

MEMORANDUM TO THE OSDBU COUNCIL

DATE: May 15, 2003

FROM: Arthuretta H. Martin, Chair Legislative Committee

SUBJECT: May 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. This report is submitted for information purposes only. Subsequent reports will only include activity that occurred after this report. Any recommendations to improving the report should be submitted to me at Arthuretta.martin@hhs.gov.

H.RES.214

Title: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that small and minority-owned businesses in the United States should be involved in rebuilding Iraq.

Sponsor: Rep Johnson, Eddie Bernice [TX-30] (introduced 5/1/2003) **Cosponsors:** 8

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, 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.R.1837

Title: To improve the Federal acquisition workforce and the process for the acquisition of services by the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Davis, Tom [VA-11] (introduced 4/29/2003) **Cosponsors:** 1

Latest Major Action: 5/8/2003 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

Full text of the bill is available on: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c108:H.R.1837>:

S.981

Title: A bill to limit the period for which the Federal Government may procure property or services using noncompetitive procedures during emergency and urgent situations.

Sponsor: Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA] (introduced 5/1/2003) **Cosponsors:** (none)

Latest Major Action: 5/1/2003 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/C?c108:/temp/~c108YZpTYW>

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: 4/29/2003 House preparation for floor. Status: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 43.

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: 5/5/2003 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

H.R.1888

Title: To require public disclosure of noncompetitive contracting for the reconstruction of the infrastructure of Iraq, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Kleczka, Gerald D. [WI-4] (introduced 4/30/2003) **Cosponsors:** 6

Latest Major Action: 4/30/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.

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H.R.1982

Title: To amend title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 to provide to contracting officers of the civilian agencies the same authorities available to Department of Defense contracting officers to competitively evaluate products offered by Federal Prison Industries, Inc., to assure that such products represent the best value for the taxpayer dollars being expended, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep Maloney, Carolyn B. [NY-14] (introduced 5/6/2003) **Cosponsors:** 1

Latest Major Action: 5/6/2003 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.

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