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**H.R. 1339 – To amend Title 32, United States Code, the body of laws of the United States dealing with the National Guard, to recognize the City of Salem, Massachusetts, as the Birthplace of the National Guard of the United States. (*Tierney, D-MA*)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the legislation.

**Summary:** [H.R. 1339](#) amends Title 32 of the United States Code to recognize the City of Salem, Massachusetts as the birthplace of the National Guard of the United States.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** No CBO score is available. However, the legislation stipulates that federal funds may not be used to create a monument or any form of recognition placed in Salem, Massachusetts, celebrating the designation of Salem as the birthplace of the National Guard.

**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?:** The bill contains no earmarks.

**Constitutional Authority:** According Rep. Tierney’s statement of constitutional authority:

“The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution (clauses 1, 16, and 18), which grants

Congress the power to provide for the general welfare of the United States; to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia; and to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the foregoing powers.”

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