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Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 0

Number of Reported Bills that Don’t Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0

H.Res. 326 — Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (*Hooley, D-OR*)

Order of Business: H.Res. 326 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 326 would express the sense that the House of Representatives:

- “honors the sacrifice of the men and women who lost their lives in service of the United States during the Vietnam War;
- “recognizes the service of the men and women who were members of the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam War; and
- “commemorates the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.”

H.Res. 326 lists the following findings:

- “the Vietnam Veterans Memorial marks the 25th anniversary of its dedication in 2007;
- “the Memorial commemorates the sacrifice of more than 58,000 men and women who lost their lives during the Vietnam War;
- “the Memorial honors the sacrifice of the 153,303 men and women who were wounded during the conflict;
- “the Memorial honors the more than 3,000,000 men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam War;
- “the Memorial has served as a powerful force for national healing;
- “over four million people visit the Memorial each year to pay tribute to lost loved ones and remember the sacrifice of those who served the United States during the Vietnam War; and
- “the Memorial is a testament to the dedication of the private individuals and corporations that raised \$8,400,000 to build the Memorial.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 326 was introduced on April 20, 2007, and was referred to the Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness as well as the Committee on Natural Resources. On April 23, 2007 it was referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. No further action was taken.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution does not authorize 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.

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H.Con.Res. 207 — Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force as an independent military service (*Spratt, D-SC*)

Order of Business: H.Con.Res. 207 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 207 would express the sense that the House of Representatives “remembers, honors, and commends the achievements of the United States Air Force in serving and defending the United States on the 60th anniversary of the creation of the United States Air Force as an independent military service.”

Additional Information: The resolution lists a number of findings that commemorate the proud history and legacy of the United States Air Force (USAF). According to the findings in the resolution, the U.S. contracted the Wright brothers to build the world’s first military airplane, the Wright Military Flyer, in 1909. From that point forward U.S. air forces played a decisive role in military operations around the world, especially during World War II.

Following the war, government officials quickly realized the importance of an independent military service for the country’s air forces. On July 26, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947 to realign and reorganize the Armed Forces and to create a separate Department of the Air Force from the existing military services. Since that time the USAF has provide an honorable and valued services protecting our country.

Committee Action: H.Con.Res. 207 was introduced on September 7, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Armed Services, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

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.

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H.Res. 443 — Recognizing the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War, honoring the people of Puerto Rico who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country, and commending all efforts

**to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers
(McGovern, D-MA)**

Order of Business: H.Res. 443 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 443 would express the sense that the House of Representatives:

- “recognizes the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War;
- “honors the people of Puerto Rico, who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country; and
- “commends all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers.”

H.Res. 443 lists the following findings:

- “the 65th Infantry Regiment, the only Hispanic-segregated unit in United States military history, was mandated by Congress to be comprised primarily of Puerto Ricans;
- “the 65th Infantry Regiment became better known as the Borinqueneers from the word Borinquen, the name that the native Taino Indians called Puerto Rico;
- “the Borinqueneers, throughout their service in World War I, World War II, and, most notably, the Korean War, served with distinction;
- “the Borinqueneers demonstrated their military prowess in Korea and earned the respect and admiration of their fellow soldiers and military authorities, most notably General Douglas MacArthur;
- “the Borinqueneers were sent to battle on the front lines in Korea and participated in nine major campaigns during the Korean War;
- “the Borinqueneers made valuable contributions to the war effort, including by suffering a tremendous number of casualties that was disproportionate to the population of Puerto Rico;
- “the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers earned well-deserved praise, including a Presidential Unit Citation, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, and two Republic of Korea Unit Citations; and
- “the 65th Infantry has ceased to exist as an all-Puerto Rico unit, but thousands of Puerto Ricans have continued to volunteer freely and serve in the Armed Forces and have served ably during wartime.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 443 was introduced on May 24, 2007, and was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. On June 28, 2007, the resolution was referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution does not authorize 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.

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H.Res. 604 — Expressing the nation’s sincerest appreciation and thanks for the service of the members of the 303rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) upon the occasion of the final reunion of the 303rd Bomb Group (H) Association (McCotter, R-MI)

Order of Business: H.Res. 604 is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 604 would express the sense that the House of Representatives:

- “the dedicated men and women who served in the 8th Air Force, 303rd Bombardment Group (H), ‘Hell’s Angels’, including the nearly 5,000 listed as missing in action, during World War II are heroes and champions of American freedom; and
- “the House of Representatives, on behalf of a grateful nation, recognizes the final reunion of the 303rd Bomb Group (H) Association and commends the honorable members of the Association, who never once turned away from their assigned target, for their selfless service to our country.”

Additional Information: According to the findings in the resolution, the 303rd Bombardment Group (Heavy) was activated in 1942 at Pendleton Field, Oregon, and trained at Gowen Field, Idaho. Known as ‘Hell’s Angels’, the group flew its first of 364 combat missions on November 17, 1942. During the two and half years that the Hells Angels flew missions 165 aircraft were listed missing in action while two men were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, four were awarded the Distinguished service Cross, and 1,200 received the Purple Heart for being killed or wounded. Due to age and the declining health of the 303rd Bombardment Group (H) veterans, the 303rd Bomb Group Association Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to dissolve the Association at the end of 2007. September 23, 2007, will mark the illustrious group’s final reunion.

Committee Action: H.Res. 604 was introduced on August 1, 2007, and was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution does not authorize 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.

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