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(Sen. Inouye, D-HI)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on September 21, 2011, under a motion to suspend the rules requiring two-thirds majority vote for passage.

Summary: This bill authorizes the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event on November 2, 2011, to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively to the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442 Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II. It also stipulates that physical preparations for the conduct of the event shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

Additional Background: The 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the United States Army primarily engaged in battles in Europe beginning in 1944. The Team was an all Japanese American unit—many of its soldiers’ families were subject to internment. The Team is the most highly decorated regiment in the history of the United States armed forces, including 21 Medal of Honor recipients. The Team’s motto was “Go for Broke.”

Committee Action: Senator Daniel Inouye (*D-HI*) introduced the bill on August 2, 2011. The bill passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent on September 8, 2011 and has been referred to the House Committee on House Administration, which has taken no further action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) has been released.

Cost to Taxpayers: There is no Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate available at press time. However, the legislation does not authorize any additional funds.

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?: S.Con. Res. 28 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

Constitutional Authority: There is no accompanying committee report citing the constitutional authority of the bill. Also, there is no Constitutional Authority Statement accompanying the bill.

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S. 846 - To designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse (Sen. Blunt, R-MO)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, under suspension of the rules.

Summary: S. 846 will designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse.

Background: Christopher Samuel "Kit" Bond is a former United States Republican Senator from Missouri. Mr. Bond served as a U.S. Senator from 1986 through 2010. Mr. Bond was succeeded by current Senator Roy Blunt on January 3, 2011.

Committee Action: S. 836 was introduced by Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO) on 4/14/2011. On 7/22/ 2011, the legislation was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works and reported by Senator Boxer without amendment. Then on 7/26/2011, the legislation was agreed to and passed by the U.S. Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. On 7/27/2011, the bill was referred to the House committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: No Congressional Budget Office cost estimate is available.

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 is not available.

Constitutional Authority: A statement on constitutional authority was not available.

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