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H.Res. 1687 - Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month (Biggert, R-IL)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1687 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes and supports the goals and ideals of National Runaway Prevention Month.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The number of runaway and homeless youth in the United States is staggering, with studies suggesting that between 1,600,000 and 2,800,000 youth live on the streets each year;
- “Runaway youth are often expelled from their homes by their families, discharged by State custodial systems without adequate transition plans, separated from their parents by death and divorce, or physically, sexually, and emotionally abused at home;
- “Effective programs that provide support to runaway youth and assist them in remaining at home with their families can succeed through partnerships created among families, community-based human service agencies, law enforcement agencies, schools, faith-based organizations, and businesses;
- “The National Network for Youth and its members advocate on behalf of runaway and homeless youth and provide an array of community-based support to address their critical needs; and
- “During the month of November, the National Network for Youth and the National Runaway Switchboard are cosponsoring National Runaway Prevention Month, in order to increase public awareness of the circumstances faced by youth in high-risk situations and to address the need to provide resources and support for safe, healthy, and productive alternatives for at-risk youth, their families, and their communities.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1687 was introduced on September 29, 2010, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was 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?: 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. 6400 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 North 6th Street in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Earl Wilson, Jr. Post Office" (Clay, D-MO)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 6400 would designate the United States Postal Service located at 111 North 6th Street in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Earl Wilson, Jr. Post Office."

Additional Information: Earl Wilson, Jr. was the founder of the St. Louis Gateway Sports Classic Foundation in 1994. This organization establishes full four-year scholarships for African American youth to attend historically black colleges and universities. He passed away on October 29, 2010.

Committee Action: H.Res. 1669 was introduced on September 28, 2010, and was referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was 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?: 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: 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.Res. 1642 - Recognizing the centennial of the City of Lilburn,
Georgia and supporting the goals and ideals of a City of Lilburn Day
(Johnson, D-GA)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1642 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the centennial of the City of Lilburn, Georgia;
- “Congratulates the City of Lilburn, Georgia, on its centennial;
- “Supports the goals and ideals of a City of Lilburn Day; and
- “Requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such with appropriate ceremonies and activities.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The City of Lilburn was founded in 1890 by the Seaboard Airline Railway;
- “It is claimed that the people were so quiet, well behaved, orderly, and law abiding that there was no need for government;
- “The 2000 Census found the population of the City of Lilburn to be 11,307 people, 3,943 households, and 2,835 families;
- “The City of Lilburn will formally celebrate its centennial on September 25, 2010; and
- “The commitment to preserving Lilburn's legacy is evident today with its Centennial Celebration on September 25, 2010, which brings the past and the present together to reflect, to plan, and to act for the community to continue to grow and prosper.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1642 was introduced on September 22, 2010, and was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was 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?: 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. 1264 - Expressing support for the designation of March as National Essential Tremor Awareness Month (*Moore, D-KS*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1264 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the designation of ‘National Essential Tremor Awareness Month’ for the purpose of raising awareness about the Nation’s number one neurological condition, affecting approximately 10,000,000 Americans; and
- “Encourages the people of the United States to support the observance of National Essential Tremor Awareness Month by participating in the educational activities of the International Essential Tremor Foundation.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Essential tremor is the most common movement disorder, affecting up to 10 million Americans, including 4 to 5 percent of people aged 40 to 60, and 6 to 9 percent of people aged 60 and older;
- “Essential tremor is often misdiagnosed as Parkinson’s disease, dystonia and other neurological movement disorders, most people with essential tremor are not diagnosed until after several visits to many physicians;
- “There are no medications that have been developed for people with essential tremor, the medications currently being used were developed for other conditions and only help 60 percent of the people affected, and the only treatment specifically designed for essential tremor is brain surgery;
- “Overcoming the medical, social, and economic issues listed in this resolution depends upon research and research funding is dependent upon awareness; and
- “March would be an appropriate month to designate as ‘National Essential Tremor Awareness Month’.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1264 was introduced on April 15, 2010, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time. This resolution does imply that overcoming the medical, social, and economic issues is directly correlated with research funding.

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. 1531 - Expressing support for designation of 2011 as "World Veterinary Year" to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary (*Schrader, D-OR*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1531 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Supports the designation of ‘World Veterinary Year’;
- “Supports the goals and ideals of World Veterinary Year by bringing attention to and expressing appreciation for the contributions that the veterinary profession has made and continues to make to animal health, public health, animal welfare, and food safety; and
- “Requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to ‘World Veterinary Year’ with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The world's first veterinary school was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761;
- “2011 will mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the veterinary medical profession;
- “2011 will mark the beginnings of comparative biopathology, a basic tenet of the ‘one health’ concept;

- “Veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect the people of the United States, such as salmonellosis, West Nile Virus, yellow fever, and malaria;
- “2011 would be an appropriate year to designate as ‘World Veterinary Year’ to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1531 was introduced on July 15, 2010, and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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

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H.Res. 1727 - Recognizing Rotary International for 105 years of service to the world and commending members on their dedication to the mission and principles of their organization (Smith, R-TX)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1727 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes Rotary International for 105 years of service to the world and commends members on their dedication to the mission and principles of their organization.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders;
- “Rotary International, founded in 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first service club and one of the largest nonprofit service organizations;
- “There are more than 1,200,000 Rotary International club members comprised of professional, community, and business leaders in more than 34,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas;
- “The Four-Way Test of Rotary International promotes universal values and asks the following questions, `Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the truth?; Is it fair to all concerned?; Will it build goodwill and better friendships?; and Will it be beneficial to all concerned?”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1727 was introduced on November 18, 2010, and was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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

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H.Res. 1704 - Honoring the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon (*McGovern, D-MA*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1704 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Joins with the Greek Embassy in Washington, DC, the people of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, the people of Marathon, Greece, and the hundreds of thousands of runners participating in marathons throughout the United States, in celebrating the 2500th anniversary of the Battle of Marathon, Greece, one of the most significant battles in human history.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “In 490 BC, Athenian warriors defeated foreign invaders and won against overwhelming odds in one of the most significant battles in human history;
- “According to legend, a messenger named Phidippides ran from the battlefield of Marathon, Greece, to Athens 26 miles away to carry news of the victory and it is said, that upon delivering the news to the citizens of Athens, Phidippides died from exhaustion;
- “Phidippides' run inspired the spiritual origin of what has become the sport of marathoning;
- “The first official marathon race was introduced in the first modern Olympics in 1896 held in Athens, Greece; and
- “The Flame of Marathon will be displayed at events leading to and including the Marine Corps Marathon in view of 30,000 runners who embody the marathon spirit as they run through Washington, DC.”

Additional Information: After the invading Persian army was defeated by the Greeks at the Battle of Marathon, King Xerxes ascended to the throne and dramatically increased the size of his army. The next notable battle of the Persian army was the Battle of Thermopylae, where the opposition was led by King Leonidas, and [300 brave Spartans](#).

Committee Action: H.Res. 1704 was introduced on September 29, 2010, and was referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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

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H.Res. 1402 - Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the National Council for International Visitors, and expressing support for designation of February 16, 2011, as "Citizen Diplomacy Day" (Moran, D-VA)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1402 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the 50th anniversary of the National Council for International Visitors and its extraordinary efforts to promote excellence in citizen diplomacy;
- “Commends the achievements of the thousands of citizen diplomats who have worked for generations to share the best of the United States with foreign leaders, specialists, and scholars;
- “Thanks the National Council for International Visitors citizen diplomats for their service to their communities, the United States, and the world; and
- “Supports the designation of ‘Citizen Diplomacy Day’.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “2011 marks the 50th anniversary of the National Council for International Visitors (NCIV), originally founded as the National Council for Community Services to International Visitors (COSERV) in 1961;
- “The mission of NCIV is to promote excellence in citizen diplomacy, the concept that the individual citizen has the right and responsibility to help develop constructive United States foreign relations ‘one handshake at a time’;
- “United States ambassadors have in repeated surveys ranked the NCIV network-facilitated IVLP first among 63 United States public diplomacy programs;
- “All Federal funding for the citizen diplomacy of the NCIV network is spent in the United States, where it has leveraged \$6 in local economic impact for every Federal dollar expended; and
- “February 16, 2011, would be an appropriate date to designate as ‘Citizen Diplomacy Day’.”

Additional Information: NCIV is a 501(c)(3) that receives grants from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. No information regarding the effectiveness of this program was found by ExpectMore.gov, a site managed by the OMB that assesses the performance of federal programs.

Committee Action: H.Res. 1402 was introduced on May 26, 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: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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

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H.Res. 1717 - Congratulating imprisoned Chinese democracy advocate Liu Xiaobo on the award of the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize (Smith, R-NJ)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1717 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates Liu Xiaobo on the award of the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize;
- “Honors Liu Xiaobo's promotion of democratic reform in China, and the courage with which he has bore repeated imprisonment by the Government of China;
- “States that in honoring Liu Xiaobo, it also honors all those who have promoted democratic reform in China, including all those who participated in the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstration for democratic reform;
- “Asserts that Liu Xiaobo is a political prisoner, and that Liu Xia, Liu Xiaobo's supporters, and all signers of Charter 08 who have been detained, placed under house arrest, or harassed, are the victims of political persecution;
- “Calls on the Government of China to release Liu Xiaobo from prison, and to release Liu Xia, Liu Xiaobo's supporters, and all signers of Charter 08 from detention, house arrest, and harassment;
- “Calls on the Government of China to cease censoring media and Internet reporting of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Liu Xiaobo and to cease its campaign of defamation against Liu Xiaobo;

- “Urges President Barack Obama to continue to work for the release of Liu Xiaobo from prison, as well as the release of Liu Xia, Liu Xiaobo's supporters, and all signers of Charter 08 from detention, house arrest, and harassment; and
- “Emphasizes that violations of human rights in general, and the persecution of Liu Xiaobo, Liu Xia, Liu Xiaobo's supporters, and all signers of Charter 08 specifically, are matters of legitimate concern to other governments.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Liu Xiaobo played a leading role in the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstration for democratic reform, insisting on peaceful means and democratic process;
- “between June 6, 1989, and October 1999, the Government of China detained Liu Xiaobo 3 times, totaling over 4 years confinement for his role in Tiananmen Square and continued promotion of political reform;
- “on December 8, 2008, the Government of China detained Liu Xiaobo for his role in Charter 08, and found him guilty of ‘inciting subversion of state power’ in 2009 and sentenced him to 11 years imprisonment;
- “on October 8, 2010, the Norwegian Nobel Committee announced its award of the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize to Liu Xiaobo for his ‘long and non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights in China’; and
- “President Barack Obama, the recipient of the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize, has congratulated Liu Xiaobo on the award and called on the Government of China to release him from prison.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1717 was introduced on November 16, 2010, and was referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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

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H.Res. __ - Mourning the loss of life and extending condolences to the families affected by the fire in northern Israel that began on December 2, 2010 (Klein, D-FL)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. __ resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Mourns the loss of life and extends condolences to the families affected by the fire in northern Israel;
- “Supports the Obama Administration’s offer of, and rapid efforts to provide, United States firefighting assistance to Israel in response to this disaster;
- “Recognizes the efforts of foreign governments who have provided assistance or offered assistance;
- “Commends state and local governments in the United States who have offered and provided assistance; and
- “Reaffirms United States support for the people and State of Israel in their time of need.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “On Thursday December 2, 2010, a forest fire began in the Carmel region of Israel;
- “The fire quickly spread and became the worst fire in Israel’s history;
- “Over 40 people have been killed by the blaze;
- “More than 17,000 people have been displaced by the fire;
- “The United States has already provided Israel with technical assistance, over 110 metric tons of fire suppressant, 3,800 gallons of fire retardant concentrate, and other needed assistance to fight this fire;
- “Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Jordan, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the Ukraine are among the other nations that have provided assistance or offered assistance to Israel to fight this fire.”

Committee Action: H.Res. __ has yet to be introduced.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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

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

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H.Con.Res. 267 - Congratulating the Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 20th anniversary of the reestablishment of their full independence (Shimkus, R-IL)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Con.Res. 267 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 20th anniversary of the end of their illegal incorporation into the Soviet Union; and
- “Calls on the President to continue to build the close and mutually beneficial relations the United States has enjoyed with Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania since the restoration of the full independence of those nations.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania were forcibly and illegally incorporated into the Soviet Union from 1940 until 1991;
- “From 1940 to 1991, thousands of Estonians, Latvians, and Lithuanians were executed, imprisoned, or exiled by Soviet authorities through a regime of brutal repression, Sovietization, and Russification in their respective nations;
- “During the period of ‘glasnost’ and ‘perestroika’ in the Soviet Union, the Baltic people led the struggle for democratic reform and national independence; and
- “In the years following the restoration of full independence, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have demonstrated their commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, and have actively participated in a wide range of international structures, pursuing further integration with European political, economic, and security organizations.”

Committee Action: H.Con.Res. 267 was introduced on April 26, 2010, and was referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was unavailable at press time.

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

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

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S. 3987 – Red Flag Program Clarification Act of 2010 (Thune, R-SD)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S. 3987 amends the Fair Credit Reporting Act definition of “creditor.”

The legislation would define creditor as an entity that “regularly and in the ordinary course of business--

- “Obtains or uses consumer reports, directly or indirectly, in connection with a credit transaction;
- “Furnishes information to consumer reporting agencies, as described in section 623, in connection with a credit transaction; or
- “Advances funds to or on behalf of a person, based on an obligation of the person to repay the funds or repayable from specific property pledged by or on behalf of the person.”

Background Information: On November 9, 2007, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued a final rule implementing the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (FACT Act) in 2007 which would require financial institutions and creditors to develop and implement a written identity theft program - the Red Flags Program. Neither the Fact Act nor the final rule mentioned health professionals as creditors. Nonetheless, the FTC determined that health care professionals would now be covered under this law and, therefore, must have implemented a Red Flags program by August 1, 2009. The implementation deadline was later pushed back to November 1, 2009.

Proponents of S. 3987 argue that this decision will place a financial burden on providers that could be significant, and it was made without soliciting the input of these small businesses as is required by the RegFlex, which requires that federal agencies consider the potential economic impact of regulations on small entities.

For example, under the FTC regulations, medical and dental offices are considered “creditors” since they are willing to work with patients on developing flexible payment plans for those patients that can’t afford to pay at the time of service. This would seem to discourage efforts to improve access to care for people who can’t afford to pay.

Proponents of S. 3987 argue that small health care practices are not creditors, and should not be forced to spend hundreds, maybe thousands of dollars to comply with this regulation. However it is worth noting that the legislation would define a creditor as someone who would “directly or indirectly” makes use of consumer reports, which some analyst may believe is too broad of a definition.

Committee Action: S. 3987 was introduced on November 30, 2010, and passed the Senate on November 30, 2010, by unanimous consent. The legislation was then referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was 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?: 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. 1540 - Supporting the goal of eradicating illicit marijuana cultivation on Federal lands and calling on the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop a coordinated strategy to permanently dismantle Mexican drug trafficking organizations operating on Federal lands (Herger, R-CA)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1540 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Declares that drug trafficking organizations cultivating illicit marijuana on Federal lands in the United States pose an unacceptable threat to the safety of law enforcement and the public;
- “Affirms that it is the responsibility of the Federal Government to confront the threat of illicit marijuana cultivation on Federal lands; and
- “Calls upon the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to work in conjunction with Federal and State agencies to develop a comprehensive and coordinated strategy to permanently dismantle Mexican drug trafficking organizations operating on Federal lands.”

This resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The Office of National Drug Control Policy reported that 1,800,000 marijuana plants were eradicated from Federal lands in 2006, 2,890,000 marijuana plants were eradicated in 2007, and 4,000,000 marijuana plants were eradicated in 2008;
- “Mexican drug traffickers use the revenue generated from marijuana production on Federal lands to support criminal activities, including human trafficking and illicit weapons smuggling, and to foster political unrest in Mexico;
- “The American people should not be subjected to violence while enjoying our Nation's recreation areas;
- “The Drug Enforcement Administration and law enforcement from the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Department of Homeland Security are providing valuable but inadequate resources in combating marijuana production on Federal lands;
- “The creation of a long-term, Federal-led strategy is essential to eliminating illicit marijuana cultivation on Federal lands.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1540 was introduced on July 20, 2010, and was referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was 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?: 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. 3998 - Criminal History Background Checks Pilot Extension Act (Schumer, D-NY)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S. 3998 would extend the Child Safety Pilot Program by 12 months.

Additional Information: The Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to End the Exploitation of Children Today (PROTECT) Act of 2003 was signed into law by President George W. Bush on April 30, 2003. This legislation strengthened several laws dealing with the prosecution and law enforcement of crimes involving children. Established in the PROTECT Act was a pilot program for a national criminal history background check system to enable volunteer groups—such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, National Mentoring Partnership, and the National Council for Youth Sports—to obtain national and state criminal history background checks for adults. The Child Safety Pilot program uses fingerprints to search the database of the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This program was last extended under [S. 2950](#), which passed the House on February 4, 2010, by voice vote.

Committee Action: S. 3998 was introduced on December 1, 2010, passed the Senate on December 1, 2010, by unanimous consent. It was then referred to the House Judiciary Committee, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was 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?: 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. 3353 - To provide for American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas to be treated as States for certain criminal justice programs (*Del. Sablan, D-MP*)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 3353 would amend federal law and treat the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and the American Samoa (AS), as individual states for purposes of calculating the Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant formula grant. Under current law, they are treated as one state. Classifying them as individual states for this formula will provide additional funding to CNMI and AS. Given their location and remoteness, it has been more costly to obtain law enforcement resources and provide victims' services.

Additional Information: According to the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs: "The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG-funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures."

During FY 2009, more than \$1.98 billion (see [here](#) and [here](#)) was awarded to through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. These funds were made possible by the "stimulus."

Previous conservative budgets have called for eliminating or reducing the JAG program funding. Many conservative have previously argued that the program should be funded at the state and local level.

Committee Action: H.R. 3353 was introduced on July 27, 2009, and referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was 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?: 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. 6412 - Access to Criminal History Records for State Sentencing Commissions Act of 2010 (Scott, D-VA)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 6412 would amend U.S. Code to require the Attorney General to share criminal records with state sentencing commissions. Under current law the U.S. Sentencing Commission has access to the Department of Justice's records, and this legislation would extent that right to state sentencing commissions.

Committee Action: H.R. 6412 was introduced on November 16, 2010, and referred to the House Judiciary Committee, which took no public action.

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

Cost to Taxpayers: A report from CBO was 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?: 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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