



The National Organization of Portuguese-Americans Legislative Alert October 20, 2009

Week of October 5 to 9 House of Representatives

H.R. 3753 - This bill was introduced and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor on October 7. It aims to "establish dual-language education programs in low-income communities." It would make grants available for school systems looking to implement a dual language program which would have the aim of increasing proficiency in the English language.

H.R. 3771 - This bill was introduced and referred to the House Committee on Small Business on October 8. It aims to make changes to the Small Business Act in order to "establish mentorship and assistance programs designed to help minority, veteran-owned, and women-owned small businesses operate in the construction industry." It would make grants available for local and state governments in order to create or expand existing mentorship programs.

Week of July 20 to 24 *No major action to report.*

The NOPA Legislative Alert

As a part of NOPA's mission to empower Portuguese-Americans, this Legislative Alert is sent out as pertinent developments occur in order to keep the community informed of legislative action at the national level. This objective, non-partisan report aims to educate those interested about action on Capitol Hill that may affect the Portuguese-American community at large.

The source for all Congressional legislation information on this report was the THOMAS system from The Library of Congress (<http://thomas.loc.gov/>). Links for each of the bills listed above direct readers to the THOMAS web page specific to the bill.

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