



## H.Res. 1137 – Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week, and for other purposes

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### FLOOR SITUATION

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H.Res. 1137 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 James Oberstar (D-MN) on April 23, 2008. The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the bill by voice vote on May 15, 2008.

H.Res. 1137 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 19, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

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H.Res. 1137 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of National Public Works Week;
- Recognizes and celebrates the important contributions that public works professionals make every day to improve the public infrastructure of the United States and the communities that those professionals serve; and,
- Urges citizens and communities throughout the United States to join with representatives of the Federal Government in activities and ceremonies that are designed to pay tribute to the public works professionals of the Nation and to recognize the substantial contributions that public works professionals make to the Nation.

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### BACKGROUND

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National Public Works Week is recognized annually the third week of May. National Public Works Week celebrates the importance of our nation's public works and honors those men and women who work to maintain and improve it. Public works infrastructure, facilities, and services play an important role in the American economy as well as the health and safety of American communities.

Since 1972, the Nation has invested more than \$250 billion in wastewater infrastructure facilities to establish a system that includes 16,000 publicly owned wastewater treatment plants, 100,000 major pumping stations, 600,000 miles of sanitary sewers, and 200,000 miles of storm sewers. According to the Department of Transportation, the U.S. maintains 160,000 miles of roadways as part of the National Highway System, which does not include the thousands of miles of smaller roads and streets.

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