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Mr. Kent L. Armstrong
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Dear CinC Armstrong:

Since being re-appointed as chair of the National Committee on Legislation in August, I have focused my research and analysis of legislation on Federal issues exclusively. As soon as I can find additional Brothers willing to participate, the Committee should be able to expand to major legislation of the several states. Accordingly, the Committee's report covers only legislation of the U.S. Congress from the first of the year through the end of October.

As chairman of the Committee, several weeks ago I sent email messages to the respective commanders of the Departments of Massachusetts, Southwest, and Colorado & Wyoming in an endeavor to recruit members for the Legislation Committee. I have received a response from only the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, indicating perhaps a member might be interested. I have heard nothing further. I shall continue with this attempt to find members for the Committee.

For this report 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.

The report on this legislation is current through 29 October 2003, beginning with the start of the 1st Session of the 108th Congress in January 2003. The attached appendix provides a detailed listing of the legislation and its status.

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My next report will pick up where this report leaves of, and update any pertinent legislation. If I am able to recruit any new members willing to serve on the Committee, hopefully the research can be expanded beyond federal legislation.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel R. Earl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

Daniel R. Earl
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cc:

Michael S. Bennett, PDC, National Chief of Staff
Mr. Andrew M. Johnson (PCinC), Washington, D.C. Representative.
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**Significant Federal Legislation
Impacting the SUVCW
1st Session of the 108th Congress
(2 July 2003 – 29 October 2003)**

For easier (and faster reference) legislation updated from the Committee’s prior report for the 1st Session of the 108th Congress is printed below in black. New legislation, since the first of July, is **printed in blue** for distinction. The status of all legislation has been checked for an update as indicated in the “Status” column and is current through 29 October 2003. The list is first sorted chronologically (by introduction date within each reporting period), then by Bill number, then by type.

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>
C	H. J. Res. 8 , Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the act of desecration of the flag of the U.S. and to set criminal penalties for that act.	Rep Jo Ann Emerson [MO-8]	1/7/2003	3/6/2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the House Judiciary Comm.
C	S. J. Res. 4 , Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the U.S.	Sen. Orrin Hatch [UT]	1/16/2003	1/16/2003: Referred to the Senate Judiciary Comm.
O	S. 70 , To restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day.	Sen. Daniel Inouye [HI]	1/27/2003	1/27/2003: Senate Comm. on Judiciary (no co-sponsors)

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O	H.R. 646 , To expand the boundaries of the Fort Donelson National Battlefield to authorize the acquisition and interpretation of lands associated with the campaign that resulted in the capture of the fort in 1862. (see S 524)	Rep Ed Whitfield [KY-1]	2/5/2003	2/12/2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands of House Comm. on Resources.
O	H. Con. Res. 36 , Encouraging the people of the United States to honor and celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and commending Abraham Lincoln's efforts to end slavery. (see also S. Con. Res. 15)	Rep Davis, Danny Davis [IL-7]	2/12/2003	2/26/2003: Passed the House by 415-0. 2/27/2003: Referred to the Senate Comm. on Judiciary
O	H.R. 778 , To recognize the birthdays of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln..	Rep Roscoe Bartlett [MD-6]	2/13/2003	3/25/2003: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization of the House Comm. on Government Reform.
O	S. 330 , Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003. To further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes. (see also H.R. 2076)	Sen. Ben Campbell [CO]	2/26/2003	5/29/2003: Signed by President Bush; Public Law No: 108-29.
P	H.R. 997 , To declare English as the official language of the United States, and for other purposes.	Rep Steve King, [IA-5]	2/27/2003	2/27/2003: Referred to Subcommittee on the Constitution of the House Judiciary Comm.
P	H. Res. 122 , Recognizing the bicentennial of the admission of Ohio into the Union and the contributions of Ohio residents to the economic, social, and cultural development of the United States (see also S. Con Res. 9).	Rep. Ralph Regula [OH-16]	3/4/2003	3/12/2003: Passed the House 424-0.
C	H.R. 2028 , To amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts inferior to the Supreme Court over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance.	Rep Todd W. Akin [MO-2]	5/8/2003	6/25/2003: Referred to Subcommittee on the Constitution of the House Judiciary Comm.

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P	H.R. 2087 , To establish the Bob Hope American Patriot Award. (see also S. 1150).	Rep. Christopher Cox [CA-48]	5/14/2003	5/14/2003: Referred to the House Comm. on Government Reform.
C	H.R. 2162 , To provide for protection of the flag of the United States.	Rep Rick Boucher [VA-9]	5/20/2003	6/25/2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the House Judiciary Comm.
P	H. Con. Res. 195 , Expressing the sense of Congress that a minute of silence should be observed annually at 11:00 a.m. on Veterans Day, November 11, in honor of the veterans of all United States wars and to memorialize those members of the Armed Forces who gave their lives in the defense of the United States.	Rep. Wm. Lacy Clay [MO-1]	5/22/2003	5/22/2003: Referred to the House Comm. on Veterans' Affairs.
P	H.R. 2237 , To establish within the National Park Service the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemorative program, and for other purposes (see also S. 1108)	Rep Maurice D. Hinchey [NY-22]	5/22/2003	6/3/2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands of the House Comm. on Resources
C	H.R. 2410 , To prohibit the importation for sale of foreign-made flags of the United States of America.	Rep Ted Strickland [OH-6]	6/10/2003	6/10/2003: Referred to the House Ways and Means Comm. (no co-sponsors).
O	H.R. 2449 , To establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War (see also S. 1064).	Rep Richard H. Baker [LA-6]	6/12/2003	6/18/2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization of the House Comm. on Government Reform.
C	S. 1297 , To amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the jurisdiction of Federal courts inferior to the Supreme Court over certain cases and controversies involving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.	Sen. Orrin Hatch [UT]	6/19/2003	6/19/2003: Referred to the Senate Comm. on Judiciary.

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P	S. Con. Res. 9 , A concurrent resolution recognizing and congratulating the State of Ohio and its residents on the occasion of the bicentennial of its founding.	Sen. George Voinovich [OH]	02/25/2003	2/25/2003: Referred to the Senate Judiciary Comm.
O	S. Con. Res. 15 , A concurrent resolution commemorating the 140th anniversary of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. (see also H. Con. Res. 36)	Sen. George Allen [VA]	03/05/2003	5/5/2003: Passed the Senate unanimously and sent to the House.
O	S. 1064 , A bill to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, and for other purpose (see also H.R. 2449).	Sen. Breaux, John B. [LA]	05/14/2003	5/14/2003: Referred to Senate Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources.
P	S. 1108 , A bill to establish within the National Park Service the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution Commemorative Program, and for other purposes.	Sen. Hillary Rodham [NY]	05/22/2003	5/22/2003: Referred to the Senate Judiciary Comm.
P	S. 1150 , A bill to establish the Bob Hope American Patriot Award (see also H.R. 2237)	Sen. Dianne Feinstein [CA]	05/23/2003	5/23/2003: Referred to the Senate Judiciary Comm. (no co-sponsors).
V	H. Con. Res. 266 , Honoring veterans by requesting that television and radio stations provide a moment of silence or a public service announcement on November 11, at 11 a.m. each year.	Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. [NJ-8]	07/25/2003	7/25/2003: Referred to the House Comm. on Veterans' Affairs.
V	S. Con. Res. 62 , A concurrent resolution honoring the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans.	Sen. Thomas Daschle [SD]	07/25/2003	7/25/2003: Passed unanimously by the Senate. Referred to the House Veterans' Affairs Comm. and the House International Relations Comm.

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V	S. Res. 204 , A resolution designating the week of November 9 through November 15, 2003, as “National Veterans Awareness Week” to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.	Sen. Joseph Biden Jr. [DE]	07/29/2003	7/31/2003: Passed unanimously by the Senate.
P	H.J.Res. 67 , Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to permit persons who are not natural-born citizens of the United States, but who have been citizens of the United States for at least 20 years, to be eligible to hold the Office of President.	Rep. John Conyers, Jr. [MI-14]	09/03/2003	10/22/03: Referred to the House Subcommittee on the Constitution of the House Comm. on the Judiciary.
O	S. 1576 , A bill to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and for other purposes.	Sen. Robert C. Byrd [WV]	09/03/2003	10/2/2003: Senate Subcommittee on National Parks of the Senate Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources
P	H.Res. 357 , Whereas Bob Hope was born Leslie Townes Hope on May 29, 1903, in Eltham, England, and immigrated to the United States in 1907 at the age of 4;	Rep. Jeff Miller [FL-1]	09/05/2003	9/8/2003: Passed the House by 408-0.
P	H.R. 3074 , To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the site of the Battle of Camden in South Carolina, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.	Rep. John M. Spratt, Jr. [SC-5]	09/10/2003	9/22/2003: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands of the House Comm. on Resources.

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O	H.R. 3123 , To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to exempt certain elderly persons from demonstrating an understanding of the English language and the history, principles, and form of government of the United States as a requirement for naturalization, and to permit certain other elderly persons to take the history and government examination in a language of their choice.	Rep. Jerrold Nadler [NY-8]	09/17/2003	10/22/2003: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims of the House Comm. on Judiciary.
P	H.R. 3153 , To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require States to permit individuals to register to vote in an election for Federal office on the date of the election.	Rep. Martin Sabo [MN-5]	09/23/2003	9/23/2003: Referred to the House Comm. on Administration.
V	H.R. 3201 , To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably during the Cold War era.	Rep. Robert E. Andrews [NJ-1]	09/30/2003	9/30/2003: Referred to House Comm. on Armed Services.
C	H.R. 3221 , To amend the War Powers Resolution to require the President to include post-conflict strategy in the report required under the Resolution, and for other purposes.	Rep. Alcee Hastings [FL-23]	10/01/2003	10/1/2003: Referred to the House Comm. on International Relations.
P	H.Con.Res. 293 , Supporting the goals and ideals of God Bless America Week.	Rep. Randy Cunningham [CA-50]	10/02/2003	10/22/2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the House Comm. on Judiciary. No cosponsors.
V	S. Res. 239 , A resolution designating November 7, 2003, as "National Native American Veterans Day" to honor the service of Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces and the contribution of Native Americans to the defense of the United States.	Sen. Ben Nighthorse [CO]	10/03/2003	10/24/2003: Passed unanimously by the Senate.

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O	H.R. 3305 , To revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and for other purposes.	Rep. Shelley Moore Capito [WV-2]	10/16/2003	10/16/2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands of the House Comm. on Resources. (No co-sponsors).
V	S. 1745 , A bill to designate a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action National Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.	Sen. Barbara Boxer [CA]	10/16/2003	10/16/2003: Referred to the Senate Comm. on Veterans' Affairs.

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