

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
National Committee on Legislation

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Brother Charles E. Kuhn, Jr., PDC
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Dear C-in-C Kuhn, Brothers of the National Council of Administration, and Delegates to the National Encampment:

The National Committee on Legislation respectfully submits its final report to the 128th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War being held in Peabody, MA, August 7-10, 2008. This report covers legislation for the period commencing with the first session of the 110th Congress through 13 July 2008 (inclusive of H.R. 6480, H.Con.Res. 389, H.J.Res. 97, H.Res. 1338, S. 3262, S.Con.Res. 92, S.J.Res. 43, and S.Res. 613).

There remains no changes to the status of S. 70, the Senate Bill introduced by Senator Inouye on 4 January 2007, which, if signed into law, would restore Memorial Day to May 30th. No action has been taken and no senators have added their name as a co-sponsor to the bill.

Other federal legislation of interest to the Order include the following bills (bills highlighted are new or have received legislative action since the last report):

<i>Pending Legislation (by Bill number)</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Date Introduced</i>	<i>Status</i>
S. 70 , A bill to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day.	Sen. Daniel Inouye [HI]	1/4/2007	1/4/2007: Referred to the Senate Comm. on the Judiciary.
H.R. 145 , to extend Federal jurisdiction over destruction of veterans' memorials on state or local government property.	Rep. Gene Green [TX-29]	1/4/2007	2/2/2007: Referred to the House Subcomm. on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
H.R. 390 , to require the establishment of a national database in the National Archives to preserve records of servitude, emancipation, and post-Civil War reconstruction and to provide grants to state and local entities to establish similar local databases.	Rep. Tom Lantos [CA-12]	1/10/2007	1/22/2007: Passed the House by vote of 414-1. 3/30/2007: Ref'd to Subcomm. on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Comm.
H.R. 699 , to alter the jurisdiction of Federal courts over the Pledge of Allegiance.	Rep. W. Todd Akin [MO-2]	1/29/2007	3/1/2007: Ref'd to the House Subcomm. on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties of the Comm on the Judiciary.

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H.R. 1131 , to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War.	Rep. Richard Baker [LA-6]	2/16/2007	3/27/2007: Ref'd to the House Subcomm. on Federal Workforce, Post Office, and the District of Columbia.
H.R. 1625 , to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.	Rep. Ray LaHood [IL-18]	3/21/2007	3/27/2007: Ref'd to the House Subcomm. on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. 6/14/2007: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
H.R. 2933 , to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act.	Rep. Gary G. Miller [CA-42]	6/28/2007	7/5/2007: Ref'd to the Subcomm. on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. 7/10/2008: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
H.R. 3480 , The Let Our Veterans Rest in Peace Act of 2007 would direct the U.S. Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate enhancements of those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans.	Rep. Christopher Carney [PA-10]	9/6/2007	5/21/2008: Passed the House on voice vote. 6/12/2008: Passed Senate Comm. on Judiciary and placed on Legislative Calendar.
H.R. 3659 , To prohibit a school from receiving Federal funds if the school prevents a student from displaying or wearing in a respectful manner a representation of the flag of the United States.	Rep. Walter Jones, Jr. [NC-3]	9/25/2007	9/25/2007: Ref'd to the House Comm. on Education and Labor.
H.R. 3908 , "Loyalty to Our Legacy Act" to direct the Architect of the Capitol to ensure that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the national motto "In God We Trust" are each displayed prominently in the Capitol Visitor Center.	Rep. Marilyn Musgrave [CO-4]	10/18/2007	10/28/2007: Ref'd to the House Comm. on Administration. [Companion bill S. 2409 introduced in the Senate on 12/5/2007 by Sen. Demint of SC.]
H.Con.Res. 155 , Recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of Congress that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and more effectively facing the challenges of the future.	Rep. Danny Davis [IL-7]	5/23/2007	6/18/2007: Passed by voice vote in the House. 6/19/2007: Received in the Senate. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 210. 1/22/2008: Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent.
H.Res. 529 , Commending Brigadier General George Standard and the Second Vermont Brigade upon the 144th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.	Rep. Peter Welch [VT]	6/28/2007	6/28/2007: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

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H. Res. 1237 , President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.	Rep. Danny Davis [IL]	6/4/2008	6/18/2008: Passed and agreed to in the House by voice vote.
S. 955 , a bill to establish the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.	Sen. Richard Durbin [IL]	3/21/2007	9/17/2007: Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar. 6/11/2008: Indefinitely postponed.
S. 1921 , A bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996.	Sen. Jim Webb [VA]	8/1/2007	4/10/2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar.
S. 2027 , A bill to authorize the next of kin of a deceased veteran to wear the veteran's awards and decorations under certain circumstances.	Sen. Daniel Akaka [HI]	9/6/2007	9/6/2007: Referred to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
S.Con.Res. 65 , Celebrating the birth of Abraham Lincoln.	Sen. Richard Durbin [IL]	2/6/2008	2/6/2008: Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

<i>Adopted Legislation (by Bill number)</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Date Introduced</i>	<i>Status</i>
H.Res. 605 , Supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day.	Rep. Peter J. Roskam [IL-6]	8/1/2007	9/24/2007: Agreed to by the House on voice vote.

<i>Laws (signed by the President)</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Date Introduced</i>	<i>Status</i>
None			

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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