



H.Res. 1114 – SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AND NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1114 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 Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) on April 16, 2008. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform agreed to the resolution by voice vote on May 1, 2008.

H.Res. 1114 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 3, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1114 resolves that the House of Representatives supports the goals and ideals of the Arbor Day Foundation and requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon Americans to observe National Arbor Day with appropriate activities.

BACKGROUND

Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees. National Arbor Day is celebrated annually on the last Friday in April. Arbor Day dates back to 1872, when J. Sterling Morton proposed a tree-planting holiday in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

The Arbor Day Foundation was founded in 1972 and has nearly one million members. The Foundation distributes more than ten million trees annually. Since 1990, the Arbor Day Foundation has worked with the Department of Agriculture to plant nearly twelve million trees in national forests damaged by fire, insects and other causes.

[The Arbor Day Foundation website](#)

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