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H.R. __ - To provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (Velazquez, D-NY)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. __ will extend programs covered under the Small Business and Small Business Investment Acts through April 30, 2010. Both of these acts were previously extended in October and are now set to expire without reauthorization on April 30, 2010. This is the fourth temporary extension passed for these programs during the 111th Congress.

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: This legislation will be introduced on January 27, 2010.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score of cost to tax payers is not 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. Such a report is technically not required because the bill is being considered under a suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A Committee Report citing constitutional authority is not available.

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H.Res. 1020 - Honoring the 95th anniversary of the signing of the Rocky Mountain National Park Act (*Markey, D-CO*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1020 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Honors the 95th anniversary of the signing of the Rocky Mountain National Park Act and commends the National Park Service and so many Coloradans for their dedication to preserving this region of the Southern Rocky Mountains for future generations to come.

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “On January 26, 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Rocky Mountain National Park Act to establish Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) in the State of Colorado;
- “RMNP is the highest national park in the United States with at least 60 mountains higher than 12,000 feet including the highest summit, Longs Peak, at 14,259 feet;
- “On March 30, 2009, 249,339 acres of RMNP's total 265,770 acres was designated as Wilderness Area, thereby conferring the highest level of conservation protection for Federal lands to protect the park's majestic terrain from future development; and
- “This designation marks the culmination of decades of work by many committed stakeholders, from the local communities to the Federal Government.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1020 was introduced on January 20, 2010 and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no 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.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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