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H.Con.Res.____—“Our Flag” Printing Authorization (Ney)

Order of Business: The resolution is expected to be considered on Tuesday, October 9th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution would authorize a printing (as a House document) of a revised edition of the congressional publication, “Our Flag.” The number of copies authorized to be printed would be as follows:

- 250,000 distributed equally to all House members
- 51,500 distributed equally to all senators
- 2,000 for the Joint Committee on Printing
- 1,400 for the depository libraries

However, if the total printing and production costs for these numbers would exceed \$150,000, then the actual numbers printed will be those that would keep the total costs under \$150,000 (in the same proportions as above).

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would authorize a maximum of **\$150,000** for total production and printing costs.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: The resolution would authorize the Library of Congress to update and the Government Printing Office to print the updated version of this document.

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

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H.Con.Res. 90—“Hispanic Americans in Congress” Printing Authorization (Serrano)

Order of Business: The resolution is expected to be considered on Tuesday, October 9th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution would authorize the updating and re-printing of House Document 103-299, entitled, “Hispanics in Congress.” The updates would be both substantive (reflecting Hispanics in Congress since the last printing in 1994) and typographical. There would be an extra 30,700 copies printed—25,000 for the use of the Committee on House Administration and 5,700 for the use of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

Additional Background: A “normal” printing of a congressional document is 1,800 copies. But this type of printing, i.e. a printing of a document that Members will want to distribute to constituents, is usually much higher. This document was last updated during the 103rd Congress.

Cost to Taxpayers: According to the Committee on House Administration, the cost would be less than \$100,000. A CBO estimate is unavailable.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: The resolution would authorize the Library of Congress to update and the Government Printing Office to print the updated version of this document.

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

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H.Con.Res. 130—“Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Congress” Printing Authorization (Underwood)

Order of Business: The resolution is expected to be considered on Tuesday, October 9th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution would authorize the printing of a new House document to be called “Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Congress.” In addition to the “usual” number

of copies printed (1,800), the resolution would authorize the printing of an extra number of copies, the lesser of either 30,700 copies—25,000 for the use of the Committee on House Administration and 5,700 for the use of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate—or the number of copies not exceeding \$220,000 in total production costs.

Additional Background: Printing a book as a House document makes it available to the federal collections of public libraries across the country.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes a maximum expenditure of **\$220,000**.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: The resolution would authorize the printing of a new House document.

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

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S.Con.Res 67—Permitting the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to designate another member of the Committee to serve on the Joint Committee on Printing in place of the Chairman (Dodd)

Order of Business: The resolution is expected to be considered on Tuesday, October 9th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution would allow the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to designate another member of the Committee to serve on the Joint Committee on Printing in his place for the remainder of the 107th Congress.

Additional Background: S.Con.Res. 67 was introduced by Senator Chris Dodd and agreed to in the Senate by unanimous consent without amendment on September 19, 2001.

The Joint Committee on Printing is charged with overseeing the functions of the Government Printing Office and general printing procedures of the federal government. The Committee consists of a chairman, a vice-chairman, four members of the Committee on Senate Rules and Administration, and four members of the Committee on House Administration. Every two years the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship rotate between the two houses of Congress.

Cost to Taxpayers: None.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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

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S.J.Res. 20 — A joint resolution providing for the appointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution (Sen. Cochran)

Order of Business: The bill will be considered under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, October 9, 2001.

Summary: The resolution appoints Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. An opening on the Board was created with the resignation of Howard H. Baker, Jr. There are nine citizen regents in addition to a number of Members of Congress. The appointment is for a term of 6 years from the date of the bill's enactment. Roger W. Sant is Chairman of AES Corp., an energy company he started in 1981. In 1998, Sant was listed as on the board of The Summit Foundation, World Wildlife Fund U.S., World Resources Institute, World Wide Fund for Nature, and Marriott International Inc. and as having a net worth of \$1.1 billion (Source: <http://www.va-business.com/vbmag/yr1998/june98/100text.html>)

Cost to Taxpayers: None.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing Constitutional Authority is unavailable.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules: No.

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S.J.Res. 67 — Providing for the reappointment of Anne D'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. (Sen. Cochran)

Order of Business: The bill will be considered under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, October 9, 2001.

Summary: Anne D'Harnoncourt Director and CEO of the Philadelphia Museum of Art was originally appointed as a citizen regent in December 1995 (11/7/1995, Roll no. 767). This resolution will reappoint her for an additional 6-year term that shall begin on December 29, 2001.

Cost to Taxpayers: None.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing Constitutional Authority is unavailable.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules: No.

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H.Res. 250 — Urging the Secretary of Energy to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (Barton)

Order of Business: The bill will be considered under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, October 09, 2001.

Summary: The resolution notes that because of military action and the fact that the US imports more than half of our crude oil, storing “substantial quantities of petroleum products will diminish the vulnerability of the United States to the effects of a severe energy supply interruption, and provide limited protection from the short-term consequences of interruptions in supplies of petroleum products.” The resolution notes that the Strategic Petroleum Reserve has an authorized capacity of 1 billion barrels of crude oil, a current storage capacity of 700 million barrels of crude oil, and yet currently only contains approximately 545 million barrels.

H.Res.250 resolves: “That the House of Representatives urges the Secretary of Energy to increase the capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to 1,000,000,000 barrels of crude oil, to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its capacity as soon as practicable, and to consider purchasing from marginal wells that would otherwise cease production, consistent with current law.”

Cost to Taxpayers: There is no cost to this resolution, but if the Secretary heeded Congress’ call there would be a cost in purchasing the crude oil and expanding the SPR’s capacity.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing Constitutional Authority is unavailable.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules: No.

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H.Res. 254 — Supporting the goals of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day (Armey)

Order of Business: The bill will be considered under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, October 9, 2001.

Summary: H.Res.254 resolves: “That the House of Representatives supports the goals of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.” According to the resolution, 35 states have

designated October 15, 2001, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, in honor of the approximately 1 million pregnancies in the United States that each year end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn baby. The resolution notes that the observance of this day “can give validation to those who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or other complications” (A complete list of states can be found at <http://www.pain-heartache-hope.com/index.html>). Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day seeks to raise the “understanding of the great tragedy involved in the deaths of unborn and newborn babies” and awareness about meeting “the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members and work to prevent the causes of these deaths.”

Note: The resolution does *not* specifically deal with the intentional death of an unborn child through abortion, of which there are an estimated 1.4 million per year.

Cost to Taxpayers: None.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing Constitutional Authority is unavailable.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules: No.

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