



H.Res. 369 - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 369 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 Shelley Berkley (D-CA) on May 4, 2007. The legislation was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, but was not considered.

H.Res. 369 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 19, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 369 resolves that the House of Representatives supports the goals and ideals of National Osteoporosis Awareness and Prevention Month and urges the people of the United States to observe appropriate programs and activities with respect to osteoporosis, including talking with their health care professionals about their bone health.

BACKGROUND

In the United States, 10 million individuals already have the disease and almost 34 million more are estimated to have low bone mass, placing them at increased risk for osteoporosis.

The Surgeon General of the Public Health Service says that caring for bone fractures from osteoporosis costs America \$18 billion annually. Osteoporosis is responsible for more than 1.5 million fractures annually in the United States.

H.Res. 369 would designate May as National Osteoporosis Awareness Month.

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