



H.Con.Res. 122– Supporting the goal and mission of America Recycles Day

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 122 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 Jay Inslee (D-WA) on April 20, 2007. The bill and was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 122 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on November 13, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 122 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goal and mission of America Recycles Day (April 15); and
- Encourages all Americans to participate in promoting the social, environmental, and economic benefits of recycling and buying recycled-content products.

BACKGROUND

America Recycles Day is on November 15th of each year. The day is an annual national awareness event, the mission of which is promoting the social, environmental, and economic benefits of recycling and buying recycled-content products.

In 1896, the first recycling center was established in New York City, and, by 1989, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had set a national waste reduction and recycling goal, and 26 States had enacted laws making recycling an integral part of their solid waste management plans.

Over the past 10 years, many new markets for recycled products have been created, including remanufacturing plastic containers into other plastic containers, fleece, carpet, car parts, strapping, stuffing, bottles, pipe, lawn and garden products, injection molded products, and plastic lumber.

The EPA reports that 30 percent of municipal solid waste is recovered for recycling or composting, 14 percent is incinerated, and the remaining 56 percent is disposed of in landfills.

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