



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

June 11, 2007

**H.R. 692
Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks
Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007**

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on June 7, 2007

H.R. 692 would amend federal law to allow the governor of a state, territory, or possession to fly the U.S. flag at half-staff following the death of a member of the active-duty armed forces. The legislation also would allow the mayor of the District of Columbia to fly the U.S. flag at half-staff following the death of former officials as well as members of the active-duty armed forces. In addition, when a governor or the mayor of the District of Columbia has issued a proclamation to display flags at half-staff, the legislation would require that flags at all federal facilities in the locality also be flown at half-staff.

Because the U.S. flag is displayed daily at federal facilities, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 692 would have no significant cost. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 692 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no cost on state, local, or tribal governments.

On June 11, 2007, CBO provided a cost estimate for S. 720, the Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007, as reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on June 7, 2007. On May 1, 2007, CBO provided a cost estimate for H.R. 692 as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on April 25, 2007. The three pieces of legislation are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are identical.

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