

MEMORANDUM TO THE OSDBU COUNCIL

DATE: April 17, 2003
FROM: Arthuretta H. Martin
SUBJECT: April 2003 Legislative Report

The following is the status of bills before congress affecting small businesses doing business with the Federal Government in the 108th Congress. They include bills that directly name small businesses as well as bills that affect Federal Procurement Policy. Subsequent reports will only include activity that occurred after this report. This information is being sent for information purposes only. Any recommendations to improving the report should be submitted to me at Arthuretta.martin@hhs.gov.

H.R.1712

Title: To amend the Small Business Act to establish a development program for small business concerns owned and controlled by qualified service-disabled veterans, to reauthorize the programs of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation, to establish a Government-wide procurement goal for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Evans, Lane [IL-17] (introduced 4/10/2003)

Cosponsors: 3

Latest Major Action: 4/10/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

H.R.1772

Title: To improve small business advocacy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Akin, W. Todd [MO-2] (introduced 4/11/2003)

Cosponsors: 1

Latest Major Action: 4/11/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

H.R.1166

Title: To amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians.

Sponsor: Rep Udall, Tom [NM-3] (introduced 3/6/2003)

Cosponsors: 25

Latest Major Action: 4/1/2003 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R.1460

Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to permit the use of education benefits under such title for certain entrepreneurship courses, to permit veterans enrolled in a vocational rehabilitation program under chapter 31 of such title to have self-employment as a vocational goal, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Renzi, Rick [AZ-1] (introduced 3/27/2003)

Cosponsors: 6

Latest Major Action: 3/27/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.RES.145

Title: Providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Small Business in the One Hundred Eighth Congress.

Sponsor: Rep Manzullo, Donald A. [IL-16] (introduced 3/17/2003)

Cosponsors: (none)

Latest Major Action: 3/17/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

H.R.1829

Title: To amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a five-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Hoekstra, Peter [MI-2] (introduced 4/12/2003) **Cosponsors:** 103

Latest Major Action: 4/12/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R.810

Title: To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide regulatory relief and contracting flexibility under the Medicare Program.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Nancy L. [CT-5] (introduced 2/13/2003) **Cosponsors:** 54

Latest Major Action: 4/11/2003 House preparation for floor. Status: House Committee on Energy and Commerce Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than April 29, 2003.

Regulatory and Policy Issues Affecting Small Business:

To be emailed to the OSDBU Council next week