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Mr. Stephen A. Michaels
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Dear CinC Michaels:

Since Congress has been winding down their second session and due to it being a presidential election year, there has been little federal legislation of significance to track. I have found several pieces, however, that you may be interested in reviewing.

As you know, the National Committee on Legislation is fully staffed, less one Brother. After the first of the year when the 109th Congress takes office our Committee will have much more to research, including significant state "trend-setting" legislation (i.e., California, New York, Michigan, and Ohio). Since there remains one vacancy on the Committee, and in an attempt to add another legislative researcher while maintaining diversity on the Committee, I would like to recommend the appointment of Brother Chris Green, Esq., of Ohio. His email for contact is lucystinger@sbcglobal.net.

At the National Encampment this past August a resolution calling for the return of Memorial Day to the traditional day of observance was introduced to the Delegates by Brother Al Peterson, PDC, of Nevada. It was then referred to this Committee for analysis and action. At the moment I am waiting for a response to two letters I have sent to Senator Inouye of Hawaii. He is the sponsor of federal legislation that would implement the changes requested in resolution submitted to this committee. Since he was re-elected to the Senate, I suspect he will probably re-

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introduce the same type of legislation after the first of the year. The Committee will provide an update with its next report once it learns more from Senator Inouye's office.

For this report, as I have done with previous reports, I have sorted applicable legislation in to four separate categories, to wit:

- ✓ 1) legislation having a direct impact on the purpose, goals, and objectives of the Order;
- ✓ 2) legislation having an impact on the U.S. Constitution/Flag;
- ✓ 3) general legislation associated with patriotism and pro-American activities; and,
- ✓ 4) legislation impacting U.S. Veterans.

This report on this legislation is current from September 2004 through 5 November 2004. The attached appendix provides a detailed listing of the legislation and its status. My next report will pick up where this report leaves of, and update any pertinent legislation.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,



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**Significant Federal Legislation
Impacting the SUVCW
2nd Session of the 108th Congress
(September 2004 – 5 November 2004)**

Type = **O**-Order; **C**-U.S. Constitution/Flag; **P**-Patriotism; **V**-Veterans.
Bill = Bill Number/Description
Sponsor = Legislator Introducing the Legislation
Date = Date Introduced
Status = Status and date of legislation (including updates)

<i>Type</i>	<i>Bill</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Status</i>
O	H. R. 5010 , To authorized the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth new Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First new Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, etc.	Rep. Joe Bradley [NH-1]	9/7/2004	9/6/2004: Awaiting Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
P	H. R. 5012 , To provide for the redesign of the reverse of the Lincoln 1-cent coin in 2009 in commemoration of the 200 th anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.	Rep. Ray LaHood [IL-18]	9/7/2004	10/4/2004: Referred to House Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology. (Companion Bill is S. 2817).
C	H. J. Res. 104 , Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to make eligible for the Office of President a person who is not a natural born citizen of the United States but has been a United States citizen for at least 20 years.	Rep. Dana Rohrabacher [CA-46]	9/15/2004	9/15/2004: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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P	H. Con. Res. 293 , Supporting the goals and ideals of God Bless America Week.	Rep. Randy Cunningham [CA-50]	10/2/2003	10/22/2003: Referred to the House Subcommittee on the Constitution.
C	H. R. 5301 , To ensure that the right of an individual to display the flag of the United States on residential property not be abridged.	Rep. Roscoe G. Bartlett [MD-6]	10/8/2004	10/8/2004: Referred to House Committee on Financial Services.
C	H. J. Res. 109 , Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for the direct election of the President and Vice President by the popular vote of all citizens of the United States regardless of place of residence.	Rep. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. [IL-2]	10/8/2004	10/8/2004: Referred to House Committee on the Judiciary.