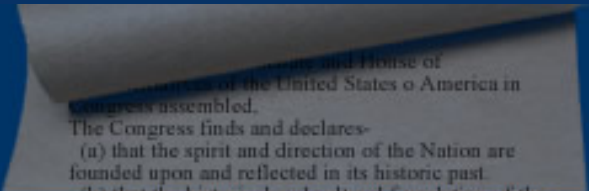


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**IMPORTANCE OF ADVOCACY**

As reported in last week's NCSHPO News, the Senate Historic Preservation funding letter garnered sixteen signatures, significantly fewer than last year's. Unfortunately we had a very short deadline to collect signatures. In addition, feedback received from one Senate office indicated that they did not sign the letter because they heard only from the SHPO and not from any other partners. Thanks to each SHPO who contacted their Senators and made the extra effort to get their private sector partners to join in. At the national level, we will be working with our partners to participate more actively in the future in joint funding letters.

Please be sure to send thank you letters (emails) to those that signed!



**RETURNING FROM MEMORIAL DAY RECESS – A BUSY SUMMER AWAITS**

Upon return from Memorial Day recess, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) face two months of high-profile legislative battles — as well as the annual grunt work of the appropriations process — beginning on June 1.

Along with the war supplemental conference report, the Senate will likely begin work on President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominee, Sonia Sotomayor, to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice David Souter, health care legislation and a handful of other big-ticket items, as well as Reid's effort to work through the backlog of executive branch nominees that remain pending before the Senate.

Before recessing, the House Energy and Commerce Committee wrapped up work on landmark climate change legislation. However, Democratic leaders face new hurdles as Agriculture Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) threatened to try to kill it unless significant changes were made to benefit rural areas, Ways and Means Chairman Charlie Rangel (D-NY) said he planned to put the bill on the back burner until he finished marking up a health care overhaul and six other committees are also claiming jurisdiction over parts of the legislation. (More details on climate legislation will be in next week's NCSHPO News)

The House faces a packed agenda in the two-month stretch before August. The Appropriations Committee is ready to start cranking out its bills, the health care and energy packages have to be worked out and a major transportation bill is also a possibility.



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