

HRES 608

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Defense should rectify deficiencies in the military postal system to ensure that members of the Armed Forces stationed overseas are able to receive and send mail in a timely manner as well as receive and send election ballots in time to be counted in the 2004 elections.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Current Status: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Latest Action: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (May 12, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]

Party: Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (43 total)

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Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R · AL		May 4, 2004
Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		May 4, 2004
Rep. Brown-Waite, Ginny [R-FL-5]	R · FL		May 4, 2004
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Rep. Greenwood, James C. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		May 4, 2004
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Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		May 4, 2004
Rep. Otter, C. L. (Butch) [R-ID-1]	R · ID		May 4, 2004
Rep. Pickering, Charles W. "Chip" [R-MS-3]	R · MS		May 4, 2004
Rep. Portman, Rob [R-OH-2]	R · OH		May 4, 2004
Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]	R · CT		May 4, 2004
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		May 4, 2004
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 4, 2004
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		May 11, 2004
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	R · MD		May 11, 2004
Rep. Boozman, John [R-AR-3]	R · AR		May 11, 2004
Rep. Burns, Max [R-GA-12]	R · GA		May 11, 2004
Rep. Cox, Christopher [R-CA-48]	R · CA		May 11, 2004
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	R · VA		May 11, 2004
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		May 11, 2004
Rep. DeMint, Jim [R-SC-4]	R · SC		May 11, 2004
Rep. Doolittle, John T. [R-CA-4]	R · CA		May 11, 2004
Rep. Ferguson, Mike [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		May 11, 2004
Rep. Gingrey, Phil [R-GA-11]	R · GA		May 11, 2004
Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		May 11, 2004
Rep. Harris, Katherine [R-FL-13]	R · FL		May 11, 2004
Rep. Hayes, Robin [R-NC-8]	R · NC		May 11, 2004
Rep. Johnson, Timothy V. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		May 11, 2004
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		May 11, 2004
Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		May 11, 2004
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		May 11, 2004
Rep. Ney, Robert W. [R-OH-18]	R · OH		May 11, 2004
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		May 11, 2004
Rep. Porter, Jon C. [R-NV-3]	R · NV		May 11, 2004
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		May 11, 2004
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-40]	R · CA		May 11, 2004
Rep. Schrock, Edward L. [R-VA-2]	R · VA		May 11, 2004

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Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		May 11, 2004
Rep. Vitter, David [R-LA-1]	R · LA		May 11, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 12, 2004)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives (House) that: (1) it is in the interests of the United States to immediately resolve long-standing military mail delivery problems so that our troops can receive mail from home and are not disenfranchised in the 2004 election; (2) the Secretary of Defense should establish a system that expedites the delivery of election ballots to members and accurately tracks military postal transit times; and (3) the House stands ready to assist in resolving these issues.

Actions Timeline

- **May 12, 2004:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2837-2838)
- **May 12, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 421 - 0 (Roll no. 160).(text as passed House: CR 5/11/2004 H2743-2744)
- **May 12, 2004:** On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 421 - 0 (Roll no. 160). (text as passed House: CR 5/11/2004 H2743-2744)
- **May 12, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 11, 2004:** Mr. Forbes moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.
- **May 11, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2743-2746)
- **May 11, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H. Res. 608.
- **May 11, 2004:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Apr 28, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2004:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 28, 2004:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.