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S. 3253—Providing for additional a temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (*Sen. Landrieu, D-LA*)

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

Summary: S. 3253 will extend programs covered under the Small Business and Small Business Investment Acts through July 31, 2010. Both of these acts were previously extended in July and are now set to expire without reauthorization on April 30, 2010.

This is the fifth 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: None. On April 22, 2010, the bill was introduced in the Senate, read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed without amendment by unanimous consent, received in the House and held at the desk.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score of cost to taxpayers 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. 1240— Supporting the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Day (*Rep. DeLauro, D-CT*)

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

Summary: H.Res.1240 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes and commends the significant contributions of youth of the United States and encourages the cultivation of a civic bond between young people dedicated to serving their neighbors, their communities, and the Nation;

- “Supports the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Day; and
- “Calls on the people of the United States to observe Global Youth Service Day by--
 - (A) encouraging youth to participate in community service and service-learning projects and joining their peers in such projects;
 - (B) recognizing the volunteer efforts of the young people of the United States throughout the year; and
 - (C) supporting the volunteer efforts of young people and engaging them in meaningful community service, service-learning, and decision-making opportunities as an investment in the future of the United States.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through community service and service-learning;
- “Global Youth Service Day will be celebrated from April 23, 2010, to April 25, 2010;
- “The goals of Global Youth Service Day are to mobilize and support young people to identify and address the needs of their communities, schools, and organizations, to provide opportunities for youth engagement, and the public, the media, and policymakers to recognize and raise awareness of young people as assets and resources;
- “Global Youth Service Day, a program of Youth Service America, is the largest service event in the world, the only day of service dedicated to youth engagement, and in 2010 is being observed for the 22nd consecutive year in the United States and for the 11th year globally in more than 100 countries;
- “Global Youth Service Day engages millions of young people worldwide with the support of more than 200 National and International Partners, 85 State and local Lead Agencies, and thousands of local partners;
- “High quality community service and service-learning programs increase young people's academic engagement and achievement, workforce readiness, 21st century skills, and civic knowledge and engagement;
- “The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act recognizes Global Youth Service Day as a national day of service and calls on the President to encourage people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate youth-led community improvement and service-learning activities.”

Committee Action: H.Res.1240 was introduced on April 13, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional 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?: 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.

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H.Res. 1293—Expressing support for National Child Abuse Prevention Month (Biggert, R-IL)

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

Summary: H.Res.1293 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Expresses support for the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month;
- “Recognizes and applauds the national and community organizations that work to promote awareness about child abuse or neglect, including by identifying risk factors and developing prevention strategies; and
- “Supports efforts to--
 - (A) increase public awareness of prevention programs relating to child abuse or neglect; and
 - (B) reduce the incidence of child abuse or neglect in the United States.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “National Child Abuse Prevention Month is observed in April 2010;
- “In 2008, out of an estimated 6,000,000 children referred for investigations and assessments, approximately 772,000 children were determined to be victims of abuse or neglect;
- “In 2008, an estimated 1,740 children died as a result of abuse or neglect;
- “In 2008, an estimated 80 percent of the children who died due to abuse or neglect were under the age of 4;
- “In 2008, of the children under the age of 4 who died due to abuse or neglect, the majority were under the age of 1;
- “Abused or neglected children have a higher risk in adulthood for developing health problems, including alcoholism, depression, drug abuse, eating disorders, obesity, suicide, and certain chronic diseases;

- “A National Institute of Justice study indicated that abused or neglected children are 11 times more likely to be arrested for criminal behavior as juveniles, and are 2.7 times more likely to be arrested for violent and criminal behavior as adults;
- “An estimated 1/3 of abused or neglected children grow up to abuse or neglect their own children;
- “Providing community-based services to families impacted by child abuse or neglect is less costly than the emotional and physical damage inflicted on children who have been abused or neglected, providing services to abused or neglected children (including child protective, law enforcement, court, foster care, or health care services), or providing treatment to adults recovering from child abuse; and
- “Child abuse or neglect has long-term economic and societal costs.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1293 was introduced on April 22, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional 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?: 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.

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H.Res. 1131—Expressing support for National Assistant Principals Week (*Fudge, D-OH*)

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

Summary: H.Res.1131 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the designation of National Assistant Principals Week;
- “Honors and recognizes the contributions of assistant principals to the success of students in schools in the United States; and
- “Encourages the people of the United States to observe National Assistant Principals Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote

awareness of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “The National Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association of Elementary School Principals have declared the week of April 18, 2010, through April 23, 2010, as National Assistant Principals Week;
- “Assistant principals serve as the front line ambassadors of good will by establishing a positive climate within their schools and building strong school-community relationships;
- “The assistant principal is a member of the school administrative team who interacts with virtually every sector of the school community, including support staff, instructional staff, students, and parents; and
- “The assistant principal is at the hub of activity, which empowers him or her to foster positive and trusting relationships and to resolve conflicts among all stakeholders throughout the school community.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1131 was introduced on March 2, 2010, and referred to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional 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?: 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.

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H.Res. 375—Supporting the goals and ideals of Workers’ Memorial Day (*Bernice Johnson, D-TX*)

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

Summary: H.Res.375 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of Workers' Memorial Day to honor and remember workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace;
- “Recognizes the importance of worker health and safety standards;
- “Encourages the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, industries, employers and employees to support activities aimed at increasing awareness of the importance of preventing illness, injury, and death in the workplace; and
- “Calls upon the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies and respect.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Each year, more than 5,500 workers are killed due to workplace-related injuries in the United States, and more than 2,000,000 workers across the world die of workplace-related accidents and diseases;
- “Each day, an average of 16 workers are killed due to workplace injuries in the United States;
- “There are more than 4,000,000 occupational injuries and illnesses in the United States annually;
- “Tens of thousands of Americans with workplace injuries or illness become permanently disabled;
- “More people are killed worldwide each year at work than in wars;
- “Observing Workers' Memorial Day allows us to honor and remember victims of workplace injuries and disease; and
- “Observing Workers' Memorial Day reminds us of the need to strive for better worker safety and health protections.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 375 was introduced on April 28, 2010, and referred to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Workforce Pensions. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional 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?: 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.

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H.Res. 561—Congratulating the Onondaga Community College Lady Lazers (*Maffei, D-NY*)

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

Summary: H.Res.561 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates the Onondaga Community College Lady Lazers for winning the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Women's Lacrosse Tournament.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “On May 10, 2009, the Onondaga Community College Lady Lazers defeated Monroe Community College 9-7 in the finals of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Women's Lacrosse Tournament at Herkimer County Community College;
- “The Lady Lazers won the national title in their first year of existence;
- “The Lady Lazers' players, coaches, and staff are excellent representatives of Onondaga Community College;
- “Lauren Welch, Amanda Cizenski, and Emily Pierson were named 1st Team NJCAA All-Americans; and
- “The residents of Onondaga County and fans are to be congratulated for their support, dedication, and pride in the team.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 561 was introduced on June 18, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional 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?: 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.

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H.Res. 563—Congratulating the Onondaga Community College Lazers for winning the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament (*Maffei, D-NY*)

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

Summary: H.Res.563 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates the Onondaga Community College Lazers for winning the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “On May 10, 2009, the Onondaga Community College Lazers defeated Nassau Community College 9-8 in the finals of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament at Herkimer County Community College;
- “The Lazers now holds 3 men's lacrosse national titles;
- “Head Coach Chuck Wilbur was the NJCAA Men's Lacrosse Coach of the Year;
- “The Lazers completed an undefeated season;
- “The Lazers' players, coaches, and staff are excellent representatives of Onondaga Community College;
- “Jerome Thompson and Jon Fiorillo were named the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year respectively by the NJCAA Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association; and
- “The residents of Onondaga County and fans are to be congratulated for their support, dedication, and pride in the team.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 563 was introduced on June 18, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional 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?: 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.

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H.Res. 1280—Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of National Healthy Schools Day (*Tonko, D-NY*)

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

Summary: H.Res.1280 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the designation of ‘National Healthy Schools Day; and
- “Supports the goals and ideals of this day which include the promotion of healthy and safe places to learn.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “There are approximately 55,000,000 children and 7,000,000 adults who spend their days in the Nation’s more than 125,000 public and private schools;
- “Children spend an average of 30 to 50 hours per week in school;
- “One-third of public school principals report that some environmental factors interfere with classroom instruction;
- “Some environmental hazards that are common in schools include unchecked renovations, , unsafe drinking water, ventilation problems and poor indoor environmental quality which are associated with a wide range of problems that include poor concentration, poor attendance, lower student test scores, respiratory illnesses, cancer, and other safety hazards;
- “About 9 percent of the Nation’s students have asthma, which is a leading cause of school absenteeism and is aggravated by poor air quality and ventilation problems;
- “Healthy and high performance schools are designed to improve indoor environments and other environmental factors by improving ventilation, providing for moisture and mold controls, temperature and humidity controls, as well as acoustics and noise controls, and other design elements; and
- “Healthy and high performance schools provide a healthier and safer learning environment for children and improved academic achievement and well-being.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1280 was introduced on April 13, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional 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?: 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.

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H.R. 5017—Rural Housing Preservation and Stabilization Act of 2010 (Rep. Kanjorski, D-PA)

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

Summary: The legislation authorizes \$30 billion in FY 2010 for the Department of Agriculture's section 502 rural housing loan guarantee authority. To put this figure in perspective, in 2009, program utilization equaled \$16.2 billion.

The legislation creates a new fee on lenders of up to 4% to cover the cost of the program. Specifically, the legislation allows the Secretary to collect from lenders:

- At the time of issuance of the guarantee, a fee equal to not more than 3.5% of the principal obligation of the loan; and
- An annual fee during the term of the loan equal to not more than 0.5% of the outstanding principle balance of the loan.

Additional Background: The section 502 rural housing loan program, created by the National Housing Act of 1949, is intended to aid homeownership of low- and moderate-income families by providing loan guarantees to lenders that offer 30-year mortgages to rural residents. To be an applicant for a loan under the program, an individual must have an income below 115% of the median income for the area.

Potential Conservative Concern: Some conservatives may be concerned that the legislation increases the authorized loan authority for this program to \$30 billion in FY 2010 at a time when the FY 2010 deficit is projected to be \$1.5 trillion.

Committee Action: H.R. 5017 was introduced on April 14, 2010 and was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services. According to a committee [press release](#), the legislation was approved by unanimous consent on April 22, 2010.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score is available. However, the legislation authorizes \$30 billion in loan authority in FY 2010. The new fees created by the bill are intended to cover the cost of the program.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: Yes, the legislation authorizes \$30 billion in FY 2010 in loan authority for the program.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No CBO score citing any potential such mandates is available.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: No committee report citing any potential earmarks is available.

Constitutional Authority: No committee report citing constitutional authority is available.

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H.Res. 563 - Congratulating the Onondaga Community College Lazars for winning the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament (*Maffei, D-NY*)

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

Summary: H.Res. 563 would resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates the Onondaga Community College Lazars for winning the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “on May 10, 2009, the Onondaga Community College Lazars defeated Nassau Community College 9-8 in the finals of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament at Herkimer County Community College;
- “Head Coach Chuck Wilbur was the NJCAA Men's Lacrosse Coach of the Year;
- “Jerome Thompson and Jon Fiorillo were named the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year respectively by the NJCAA Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association; and
- “The residents of Onondaga County and fans are to be congratulated for their support, dedication, and pride in the team.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 563 was introduced on June 18, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional 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?: 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.

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H.Res. 1259—Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (*Baldwin, D-WI*)

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

Summary: H.Res.1259 would resolve that:

- “It is the sense of the House of Representatives that--
 - (A) National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month provides a special opportunity to educate the people of the United States about sexual violence and to encourage the prevention of sexual assault, the improved treatment of its survivors, and the prosecution of its perpetrators;
 - (B) it is appropriate to properly acknowledge the more than 20 million men and women who have survived sexual assault in the United States and salute the efforts of survivors, volunteers, and professionals who combat sexual assault;
 - (C) national and community organizations and private sector supporters should be recognized and applauded for their work in promoting awareness about sexual assault, providing information and treatment to its survivors, and increasing the number of successful prosecutions of its perpetrators; and
 - (D) public safety, law enforcement, and health professionals should be recognized and applauded for their hard work and innovative strategies to increase the percentage of sexual assault cases that result in the prosecution and incarceration of the offenders;

- “The House of Representatives strongly recommends national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, colleges and universities, and the media to promote, through National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, awareness of sexual violence and strategies to decrease the incidence of sexual assault; and
- “The House of Representatives supports the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “On average, a person is sexually assaulted in the United States every 2 1/2 minutes;
- “The Department of Justice reports that 203,830 people in the United States were sexually assaulted in 2008;
- “1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men have been victims of rape or attempted rape;
- “The Department of Defense received 2,908 reports of sexual assault involving members of the Armed Forces in fiscal year 2008, representing an eight percent increase from fiscal 2007;
- “Children and young adults are most at risk of sexual assault, as 44 percent of sexual assault victims are under the age of 18, and 80 percent are under the age of 30; and
- “Sexual assault affects women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, age, ethnic, ability, and economic groups in the United States.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1259 was introduced on April 15, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional 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?: 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.

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**H.Res. 1208—Supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day
(Smith, D-WA)**

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

Summary: H.Res.1208 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals of World Intellectual Property Day to promote, inform, and teach the importance of intellectual property as a tool for economic, social, and cultural development;
- “Recognizes the ever-increasing importance of intellectual property and the new challenges and serious threats to its protection, which affect prospects for future growth of the United States economy;
- “Supports robust and ongoing efforts to protect the health and well-being of citizens in the United States from fraudulent and illegal counterfeiting and piracy;
- “Congratulates the World Intellectual Property Organization for building awareness of the value of intellectual property and developing the necessary infrastructure to help citizens take full advantage of their own creativity; and
- “Applauds the ongoing contributions of human creativity and intellectual property to growth and innovation and for the key role they play in promoting and ensuring a brighter and stronger future for the United States and the world.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Intellectual property is the backbone of the economic competitiveness of the United States and the only economic sector in which the United States has a trade surplus with every nation in the world;
- “Well over 50 percent of United States exports now depend on some form of intellectual property, compared to less than 10 percent 50 years ago;
- “Intangible assets that stem from intellectual property, such as high-value services, global branding, technological know-how, and scientific research, must be recognized as cornerstones in achieving economic recovery and creating jobs;
- “Intellectual property assets today represent more than one third of the value of United States-based corporations and more than 17 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States; and
- “Intellectual property plays a significant role in an increasingly broad range of services, ranging from the Internet to health care to nearly all aspects of science and technology and literature and the arts, and the potential for innovation and invention must be fostered as its greatest attribute.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1208 was introduced on March 23, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional 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?: 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.

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H.R. 3808 – Interstate Recognition of Notarizations Act (Aderholt, R-AL)

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

Summary: The bill requires any federal or state court to recognize any notarization, made by a notary public licensed by a state other than the state where the court is located, when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce.

Background: A notary public is a state-appointed official who witnesses when documents such as affidavits, deeds, and powers of attorney are signed. Some states require that these types of documents be notarized before they become legally binding. Some states do not recognize the validity of notarized documents from a different state.

Committee Action: H.R. 3808 was introduced on October 14, 2009, and referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy. No further action was taken.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score 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?: Yes.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is not available.

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**H.Res. 1033 - Expressing support for designation of April 2010 as
"National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to devote
new resources to research into the causes and treatment of autism and
to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those
who care for individuals with autism
(Reichert, R-WA)**

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

Summary: H.Res. 1033 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Expresses support for designation of a ‘National Autism Awareness Month’;
- “Recognizes and commends the parents and relatives of children with autism for their sacrifice and dedication in providing for the special needs of children with autism and for absorbing significant financial costs for specialized education and support services;
- “Supports the goal of devoting new resources to researching the root causes of autism, identifying the best methods of early intervention and treatment, expanding programs for individuals with autism across their lifespans, and promoting understanding of the special needs of people with autism;
- “Stresses the need to begin early intervention services soon after a child has been diagnosed with autism, noting that early intervention strategies are the primary therapeutic options for young people with autism, and that early intervention significantly improves the outcome for people with autism and can reduce the level of funding and services needed to treat people with autism later in life;
- “Recognizes the shortage of appropriately trained teachers who have the skills and support necessary to teach, assist, and respond to special needs students, including those with autism, in our school systems; and
- “Recognizes the importance of worker training programs that are tailored to the needs of developmentally disabled persons, including those with autism, and notes that people with autism can be, and are, productive members of the workforce if they are given appropriate support, training, and early intervention services.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Autism is a developmental disorder that is typically diagnosed during the first 3 years of life, robbing individuals of their ability to communicate and interact with others;
- “Autism is four times more likely to occur in boys than in girls;
- “It costs approximately \$80,000 per year to treat an individual with autism in a medical center specializing in developmental disabilities;

- “The cost nationally of caring for persons affected by autism is estimated at upwards of \$90,000,000,000 per year; and
- “April 2010 would be an appropriate month to designate as ‘National Autism Awareness Month’ to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members and medical professionals who care for individuals with autism.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1033 was introduced on January 21, 2010, and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities. No further official action was taken.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional 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?: 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.

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H.R. __ - Providing that Members of Congress shall not receive a cost of living adjustment in pay during fiscal year 2011 (*Mitchell, D-AZ*)

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

Summary: The legislation has not been introduced. The RSC has been instructed that this text will be the same as that of S. 3244. This summary is based off of S. 3244.

The legislation would eliminate the automatic cost of living adjustment that Members of Congress are scheduled to receive.

Additional Information: According to the [Congressional Research Service](#), Members would receive an automatic pay increase in January 2011. This is due to the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, [P.L. 101-194](#).

A similar bill, S. 3244 was introduced in the Senate on April 22, 2010 by *Sen. Feingold (D-WI)*, and passed without amendment by unanimous consent on April 22, 2010.

Committee Action: The legislation has yet to be introduced.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score is currently 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?: 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.

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