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## [H.R. 723, Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2015](#)

### FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, May 12, 2015, the House will consider [H.R. 723](#), *the Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2015*, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 723 was introduced on February 4, 2015, by Rep. Peter King (R-NY) and was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

### SUMMARY

H.R. 723 authorizes members of the House of Representatives to provide an American flag that has been flown over the U.S. Capitol at the request of, and at no cost to, the immediate family of a fire fighter, law enforcement officer, member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew, or public safety officer who has died in the line of duty. The flag would contain a certificate signed by the Speaker of the House and the Representative providing the flag, and in addition, would include an expression of sympathy for the family as prepared and developed by the Clerk of the House. The bill requires the Clerk to issue regulations for carrying out the activities authorized by the bill within 30 days of enactment. Such regulations would take effect upon approval by the Committee on House Administration.

### BACKGROUND

Currently, American flags for purchase by individuals may be obtained by a Member from the Office Supply Service (OSS). The cost of the flag initially is charged to the Members' Representational Account (MRA). Once payment for a flag is received by the Member office, the office may submit the check to the OSS, which will credit the MRA. If a request is made to have the flag flown over the Capitol, an additional flag flying fee must be paid by the individual purchasing the flag.<sup>1</sup>

### COST

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is currently unavailable.

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<sup>1</sup> See Committee on House Administration—[Members' Congressional Handbook](#) at 13.

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