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H.R. 1423 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the “Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office” (Cole, R-OK)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 02, 2011, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1423 would designate the United States courthouse located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the “Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office.

Additional Information: Army Specialist Micheal E. Phillips was killed on February 24, 2008, when his vehicle struck a roadside bomb in Baghdad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), based at Fort Campbell, KY.

Committee Action: H.R. 1423 was introduced on April 7, 2011, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. A markup was held on April 13, 2011, and the legislation was approved by unanimous consent.

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 naming U.S. federal buildings and post offices 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: Rep. Cole's statement of constitutional authority, found in the Congressional Record, states "The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to establish Post Offices and post roads, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution."

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H.R. 362 - To redesignate the Federal building and United States Courthouse located at 200 East Wall Street in Midland, Texas, as the "George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush United States Courthouse and George Mahon Federal Building" (Conaway, R-TX)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Monday, May 02, 2011, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 362 would redesignate the United States courthouse located 200 East Wall Street in Midland, Texas, as the "George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush United States Courthouse and George Mahon Federal Building."

Committee Action: H.R. 362 was introduced on January 20, 2011, and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. A full committee markup was held on February 16, 2011, and was approved by voice vote.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues. The letter from CBO is available [here](#).

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. Conaway's statement of constitutional authority, found in the Congressional Record, states "This bill is enacted pursuant to the powers granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the United States Constitution."

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