

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 6377–6405; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 499–500; and H. Res. 1094–1095, 1097–1098, were introduced. **Pages H8888–89**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8889–90**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1096, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–720). **Page H8888**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2006: S. 3938, amended, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States; **Pages H8750–58**

Congressional Tribute to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Act of 2006: S. 2250, to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8758–61**

Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2006: H.R. 5280, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan; **Pages H8761–62**

Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006: H.R. 3248, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care; **Pages H8773–78**

Amending the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes: H.R. 5798, to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes; **Pages H8778–79**

Combating Autism Act of 2006: S. 843, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education; **Pages H8779–88**

United States Tsunami Warning and Education Act: H.R. 1674, amended, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration, to be carried out by the National Weather Service; **Pages H8788–93**

Honoring the life of Milton Friedman: H. Res. 1089, to honor the life of Milton Friedman; **Pages H8793–98**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the 'Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office': S. 1820, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the 'Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office'—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H8798**

Honoring the contributions and life of Edward R. Bradley: H. Res. 1084, amended, to honor the contributions and life of Edward R. Bradley; **Pages H8798–H8800**

Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige: S. Con. Res. 91, to express the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige; **Pages H8800–01**

Honoring the memory of Arnold "Red" Auerbach: H. Con. Res. 497, honoring the memory of Arnold "Red" Auerbach; **Pages H8801–04**

Condemning the decision by the city of St. Denis, France, to name a street in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the convicted murderer of Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Faulkner: H. Res. 1082, to condemn the decision by the city of St. Denis, France, to name a street in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the convicted murderer of Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Faulkner, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 368 yeas to 31 nays with 8 voting "present", Roll No. 527; **Pages H8804–08, H8857**

Requiring any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce: H.R. 1458, amended, to require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce; **Pages H8808–09**

Physicians for Underserved Areas Act: H.R. 4997, amended, to permanently authorize amendments made by the Immigration and Nationality

Technical Corrections Act of 1994 for the purpose of permitting waivers of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to certain international medical graduates; **Pages H8809–12**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend for 2 years the authority to grant waivers of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to certain international medical graduates.”.

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Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Clarification Act of 2006: S. 4044, to clarify the treatment of certain charitable contributions under title 11, United States Code—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8812–13**

Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2005: S. 1785, amended, to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the distinction between a hull and a deck, to provide factors for the determination of the protectability of a revised design, to provide guidance for assessments of substantial similarity; **Pages H8813–18**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To make certain improvements relating to intellectual property, and for other purposes.”. **Page H8818**

Honoring the life of Ruth Brown and her copyright royalty reform efforts on behalf of rhythm and blues recording artists: H. Res. 1090, to honor the life of Ruth Brown and her copyright royalty reform efforts on behalf of rhythm and blues recording artists; **Pages H8818–19**

Stolen Valor Act of 2005: S. 1998, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections relating to the reputation and meaning of the Medal of Honor and other military decorations and awards—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8819–23**

Veterans Programs Extension Act of 2006: H.R. 6342, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for the Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance program; **Pages H8823–29**

Designating the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Farmington, Missouri, as the “Robert Silvey Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”: S. 4073, to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Farmington, Missouri, as the “Robert Silvey Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8829–30**

National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 2006: H.R. 5076, amended, to amend

title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009; **Pages H8830–34**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2007 and 2008, and for other purposes.”. **Page H8834**

Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2006: H.R. 5782, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation’s energy products by pipeline; **Pages H8834–45**

Commending The New York Institute for Special Education for providing excellent education for students with blindness and visual disabilities for 175 years, and for broadening its mission to provide the same quality education to students with emotional and learning disabilities: H. Con. Res. 484, to commend The New York Institute for Special Education for providing excellent education for students with blindness and visual disabilities for 175 years, and for broadening its mission to provide the same quality education to students with emotional and learning disabilities; **Pages H8845–46**

Rural Water Supply Act of 2005: S. 895, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents; **Pages H8846–51**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents.”. **Page H8851**

Repealing certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands: S. 1829, amended, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands; **Pages H8851–53**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.”. **Page H8853**

United States-Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act: S. 214, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for priority transboundary aquifers; **Pages H8853–55**

Michigan Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Act: S. 1346, to direct the Secretary of the Interior

to conduct a study of maritime sites in the State of Michigan—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H8855–56

Expressing support for democracy in Nepal that will require the full participation of the people of Nepal in the political process to hold elections for a constituent assembly and draft a new constitution and calling upon the Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist to adhere to commitments it has made and to respect human rights: H. Res. 1051, amended, to express support for democracy in Nepal that will require the full participation of the people of Nepal in the political process to hold elections for a constituent assembly and draft a new constitution and calling upon the Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist to adhere to commitments it has made and to respect human rights; and

Pages H8858–60

Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Security, and Democracy Promotion Act of 2006: S. 2125, amended, to promote relief, security, and democracy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Pages H8860–64

Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act of 2006: H.R. 6099, to ensure that women seeking an abortion are fully informed regarding the pain experienced by their unborn child, by less than a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 250 yeas to 162 nays, Roll No. 526.

Pages H8762–71 H8856–57

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measures is expected to resume tomorrow, Thursday, December 7th:

Expressing support for Lebanon's democratic institutions and condemning the recent terrorist assassination of Lebanese parliamentarian and Industry Minister Pierre Amin Gemayel: H. Res. 1088, amended, to express support for Lebanon's democratic institutions and condemning the recent terrorist assassination of Lebanese parliamentarian and Industry Minister Pierre Amin Gemayel; and

Pages H8864–66

Condemning in the strongest terms Iran's commitment to hold an international Holocaust denial conference on December 11–12, 2006: H. Res. 1091, amended, to condemn in the strongest terms Iran's commitment to hold an international Holocaust denial conference on December 11–12, 2006.

Pages H8866–68

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8748, H8793, H8866 and H8882–83.

Senate Referral: S. 3678 was held at the desk; S. 4050 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

Pages H8748, H8887

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8856–57 and H8857. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY AWARDS—DECORATIONS CRITERIA

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing to examine criteria for awards and decorations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; LTG Michael D. Rochelle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1, U.S. Army; VADM John C. Harvey, Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education), U.S. Navy; LTG Roger A. Brady, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and BG Richard P. Mills, USMC, Director, Personnel Management Division, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of December 7, 2006. The rule provides that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of December 7, 2006. The rule further provides that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule. The rule provides that House Resolutions 810, 939, 951, and 1047 are laid upon the table.

PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY ISSUES IN END STAGE RENAL DISEASE TREATMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Patient Safety and Quality Issues in End Stage Renal