



H.R. 735 – To designate the Federal building under construction at 799 First Avenue in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building"

Floor Situation

H.R. 735 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 Charles Rangel (D-NY) on January 31, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, by voice vote, on July 11, 2007.

H.R. 735 is scheduled to be considered on the floor on July 30, 2007.

Summary

H.R. 735 designates the Federal building under construction at 799 First Avenue in New York, New York, shall be known and designated as the “Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building.”

Background

Ronald H. Brown was the 30th Secretary of Commerce of the United States under President Clinton. He was the first African-American to hold this position.

Prior to serving in the Clinton Cabinet, Mr. Brown was the Deputy Executive Director for Programs and Governmental Affairs of the National Urban League. However, he resigned in 1979 to work as a deputy campaign manager for Senator Edward M. Kennedy, who sought the Democratic Party's presidential nomination.

Brown was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee in 1989, and played an integral role in running the 1992 Democratic National Convention and in Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential run.

On April 3, 1996, while on an official trade mission, the Air Force plane carrying Brown and 34 other people crashed in Croatia. Unfortunately, there were no survivors.

Mr. Brown was raised in Harlem, New York.

Cost

“CBO estimates the enacting H.R. 735 would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues.” [Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate](#)

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