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S. 3333 - To extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under title 17, United States Code (*Sen. Leahy, D-VT*)

Order of Business: S. 3333 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May, 12 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. The bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent on May 7, 2010. The bill is similar to H.R. 3570, which passed the House on December 3, 2009 by a vote of [394-11](#).

Summary: Under current law, satellite and cable television carriers pay royalties to the Copyright Office so they can transmit signals to subscribers. The Copyright Office distributes those fees to owners of copyrights. S. 3333 would extend, through December 31, 2014, the requirement that satellite companies pay royalty fees to owners of copyrighted material for retransmitting that material to their subscribers. The rates can be set by voluntary agreement, or it can be set by Copyright Royalty Judges.

Among other things, the bill would:

- Increase the royalty rates that cable companies pay to use copyrighted material;
- Eliminate the requirement that copyright fees be paid on revenue from subscribers that do not actually receive copyrighted material (also known as the “phantom signal” issue);
- Authorize the Copyright Office to charge filing fees to satellite and cable operators to offset the cost of the royalty program;
- Increase penalties for rule violations;
- Require the Copyright Office to develop new regulations allowing for auditing of reports to the Copyright Office; and
- Require that the Federal Communications Commission develop a way to determine which households are eligible for copyright-protected satellite because of the switch to digital broadcasting.

Additional Background: The distant signal satellite license, codified in 17 U.S.C. § 119, was first enacted in 1988 as part of the Satellite Home Viewer Act (SHVA). The license is temporary and applies to the retransmission of both distant network and superstation signals. Congress has renewed the distant signal satellite license numerous times in previous years. The § 119 distant signal license is slated to expire on December 31, 2009.

The Satellite Home Viewer Act of 1988 was originally intended to provide a temporary mechanism for clearing the rights to copyrighted television broadcast programming to help grow direct-to-home satellite industry as an effective competitor to cable. The Act was originally intended to provide a lifeline service to households that could not receive certain local broadcast signals over the air. The Act permits satellite carriers to retransmit a local network signal to the households in the designated market area (DMA) where the signal originated. If a satellite carrier chooses to provide the signal of a local broadcast station in a DMA, it must offer the signal of all network channels in that DMA.

Congress intended this to be an *interim* statutory solution that will allow carriers of broadcast signals to serve home satellite antenna users until marketplace solutions to this problem can be developed. Some members have expressed concern that the legislation “resuscitates, broadens and extends the license rather than accelerating its demise.” Additionally, opponents of the Act expressed concern this issue undermines our ability to protect intellectual property rights.

Currently, it is estimated that one million subscribers receive distant-network programming under the authority under section § 119. Today, satellite carriers offer “local into local” service to for 97% of the nation. However, markets continue to exist where satellite providers chose not to offer local service due to low population densities or economic decisions.

Committee Action: S. 3333 was introduced on May 7, 2010 and the bill was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, which took no subsequent public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The bill 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.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable for S. 3333.

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**H.R. 5014—To clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of
Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage
(Rep. Filner, D-CA)**

Order of Business: H.R. 5014 is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.R. 5014 would amend the Internal Revenue Code to include children of Vietnam War and certain Korean War veterans receiving care and services through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for spina bifida-related medical conditions as meeting the definition of “minimum essential coverage” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). The amendment will be in effect as if included in PPACA.

Previously, PPACA only included veteran’s health care program under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code (hospital, nursing home, domiciliary, and medical care) as meeting the definition of “minimum essential coverage.” H.R. 5014 rectifies this by including chapter 17 or 18 of title 38, United States Code (benefits for children of Vietnam veterans and certain other veterans), “or otherwise under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, of an individual entitled to coverage under such chapter or laws for essential health benefits.”

Additional Background: In the haste to take over almost 1/6 of nation’s economy, and in the process of cutting back room deals to reach 216 votes, House Democrats are forced to amend the PPACA once again because they forgot to ensure that certain individuals receiving Veterans Care would not be penalized for not having “qualified” health care. In addition, this demonstrates just one important group of individuals House Democrats forgot to address in this process. Some conservatives may be concerned that the sloppy

and secretive process leading to consideration of the health care bill may cause other individuals to be detrimentally impacted by the government takeover of the health industry.

This is not the first or the last time that PPACA will need to be “fixed.” On March 20, 2010, the House and Senate voted and passed a similar measure, H.R. 4887, the TRICARE Affirmation Act which prematurely amended the PPACA to include TRICARE under Department of Defense Health Coverage as minimally essential coverage.

Committee Action: H.R. 5014 was introduced on April 14, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, which took no action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score was available 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 is 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: A committee report citing the constitutional authority for Congress to enact this bill is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1337 - Expressing the sympathy and condolences of the House of Representatives to those affected by the flooding in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi in May, 2010 (*Cooper, D-TN*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1337 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Offers its deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of those who lost their lives as the result of flooding beginning on May 2, 2010, in the States of Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi;

- “Expresses its condolences to the families who lost their homes and other property in the flooding throughout Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi;
- “Expresses gratitude and appreciation to the people of the State of Tennessee and the surrounding States, who continue to work to protect people from the floodwaters and aid in the recovery efforts;
- “Expresses its support as the Federal Emergency Management Agency continues its efforts to respond to any needs of the citizens and communities affected by the flooding and assists in the recovery efforts; and
- “Honors the emergency responders across Tennessee for their bravery and sacrifice during this tragedy.

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Beginning on May 2, 2010, the State of Tennessee was hit by unprecedented rainfall that resulted in the massive flooding of areas in and around Nashville;
- “According to the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the two-day rainfall totals of 13.53 inches more than doubles the previous record of 6.68 inches set in September, 1979;
- “The storms causing the rainfall claimed the lives of dozens of people across Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi;
- “On May 4, 2010, President Obama declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Tennessee and directed the Federal Emergency Management Agency to work closely with Tennessee to monitor the response efforts relating to the storms and flooding and identify and respond to any immediate emergency needs for the citizens and communities of Tennessee that are impacted by the devastating floods; and
- “Volunteers are giving their time to help ensure that evacuees are sheltered, clothed, fed, and comforted through the trauma caused by the storm.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1337 was introduced on May 6, 2010 and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score is unavailable.

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: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1284 - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Learn to Fly Day (*Boyd, D-FL*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1284 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of National Learn to Fly Day; and
- “Recognizes the contributions of flight instructors, flight schools, aviation groups, and industry in promoting and teaching the Nation's next generation of pilots.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Many of the Nation's heroes have been pilots, including the Wright brothers, Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, Charles `Chuck' Yeager, the Nation's astronauts and military aviators, and the flight crew of U.S. Airways Flight 1549, among others;
- “There are approximately 600,000 pilots and approximately 230,000 commercial and general aviation airplanes in the United States;
- “Flight allows the movement of people and commodities across the Nation and around the world quickly and efficiently; and
- “The third Saturday in May is an appropriate day to observe International Learn to Fly Day.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1299 was introduced on April 26, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, which took no public action.

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.

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

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**S.Con.Res. 61 - A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that general aviation pilots and industry should be recognized for the contributions made in response to Haiti earthquake relief efforts.
(*Sen. Begich, D-AK*)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: S.Con.Res. 61 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the many contributions of the general aviation pilots and industry to the Haiti earthquake relief efforts; and
- “Encourages the continued generosity of general aviation pilots and operators in the ongoing humanitarian relief efforts in Haiti.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “On January 12, 2010, the country of Haiti suffered a devastating earthquake;
- “After the earthquake, general aviation pilots rallied to provide transportation for medical staff and relief personnel;
- “Business aircraft alone conducted more than 700 flights, transporting 3,500 passengers, and over 1,000,000 pounds of cargo and supplies;
- “Relief flights were fully paid for by individual pilots and aircraft owners; and
- “The selfless efforts of the general aviation community have saved countless lives and provided humanitarian assistance in a time of need.”

Committee Action: S.Con.Res. 61 was introduced in the Senate on April 27, 2010 and passed on April 29, 2010 by unanimous consent. It was then referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which took no public action.

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.

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

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H.Res. 1261 - Recognizing National Nurses Week (*Johnson, D-TX*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H. Res. 1261 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, as founded by the American Nurses Association; and
- “Acknowledges the importance of quality higher education in nursing, including baccalaureate and graduate programs and programs that help expand the supply of nursing program faculty, to meet the needs of one of the Nation’s fastest growing labor fields.

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Since 1990, National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Recognition Day for Nurses, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing;
- “United States nursing programs were forced to reject almost 119,000 qualified applications to nursing programs according to the National League for Nursing’s most recent survey of all prelicensure nursing programs;
- “According to the AACN, expanding capacity in baccalaureate and graduate programs is critical to sustaining a healthy nursing workforce and providing patients with the best care possible;
- “Increased support is needed to enhance efforts to educate nursing students at all levels, to increase the number of faculty members to educate nursing students, and to create educational opportunities to retain nurses in the profession.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1261 was introduced on April 15, 2010 and referred to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution does not authorize any additional expenditures. The resolution does state that “increased Federal and State support is needed to enhance existing programs and create new programs to educate nursing students at all levels, to increase the number of faculty members to educate nursing students, to create clinical sites and have the appropriately prepared nurses to teach and train at those sites, to create educational opportunities to retain nurses in the profession, and to educate and train more nurse research scientists who can discover new nursing.”

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: A committee report stating constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Res. 1338 - Recognizing the significant accomplishments of
AmeriCorps and encouraging all citizens to join in a national effort to
raise awareness about the importance of national and community
service (*Matsui, D-CA*)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1338 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Encourages all citizens to join in a national effort to salute AmeriCorps members and alumni and raise awareness about the importance of national and community service;
- “Acknowledges the significant accomplishments of the AmeriCorps members, alumni, and community partners; and
- “Recognizes the important contributions to the lives of our citizens by AmeriCorps members.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Since its inception in 1994, the AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans in meeting a wide range of local and national needs and promoting the ethic of service and volunteering;
- “On April 21, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, passed by bi-partisan majorities in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, which reauthorized and will expand AmeriCorps programs;
- “National service programs have engaged millions of Americans in results-driven service in the Nation's most vulnerable communities, providing hope and help to people facing economic and social needs;
- “This year, as the economic downturn puts millions of Americans at risk, national service and volunteering are more important than ever; and
- “2010's AmeriCorps Week, observed May 8 through May 15, provides the perfect opportunity for AmeriCorps members, alumni, grantees, program partners, and friends to shine a spotlight on the work done by members and to motivate more Americans to serve their communities.”

Conservative Concerns: Some conservatives may be concerned that this is at least the 10th service/volunteer related resolution that has come to the Floor this Congress. Some conservatives may feel that Congress should be focused on things like job creation and deficit reduction, instead of recognizing an organization that provides opportunities to “give back” by paying people.

Other service/volunteer resolutions that Congress has voted on in the 111th Congress are as follows:

H.Res. 41 – Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month 2009. (Passed the House on January 13, 2009)

H.Res. 43 - Recognizing the efforts of those who serve their communities on Martin Luther King Day and promoting the holiday as a day of national service. (Passed the House on January 13, 2009)

H.Res. 182 - Expressing support for designation of the week of March 1 through March 8, 2009, as “School Social Work Week.” (Passed the House on March 24, 2009)

H.Res. 335 - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Volunteer Week. (Passed the House on April 27, 2009)

H.Res. 353 - Supporting the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Days. (Passed the House on May 5, 2009)

H.Res. 453 - Recognizing the significant accomplishments of the AmeriCorps and encouraging all citizens to join in a national effort to salute AmeriCorps members and alumni, and raise awareness about the importance of national and community service. (Passed the House on June 10, 2009)

H.Res. 1002 - Honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and encouraging the continued commitment to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national day of service. (Passed the House on January 13, 2010)

H.Res. 1240 - Supporting the goals and ideals of Global Youth Service Day. (Passed the House on April 27, 2010)

H.Res. 1276 - Recognizing the continued importance of volunteerism and national service and the anniversary of the signing of the landmark service legislation, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. (Passed the House on April 21, 2010)

Additionally you may be interested to see how your boss voted on a very similar resolution that passed in the [110th Congress](#).

H.Res. 1338 recognizes AmeriCorps, an organization that stretches the notion of what constitutes a “volunteer” by paying individuals monthly stipends, compensating for living expenses, and granting healthcare benefits. They call this “promoting the ethic of service and volunteering.”

AmeriCorps also has a history of funding projects that some conservatives find objectionable (ex. Planned Parenthood of Western Washington). Along with Planned Parenthood of Washington, and the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center (LAGLC).

According to [this article](#), published in 2000, the LAGLC was given AmeriCorps funding to go into schools and prevent “antigay” bias.

The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center (LAGLC), the nation’s largest gay rights organization, has received more than \$200,000 in support from AmeriCorps. The LAGLC AmeriCorps program is “focusing on society’s last ‘acceptable’ prejudice: anti-gay bias,” according to a LAGLC program update. AmeriCorps members distributed a survey in L.A. schools that implied that students should report to school authorities any time they heard any student make a derogatory comment to any other student. An example of anti-gay bias that Gwen Baldwin, the LAGLC executive director, offered was “one person not being invited to a lunch table.”

This resolution also commends the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act (H.R. 1388) which passed the House on March 31, 2009, and was opposed by [149 Members](#).

Furthermore, ExpectMore.gov (managed through the OMB) has deemed the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps program to be [ineffective](#). ExpectMore.gov states that “The program has never conducted a comprehensive evaluation,” “this program is very costly,” and “Performance goals are not measurable.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1338 was introduced on May 6, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, which took no public action.

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.

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

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H.R. 959 - Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act (*Murphy, D-PA*)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 959 would grant full Pell grant eligibility to children of a public safety officer that has died in the line of duty, otherwise known as a "fallen hero." This legislation defines fallen heroes as law enforcement officers, firefighters, members of a rescue squad or ambulance crew that have died in the line of duty.

Additional Information: The [Federal Pell Grant Program](#) provides grants to low-income undergraduate and certain post-baccalaureate students to assist with postsecondary education.

Committee Action: H.R. 959 was introduced on February 10, 2009 and referred to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness, and the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Neither committee took public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score is unavailable.

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. 1333 - Expressing support for the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week (Roe, R-TN)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1333 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals and ideals of Children's Book Week; and
- “Encourages parents to read with their children and schools, libraries, and community organizations to hold events to encourage children and students of all ages to read.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Research has indicated that children who are read to three or four times a week are more likely to recognize the letters of the alphabet, be able to count to 20, and write their own names;
- “Children's books are instrumental in teaching children to read by providing simple phrases that promote reading techniques, including phonics, and retaining children's interest;
- “Children's Book Week has been celebrated nationally since 1919 and is founded on the declaration that a `great nation is a reading nation';
- “Children's Book Week highlights the importance of parents and guardians taking the time to read with their children and encourages libraries, schools, and community organizations to hold events to promote reading; and
- “Children's Book Week is recognized May 10 to May 16, 2010.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1333 was introduced on May 6, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, which took no public action.

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.

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

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S. 1067 - Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act (*Sen. Feingold, D-WI*)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S. 1067 would require that the President submit to Congress a strategy to guide future United States support across the region for viable multilateral efforts to mitigate and eliminate the threat to civilians and regional stability posed by the Lord's Resistance Army.

The strategy shall include the following:

- “A plan to help strengthen efforts by the United Nations and regional governments to protect civilians from attacks by the Lord's Resistance Army while supporting the development of institutions in affected areas that can help to maintain the rule of law and prevent conflict in the long term;
- “An assessment of viable options through which the United States, working with regional governments, could help develop and support multilateral efforts to eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army;
- “An interagency framework to plan, coordinate, and review diplomatic, economic, intelligence, and military elements of United States policy across the region regarding the Lord's Resistance Army;
- “A description of the type and form of diplomatic engagement across the region undertaken to coordinate and implement United States policy regarding the Lord's Resistance Army and to work multilaterally with regional mechanisms, including the Tripartite Plus Commission and the Great Lakes Pact; and

- “A description of how this engagement will fit within the context of broader efforts and policy objectives in the Great Lakes Region.”

A Congressional report is required to be sent by the Secretary of State to certain committees detailing the progress made on the implementation of the strategy, and a description and evaluation of the assistance provided under this Act towards the policy objectives required.

This legislation authorizes the President to provide additional assistance to the Democratic Republic of Congo, southern Sudan, and Central African Republic to respond to the humanitarian needs of populations affected by the Lord's Resistance Army.

S. 1067 states that it is the sense of Congress that “the President should support efforts by the people of northern Uganda and the Government of Uganda” and lists several objectives.

This legislation also states that it is the sense of Congress that “the Secretary of State and Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development should work with the appropriate committees of Congress to increase assistance in future fiscal years to support activities described in this section if the Government of Uganda demonstrates a commitment to transparent and accountable reconstruction in war-affected areas of northern Uganda” and lists several qualifications. This legislation states that the Secretary of State could withhold non-humanitarian assistance to the Republic of Uganda if the government is not committed to taking proactive steps to move in a transparent manner.

S. 1067 authorizes the President to support efforts to advance transitional justice and reconciliation on both local and national levels. This includes the implementation of mechanisms outlined in the Annexure to the Agreement on Accountability and Reconciliation between the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army/Movement, signed at Juba February 19, 2008, namely:

- “A body to investigate the history of the conflict, inquire into human rights violations committed during the conflict by all sides, promote truth-telling in communities, and encourage the preservation of the memory of events and victims of the conflict through memorials, archives, commemorations, and other forms of preservation;
- “A special division of the High Court of Uganda to try individuals alleged to have committed serious crimes during the conflict, and a special unit to carry out investigations and prosecutions in support of trials;
- “A system for making reparations to victims of the conflict; and
- “A review and strategy for supporting transitional justice mechanisms in affected areas to promote reconciliation and encourage individuals to take personal responsibility for their conduct during the war.”

S. 1067 states that it is the sense of the Congress that:

- “Of the total amounts to be appropriated for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of State and foreign operations, up to \$10,000,000 should be used to carry out activities under section 5; and
- “Of the total amounts to be appropriated for fiscal year 2011 through 2013 for the Department of State and foreign operations, up to \$10,000,000 in each such fiscal year should be used to carry out activities under section 7.”

Additional Information: A related bill, H.R. 2478, has been introduced in the House.

Committee Action: S. 1067 was introduced on May 19, 2009 and referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Senator Kerry offered a substitute amendment and the legislation passed the Senate on March 10, 2010 by unanimous consent, as amended. It was then referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score is not available for the text that was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, after being received from the Senate. However, this legislation does 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.

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

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H.Res. 1303 - Recognizing the close friendship and historical ties between the United Kingdom and the United States (Diaz-Balart, R-FL)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1303 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the profound friendship between the United Kingdom and the United States;
- “Expresses sincere gratitude to the people of the United Kingdom for their generosity, camaraderie, and cooperation with the people of the United States in military operations, foreign assistance, and other joint efforts throughout the world;
- “Acknowledges the importance of the United Kingdom's political philosophy, law, and history on the cultural, political, and legal institutions of the United States; and
- “Looks forward to continued, deepening ties of friendship between the peoples of the United Kingdom and the United States.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “When Sir Winston Churchill resigned from his second tour of duty as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, he warned his cabinet to ‘never be separated from the Americans’;
- “The United Kingdom and the United States were founding Members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and were 2 of the original 12 countries to sign the North Atlantic Treaty on April 4, 1949, in Washington, DC;
- “After the September 11, 2001, attacks, Prime Minister Tony Blair immediately flew to the United States to express solidarity with the United States and President George W. Bush declared in a speech before Congress that the United States ‘has no truer friend than Great Britain’;
- “The United Kingdom Foreign & Commonwealth Office reports that the United States is the largest source of foreign direct investment in the United Kingdom's economy, while the United Kingdom is the largest single investor in the United States economy; and
- “The United Kingdom and the United States share a commitment to free speech, democracy, and the rule of law based on the rich history of a longstanding friendship and shared ideals.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1303 was introduced on April 27, 2010, and referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, which took no public action.

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.

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

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H.Res. 1143 - Commending the Community of Democracies for its achievements since it was founded in 2000 (*Quigley, D-IL*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1143 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Commends the Community of Democracies for its achievements since it was founded in 2000;
- “Applauds the recent establishment of the Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies and expresses its appreciation to the Government of Poland for the support it has extended to the Permanent Secretariat and for hosting it in Warsaw;
- “Welcomes the initiative of the Lithuanian Presidency supported by the Convening Group and the Permanent Secretariat to re-establish the Working Groups within the Community of Democracies which will strengthen the Community of Democracies and bring additional value; and
- “Endorses the Krakow Conference which will be held on the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Community of Democracies, and extends its best wishes for the success of that conference and for the Community's ongoing efforts to promote democracy worldwide.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “The Community of Democracies is a global intergovernmental organization of democratic countries which aims to promote democracy and strengthen democratic norms and institutions around the world;
- “The Community of Democracies was founded in June 2000 at a ministerial conference in Warsaw, Poland;
- “Delegations from 106 countries signed the final declaration of the Warsaw Conference on June 27, 2000, endorsing an agreed list of core democratic principles and practices, and committing themselves to the promotion of those principles and practices;

- “Since the Warsaw Conference, there have been four subsequent ministerial conferences of the Community of Democracies in Seoul, Korea, in November 2002, Santiago, Chile, in April 2005, Bamako, Mali, in November 2007, and Lisbon, Portugal, in July 2009;
- “On the 10th anniversary of the Warsaw Conference, the Community of Democracies will convene in Krakow, Poland, to re-launch the Community and adopt a work program to advance democracy worldwide.”

Additional Information: More information on Community of Democracies can be found [here](#).

Committee Action: H.Res. 1143 was introduced on March 4, 2010 and was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, which took no public action.

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.

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

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H.Res. 1155 - Commending the progress made by anti-tuberculosis programs (*Engel, D-NY*)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 1155 would resolve that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the goals of World TB Day to raise awareness about tuberculosis;
- “Commends the progress made by anti-tuberculosis programs, including the United States Agency for International Development, the Centers for Disease

- Control and Prevention and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; and
- “Reaffirms its commitment to global tuberculosis control made through the Lantos-Hyde U.S. Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2008.”

The resolution lists a number of findings including:

- “Tuberculosis (hereafter in this preamble referred to as `TB’) is the second leading global infectious disease killer behind HIV/AIDS, claiming 1,800,000 lives each year;
- “The Institute of Medicine (IOM) found that the resurgence of TB between 1980 and 1992 was caused by cuts in TB control funding and the spread of HIV/AIDS;
- “African-Americans are 8 times more likely to have TB than Caucasians, and significant disparities exist among other United States minorities, including Native Americans, Asian-Americans, and Hispanic-Americans;
- “The Global Health Initiative commits to reducing TB prevalence by 50 percent through 2015;
- “the United States Agency for International Development provides financial and technical assistance to nearly 40 highly burdened TB countries and supports the development of new diagnostic and treatment tools, and is authorized to support research to develop new vaccines to combat TB; and
- “March 24, 2010, is World Tuberculosis Day, a day that commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacteria that causes tuberculosis.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1155 was introduced on March 10, 2010 and referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which took no public action.

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.

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

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