



H.R. 5493 – TO PROVIDE THAT THE USUAL DAY FOR PAYING SALARIES IN OR UNDER THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY REGULATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 5493 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 Robert Brady (D-PA) on February 26, 2008. The House Committee on House Administration agreed to the bill by voice vote on April 2, 2008.

H.R. 5493 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 15, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 5493 would allow the Committee on House Administration to regulate the payment schedule for employees of the House of Representatives to conform to usual accounting practices.

BACKGROUND

The payment schedule for employees of the House of Representatives was last changed by the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2002 (P.L. 107-68), which states that the "usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives shall be the last day of each month, except that if the last day of a month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal public holiday, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives shall pay such salaries on the first weekday which precedes the last day."

COST

The Congressional Budget Office, "estimates that one-time costs to purchase required computer systems would total about \$1 million over the next two years" and that enacting H.R. 5493 would not significantly affect spending in 2008. .

[CBO cost estimate for H.R. 5493](#)

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