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2nd District of Texas



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110th Congress

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Labor

H.Res. 282 - Declares that the United States Postal Service (USPS) should discontinue the practice of contracting out mail delivery services.

- Sponsor: Rep. Sires, Albio (D-NJ)
- Status: House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

H.R. 1142, Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2007 - Provides that federal firefighters who suffer from heart disease, lung disease, specified cancers and infectious diseases sustained while on the job can file for workers compensation and disability with the understanding their job duties led to these hazards. In other words, these injuries would be presumed to be job-related rather than having to provide the burden of proof. Many municipal firefighters already have “presumptive liability” protections.

- Sponsor: Rep. Capps, Lois (D-CA)
- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor

H.R. 980, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 – Provides collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by states or local governments. Essentially it allows public safety employees (including volunteer firefighters) to unionize. Allows a state to exempt from its state law, or from the requirements of this Act, any locality of a state with a population of less than 5,000 or that employs fewer than 25 full-time employees.

- Sponsor: Rep. Kildee, Dale E. (D-MI)
- Status: Passed House 314 - 97 (Roll no. 633)

H.R. 239, Working Americans Growing the Economy (WAGE) Act of 2007 – Increases the federal minimum wage incrementally to \$7.25 an hour over 2 years, but allows an employer to pay \$6.25 over 2 years if they provide at least \$2,500 in health care costs to their employees in any given year.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Heather (R-NM)

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- Status: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections

H.R. 697, National Right-to-Work Act – Does not require employees to join a union as a condition of employment.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Joe (R-SC)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions

H.R.3646 - To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Labor to conduct a joint study on the fields of employment for which the greatest need for employees exists in various geographic areas.

- Sponsor: Rep. Stearns, Cliff (R-FL)

- Status: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions

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