



H.R. 2268 – MOTHER'S DAY CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 2268 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 Moore Capito (R-WV) on May 10, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services, but was never considered.

H.R. 2268 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 10, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 2268 authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and sell no more than 400,000 silver \$1 coins commemorating the Centennial of Mother's Day. Surcharges on the sale of the coins are to be evenly divided between the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the National Osteoporosis Foundation to further fund research done by these organizations.

BACKGROUND

Mother's Day is celebrated annually on the second Sunday of May. Mother's Day was first officially celebrated in Grafton, West Virginia, and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 10, 1908. Congress subsequently passed a resolution designating the second Sunday of every May to be designated officially as Mother's Day. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that as of 2004 there were 82.8 million mothers in the U.S. This year, Mother's Day fell on May 11, 2008, and marked the 100th Anniversary of the observance of Mother's Day in the U.S.

The [Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation](#) began in 1982, and today is the world's largest grassroots organization of breast cancer survivors and activists looking for a cure to breast cancer. According to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, an estimated 182,460 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in American women in 2008.

The [National Osteoporosis Foundation](#) was founded in 1984 and fights osteoporosis through spreading public awareness, advocacy, public and health professional education and research. National Osteoporosis Foundation statistics report that approximately ten million Americans have osteoporosis, with eighty percent of these cases found in women.

[Link to U.S. Census Bureau Statistics on mothers in the U.S.](#)

COST

The Congressional Budget Office did not have a cost estimate available for H.R. 2268 as of June 9, 2008.

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