

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2061, With Amendments**

**(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)**

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2061

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 31, 2011

Mr. HANNA (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FARR, and Mr. BARTLETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## A BILL

To authorize the presentation of a United States flag at the funeral of Federal civilian employees who are killed while performing official duties or because of their status as a Federal employee.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Civilian Service Rec-  
5 ognition Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESENTATION OF UNITED STATES FLAG ON BE-**  
2 **HALF OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES**  
3 **WHO DIE OF INJURIES INCURRED IN CON-**  
4 **NECTION WITH THEIR EMPLOYMENT.**

5 (a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—Upon receipt of  
6 a request under subsection (b), the head of an executive  
7 agency may give a flag of the United States for an indi-  
8 vidual who—

9 (1) was an employee of the agency; and

10 (2) dies of injuries incurred in connection with  
11 such individual's employment with the Federal gov-  
12 ernment, suffered as a result of a criminal act, an  
13 act of terrorism, a natural disaster, or other cir-  
14 cumstance as determined by the President.

15 (b) **REQUEST FOR FLAG.**—The head of an executive  
16 agency may furnish a flag for a deceased employee de-  
17 scribed in subsection (a) upon the request of—

18 (1) the employee's widow or widower, child, sib-  
19 ling, or parent; or

20 (2) if no request is received from an individual  
21 described in paragraph (1), an individual other than  
22 the next of kin as determined by the Director of the  
23 Office of Personnel Management.

24 (c) **CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.**—The head of an ex-  
25 ecutive agency may disclose information necessary to show  
26 that a deceased individual is an employee described in sub-

1 section (a) to the extent that such information is not clas-  
2 sified and to the extent that such disclosure does not en-  
3 danger the national security of the United States.

4 (d) EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION OF FLAG BENEFIT.—  
5 The head of an executive agency shall provide appropriate  
6 notice to employees of the agency of the flag benefit pro-  
7 vided for under this section.

8 (e) REGULATIONS.—The Director of the Office of  
9 Personnel Management, in coordination with the Sec-  
10 retary of Defense and the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
11 rity, may prescribe regulations to implement this section.  
12 Any such regulations shall provide for the head of an exec-  
13 utive agency to consider the conditions and circumstances  
14 surrounding the death of an employee and nature of the  
15 service of the employee.

16 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) EMPLOYEE.—The term “employee” has the  
18 meaning given that term in section 2105 of title 5,  
19 United States Code, and includes an officer or em-  
20 ployee of the United States Postal Service or of the  
21 Postal Regulatory Commission.

22 (2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive  
23 agency” has the meaning given that term in section  
24 105 of title 5, United States Code, and includes the

- 1 United States Postal Service and the Postal Regu-
- 2 latory Commission.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the presentation of a United States flag on behalf of Federal civilian employees who die of injuries incurred in connection with their employment.”.