



Legislative Bulletin January 25, 2011

Contents:

H.Res. __ - Medal of Honor Flag Resolution of 2011

H.R. 366 - To provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes

H.Res. __ - Medal of Honor Flag Resolution of 2011 (Latham, R-IA)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. __ would allow Medal of Honor recipients (or an immediate family member) to request a flag (with an accompanying certificate) that has been flown over the U.S. Capitol. This flag will be provided at no cost, and this resolution provides one flag per Medal of Honor recipient, or their immediate family member.

Within 30 days of adoption of this resolution, the Clerk of the House will issue regulations and procedures in order to carry out this resolution.

Additional Information: The Medal of Honor is the highest given to members of the U.S. military for valor in action against an enemy. This award is generally presented to its recipient by the President of the United States in the name of Congress. To date, there have been 3,454 awards given, and there are 86 living recipients of the Medal of Honor. The last award of the Medal of Honor was made November 16, 2010 to Staff Sergeant Salvatore A. Giunta.

Committee Action: H.Res.__ has yet to be introduced.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is provided.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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: House rules do not require a statement of constitutional authority for resolutions.

RSC Staff Contact: Curtis Rhyne, Curtis.Rhyne@mail.house.gov, (202) 226-9717.

H.R. 366 - To provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes (Graves, R-MO)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 366 will extend programs covered under the Small Business and Small Business Investment Acts through May 31, 2011. Both of these acts were previously extended in September and are now set to expire without reauthorization on January 31, 2011.

Additional Information: The Small Business Act (SBA) established the Small Business Administration to “encourage” and “develop” small business growth, and to aid minorities and other disadvantaged peoples in securing loans and learning management techniques in 1953. In 1958, Congress passed into law the Small Business Investment Act to ensure a "fair proportion" of government contracts and sales of surplus property include privately operated small businesses.

Committee Action: H.R. 366 was introduced on January 20, 2011, and referred to the House Small Business Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is provided.

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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: The statement of constitutional authority, found in the [Congressional Record](#), states that: “Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Art. 1, §8, Cl. 3 “To regulate commerce among foreign nations and the several states.””

RSC Staff Contact: Curtis Rhyne, Curtis.Rhyne@mail.house.gov, (202) 226-9717.
