extend the date by which the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act would be required to submit its final report to Congress. The current date is April 30, 2011. This legislation would extend it until November 30, 2011.

Additional Information: On March 9, 2009, the House passed [H.R.131](#) which created the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission for the purposes of developing and carrying out activities to honor Ronald Reagan on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his birth. This legislation passed the House by a [roll call vote of 371-19-1](#).

According to the sponsor's office, there are events planned for later in the year to honor Ronald Reagan on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his birth. Extending the deadline would allow the Commission to deliver additional events for the public:

These include the following:

- A Joint Meeting of Congress in September or October, 2011.
- A Capitol Visitor's Center/Russell Rotunda exhibition, September or October, 2011.
- A potential White House event, September or October, 2011.
- International events set for June or July, 2011.

The sponsor's office also reports that extending this deadline would require no additional federal funding.

President Obama signed the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission Act on June 2, 2009. The [Justice Department reviewed of the Constitutionality of the Commission](#), and the Commission did not meet until August of 2010. The final Report to Congress is currently due in April 30, 2011. If this date is not extended, the Commission will have functioned for only nine months.

Committee Action: H.R. 1308 was introduced on April 1, 2011, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO is unavailable.

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?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: Rep. Gallegly's statement in the Congressional Record states: "This bill is enacted pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of U.S. Constitution, to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

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S. 307 - To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 217 West King Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia, as the "W. Craig Broadwater Federal Building and United States Courthouse"
(Sen. Rockefeller, D-WV)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S. 307 would designate the United States courthouse located at 217 West King Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia, as the "W. Craig Broadwater Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

Additional Information: W. Craig Broadwater was a federal U.S. District Court Judge in the Northern District of West Virginia. He was nominated by President Clinton on January 26, 1996,

and served until his death on December 18, 2006. Prior to presiding as a federal judge, Mr. Broadwater served his country in the U.S. Army, as a Lieutenant, from 1972 until 1982.

Committee Action: S. 307 was introduced on February 8, 2011, and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which discharged the legislation. The legislation passed the Senate on February 17, 2011, by unanimous consent. S. 307 was then referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which held a markup on March 16, 2011, and reported the legislation by voice vote.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is provided.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available at press time, but the only costs associated with a U.S. federal building 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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: Senate Rules do not require a statement of constitutional authority to be submitted. However, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to establish Post Offices and post roads.

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