

H.Res. 335 - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to lung cancer as a public health priority and the recommendations of the Lung Cancer Progress Review Group of the National Cancer Institute

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 335 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 Lois Capps (D-CA) on April 24, 2007. It was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, but never considered.

H.Res. 335 is expected to be considered on the floor on November 13, 2007.

BACKGROUND

Lung cancer accounts for 28 percent of all cancer deaths. According to the National Cancer Institute, the mortality rates for lung cancer in men has declined in the last decade. The lung cancer mortality rates among women, however, have not declined.

It is estimated that there are more than 213,000 new cases of lung cancer in the U.S. in 2007. The overall spending on lung cancer research in the United States is estimated at \$9.6 billion.

[National Cancer Institute: Lung Cancer](#)

SUMMARY

H.Res. 335 resolves that the U.S. House of Representatives:

- Recognizes lung cancer as a public health priority and the importance of taking steps toward reducing the lung cancer mortality rate by at least half by 2015;
- Acknowledges the importance of the recommendations of the Lung Cancer Program Review Group of the National Cancer Institute;
- Encourages increased investment for lung cancer research and other lung cancer-related programs;
- Supports efforts to develop a broad-based lung cancer screening and disease management program among members of the Armed Forces and veterans; and

- Recognizes the benefit of graduate medical education programs in thoracic medicine and cardiothoracic surgery.

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