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H.R. 1849—World War I Memorial and Centennial Act of 2009
(Rep. Cleaver, D-MO)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, November 5, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1849 designates the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial. The legislation also establishes the World War I Centennial Commission to “ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I that promotes the values of honor, courage, patriotism, and sacrifice” that is consistent with the Memorial. The primary duties of the Commission are to:

- “Plan, develop, and execute programs, projects, and activities to commemorate the centennial of World War I;
- “To encourage private organizations and State and local governments to organize and participate in activities commemorating the centennial of World War I;
- “To facilitate and coordinate activities throughout the United States related to the centennial of World War I; and
- “To serve as a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of information about events and plans for the centennial of World War.”

The membership of the Commission will consist of members appointed by majority and minority members of the House and Senate, Executive Office of the President, executive director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (or the director's delegate), executive director of the American Legion (or the director's delegate), and the president

of the Liberty Memorial Association, the nonprofit entity responsible for the management of America's National World War I Museum (or the president's delegate).

Additional Information: According to the bill's findings, more than 4 million men and women from the United States served in uniform in the defense of liberty during World War I, among them two future presidents, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower. The United States suffered 375,000 casualties during World War I, which lasted from 1914 to 1918.

Kansas City is home to the Liberty Memorial and America's National World War I Museum (as recognized in the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005), and home to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. More information on the Memorial can be found [here](#).

Committee Action: On April 1, 2009, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Natural Resources. The Oversight and Government Reform Committee held a mark-up on October 29, 2009, and the legislation was ordered to be reported by unanimous consent.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 1849 is unavailable 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? 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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S. 748 - To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego, California, as the "Cesar E. Chavez Post Office" (Sen. Boxer, D-CA)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, November 5, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S. 748 would redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego, California, as the 'Cesar E. Chavez Post Office.'

Additional Information: Cesar E. Chavez was born near Yuma, Arizona on March 31, 1927 and worked as a migrant farm worker after his family lost their land during the Depression. Mr. Chavez joined the Navy in 1945 and served in the Pacific towards the end of WWII. Mr. Chavez became involved with the Community Service Organization (CSO) in 1952 and served as their national director during the last 1950's and early 1960's. He left the CSO and founded the National Farm Workers Association (NFWA) in 1962 in Delano, California. In September 1965, the NFWA joined an AFL-CIO sponsored union strike against Delano area grape growers. This led to a five year strike, which rallied millions of supporters to the United Farm Workers (UFW). He led a 25 day fast in 1968, and again in 1972 to assert his personal commitment and that of the farm labor movement to non-violence. In 1988, he led a 36 day fast in order to highlight the harmful impact of pesticides on farm workers. Mr. Chavez died on April 23, 1993.

Committee Action: S. 748 was introduced in the Senate on March 31, 2009, and passed the Senate on August 4, 2009 by unanimous consent. It was then referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, the bill was considered en bloc and passed by voice vote.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for S. 748 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. federal building renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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

Constitutional Authority: Although no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to establish Post Offices and post roads.

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H.R. 3788 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Darrow Road in Stow, Ohio, as the "Corporal Joseph A. Tomci Post Office Building." (LaTourette, R-OH)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, November 5, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 3788 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Darrow Road in Stow, Ohio as the ‘Corporal Joseph A. Tomci Post Office Building.’

Additional Information: Marine Corporal Joseph A. Tomci graduated from Stow-Munroe Falls High School in 2003. He was almost two months away from finishing his second tour in Iraq when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Ramadi, Iraq on August 2, 2006. His first deployment was to Haiti in 2004, then to Fallujah, Iraq in 2005, and then to Ramadi in 2006. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Committee Action: H.R. 3788 was introduced on October 13, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform where the bill was considered en bloc and passed by voice vote.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 3788 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. federal building renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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

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S. 1211 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the "Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building" (Sen. Schumer, D-NY)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, November 5, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S, 1211 would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the 'Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building.'

Additional Information: Jack Kemp was born in Los Angeles, CA on July 13, 1935. He served as a member of the United States Army Reserve from 1958 to 1962. From 1957 to 1970, he was a professional football player for the Detroit Lions, Pittsburgh Steelers, New York Giants, and San Francisco 49ers. He worked at the Republican National Committee in 1969 and was elected to the House of Representatives in January 1971. He served a total of nine terms representing New York. Mr. Kemp was a candidate for the Republican nomination for President in 1988. He served as the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 1989 to 1993. Mr. Kemp was a candidate for Vice President in 1996. He served as Chairman of the Board for Forbes and was the founder and Chairman of Kemp Partners, a consulting firm. Mr. Kemp also served as Co-Chairman of FreedomWorks, and served on the boards of Six Flags, Inc., Oracle Corp. and Hawk Corp. Mr. Kemp died on May 2, 2009.

Committee Action: S. 1211 was introduced in the Senate on June 9, 2009 and passed the Senate on August 4, 2009 by Unanimous Consent. The bill was then referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform where the bill was considered en bloc and passed by voice vote.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for S. 1211 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. federal building renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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

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H.R. 3276 – American Medical Isotopes Production Act of 2009 (Markey, D-MA)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 3276 authorizes \$163 million to be appropriated to produce molybdenum-99, which is a radioactive isotope produced from uranium, used for medical procedures. The bill also authorizes the Secretary of Energy to make low enriched uranium (LEU) available through lease contracts to producers of molybdenum-99. These lease contracts allow the Secretary to be fiscally responsible for radioactive waste generated by the irradiation process of LEU.

There are no facilities within the U.S. that are dedicated solely to the production of molybdenum-99 for medical uses, and therefore molybdenum must be imported. Prior to May 14, 2009, 60% of molybdenum-99 in the U.S. was imported from a 51-year-old National Research Universal reactor in Canada. That reactor was shut down after a leak of radioactive water was discovered. The closure of this reactor has caused a shortage of molybdenum-99.

Committee Action: H.R. 3276 was introduced on July 21, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Environment. The Committee held a markup of the bill on October 21, 2009.

Cost to Taxpayers: CBO estimates that by providing funding for these projects, completing studies and reports, and managing radioactive waste would increase discretionary spending by \$130 million between 2010 and 2014. CBO estimates that leasing LEU would have a minor net impact on direct spending. CBO also estimates that this legislation would have a minor net impact on direct spending for any year. The bill would also not affect revenues.

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 unavailable.

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