

[H.R. 3601, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building"](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, March 1, 2016, the House will consider [H.R. 3601](#), to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building," under suspension of the rules. H.R. 3601 was introduced on September 24, 2015, by Rep. James Langevin (D-RI) and was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered the bill reported by unanimous consent on October 9, 2015.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3601 designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 7715 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the "Melvoid J. Benson Post Office Building".

BACKGROUND

The Honorable Melvoid J. Benson was the first black woman to be elected to the Rhode Island legislature. She was born on February 13, 1930, in Jackson, TN. She attended Lane College, a historically black school in Tennessee and graduated in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in Social Science and a minor in Education.

Benson moved to Rhode Island in the 1960s, where she had a distinguished career in education and public service. She spent much of her professional career as a teacher in the North Kingstown School Department for 25 years. On November 6, 1990, Benson was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, serving the residents of District 32, representing the town of North Kingstown for seven terms until 2004. After leaving the State House, she was elected to the North Kingstown School Committee, where she served for eight years until 2014.

COST

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is currently not available.

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