



H.Res. 1333– Supporting the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1333 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 Michael Arcuri (D-NY) on July 10, 2008. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce but was never considered.

H.Res. 1333 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 25, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1333 expresses that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of Tay-Sachs Awareness Month; and
- Encourages and supports education and research efforts with respect to Tay-Sachs disease.

BACKGROUND

Tay-Sachs disease is a rare, genetic disorder that causes destruction of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord due to the poor functioning of an enzyme called beta-hexosaminidase A. The disease currently has no cure. The disease was discovered in 1881 by an ophthalmologist named Warren Tay in the United Kingdom. In 1887 a neurologist, named Bernard Sachs, helped to better understand the disease.

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