



H.Res. 606– Honoring the city of Minneapolis, first responders, and the citizens of the State of Minnesota for their valiant efforts in responding to the horrific collapse of the Interstate Route 35W Mississippi River Bridge

Floor Situation

H.Res. 606 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 Keith Ellison (D-MN) on August 2, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, but was not considered.

H.Res. 606 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on September 5, 2007.

Summary

H.Res. 606 honors the city of Minneapolis, first responders, and the citizens of the State of Minnesota for their valiant efforts in responding to the horrific collapse of the Interstate Route 35W Mississippi River Bridge.

The legislation also praises the people of Minneapolis and Minnesota for their courage in this time of crisis and recognizes the leadership and commitment of the elected officials representing the people of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, and the State of Minnesota.

Background

The Interstate Route 35W Mississippi River Bridge, located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, collapsed on August 1, 2007, during the evening rush hour. Police and fire officials have reported a rising number of fatalities and injuries resulting from the tragedy.

Approximately 60 people were injured and 10 have been reported dead due to injuries received from the bridge collapse.

Investigations are ongoing as to the cause of the bridge collapse.

Before going into the August district work period the House passed H.R. 3311, which authorized \$250 million for the reconstruction effort of the bridge. The Senate agreed to this legislation by unanimous consent on August 3, 2007. This legislation was signed into law by President Bush on August 8, 2007.

Cost

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored H.Res. 606.

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