



Legislative Bulletin.....March 2, 2005

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Summary of the Bill Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 1

Number of Reported Bills that Don't Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0

S.Con.Res. 13 — Congratulating ASME on their 125th anniversary, celebrating the achievements of ASME members, and expressing the gratitude of the American people for ASME's contributions (Senator Sununu)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, March 2, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S.Con.Res. 13 has eight findings and resolves:

“That the Congress—

- “congratulates ASME on its 125th anniversary;
- “recognizes and celebrates the achievements of all ASME members;
- “expresses the gratitude of the people of the United States for ASME's contributions to the health, safety, and economic well-being of the citizenry; and
- “directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the president of ASME.”

Additional Background: This year ASME celebrates its 125th anniversary as a professional organization focused on technical, educational, and research issues of the engineering community. According to the resolution’s findings, “ASME plays a key role in the welfare and safety of the public through the development of over 600 codes and standards, including codes governing the manufacture of boilers, pressure vessels, elevators, escalators, petroleum and hazardous liquid pipelines, cranes, forklifts, power tools, screw threads and fasteners, and many other products routinely used by industry and people in the United States and around the world.” ASME conducts one of the world's largest technical publishing operations, holds numerous technical conferences worldwide, and offers hundreds of professional development courses each year. ASME counts among its alumni Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, and George Westinghouse. For additional information see: <http://www.asme.org/>.

Committee Action: The resolution was introduced in the Senate on February 15, 2005 and passed the Senate the same day. It has been held at desk in the House and not referred to a committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: None.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No

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H.R. 912—To ensure the protection of beneficiaries of United States humanitarian assistance (*Delahunt*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, March 1st, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 912 would prohibit (beginning this fiscal year) the obligation of funds appropriated for Migration and Refugee Assistance, Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance, International Disaster and Famine Assistance, or Transition Initiatives to any organization that fails to adopt a code of conduct that provides for the protection of

beneficiaries of assistance from sexual exploitation and abuse. The bill defines sexual exploitation based on the six core principles of the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Force on Protection From Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Humanitarian Crises (listed in the bill text).

The State Department would have to report to Congress on the implementation of these aid restrictions 180 days after this bill's enactment and again within one year of enactment.

Committee Action: On February 17, 2005, the bill was referred to the International Relations Committee, which took no official action on it.

Cost to Taxpayers: CBO reports that "the budgetary effect [of H.R. 912] would not be significant."

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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