



H.RES. 953 – EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT ALL AMERICANS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REFLECT UPON THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 953 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) on January 29, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.Res. 953 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on March 11, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 953 resolves that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that all Americans should participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad. The bill recognizes March 26, 2008 as 'National Support Our Troops Day'.

BACKGROUND

Today, there are more than 1,500,000 active and reserve component members of the Armed Forces serving the Nation. The United States Armed Forces is comprised of five branches: the Army, the Marine Corps, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard. All branches are part of the Department of Defense, except for the Coast Guard, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security.

On March 14, 2006 the House passed a similar resolution by voice vote, H.Res. 698, recognizing March 26, 2006 as 'National Support the Troops Day'. The resolution was introduced by Representative Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) on February, 28, 2006.

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