

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H.R. 1641–1653; and one resolution, H. Res. 150 were introduced. **Page H5071**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 147, providing for the consideration of S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority (H. Rept. 104–121);

H. Res. 148, providing for the consideration of S. 219, to improve the economy and efficiency of Federal Government Operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking action (H. Rept. 104–122);

H.R. 1175, to amend Public Law 89–454 to provide for the reauthorization of appropriations, amended (H. Rept. 104–123);

Conference report on H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995 (H. Rept. 104–124); and

H. Res. 149, providing for the consideration of H. Con. Res. 67 setting forth the Congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (H. Rept. 104–125). **Page H5071**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Radanovich as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4959**

Recess: House recessed at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H4963**

Medicare Trust Funds Report: By a yea-and-nay vote of 247 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 330 (two-thirds of those present not voting in the affirmative), the House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1590, to require the Trustees of the medicare trust funds to report recommendations on resolving projected financial imbalance in medicare trust funds. **Pages H4968–74**

Committees To Sit: By a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 331, agreed to the Arney motion that all standing committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit today and the balance of the week during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule. **Pages H4974–77**

Clean Water Act Amendments: By a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 337, the House passed H.R. 961, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. **Pages H4977–H5013, H5053–54**

Rejected the Bonior motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the bill back to the House adding provisions including standards for the discharge of industrial pollution into water; additional water pollution and control protections for public water supplies which are used for drinking; and a report by the Congressional Budget Office on the implications of this bill with regards to the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 169 yeas to 256 noes, Roll No. 336). **Pages H5011–13**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page H5006**

Agreed To:

The Gilchrest amendment that strikes language prohibiting property from being categorized solely as a wetland based solely on the fact that migratory birds use or might use it; **Pages H4987–88**

The Minge amendment that requires any mitigation of agricultural lands to be developed in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture; **Pages H4993–94**

The Riggs Amendment that adds certain municipal waste water reuse operations to the list of activities which are exempt from permit requirements under the comprehensive wetlands program; **Page H4994**

The Taylor of Mississippi amendment that requires the Army Corps of Engineers implementing regulations to include standards and procedures that, to the maximum extent practicable, require the creation of artificial wetlands and other beneficial uses of material from navigational dredging; **Pages H4995–96**

The Franks of New Jersey amendment that clarifies that the ocean dumping provisions apply only to the ocean dumping of dredged material, and not to the dumping of sewage sludge or other materials; and **Pages H5000–01**

The Petri amendment that adds additional provisions regarding coastal nonpoint pollution control. Earlier, a similar amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn. **Pages H5001–06**

Rejected:

The Boehlert amendment that sought to define "wetland" more broadly as any area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to a prevalence of vegetation adapted to such conditions; require EPA to initiate a national wetland restoration strategy in cooperation with other Federal agencies, State, and local governments, and the private sector; direct EPA to establish a Wetlands Coordinating Committee made up of Federal, State, and local government officials and associations to integrate conservation efforts among different levels of government and help develop national wetland strategy and policy implementation and advise EPA and the Army Secretary in adopting a regulatory program; direct EPA or the Corps of Engineers, as appropriate, to provide technical assistance and training to State and local governments in the development and implementation of wetlands protection; authorize \$15 million annually for fiscal year 1996 to 2000 for EPA to establish direct grants to States and tribes for implementation and development of wetlands strategies, assistance to regional and local governments to pursue the same objectives, provide financing of State permits in support of Federal wetlands projects with no State receiving more than \$300 of each type of grant nor more than \$500,000 overall and with recipients sharing at least 25 percent of the costs of projects undertaken (rejected by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 332); **Pages H4978-87**

The Gilchrest amendment that sought to strike language that establishes a new definition of what constitutes a wetland as well as its detailed wetlands classification system (rejected by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 333); **Pages H4988-93**

The Pallone en bloc amendment that sought to strike provisions which reassign certain regulatory authority over ocean dumping and navigational dredging permits from EPA to the Army Corps of Engineers; **Pages H4994-95**

The Frelinghuysen amendment that sought to allow States that are administering their own federally approved wetlands permit programs as of the date of enactment to continue administering their own programs rather than the new program established in the bill (rejected by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 334); and **Pages H4996-98**

The Wyden amendment that sought to provide that the Federal Government would not have to pay compensation for losses in property value caused by wetlands regulation in cases where failure to enforce such regulations is likely to reduce the fair market value of one or more private homes by \$10,000 or

more (rejected by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 270 noes, Roll No. 335). **Pages H4998-H5000**

The Clerk was authorized to make corrections in section numbers, punctuation, and cross-references and to make other technical and conforming changes. **Page H5013**

United States Naval Academy: The Speaker appointed Representatives Skeen, Gilchrest, Hoyer, and Mfume as members of the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy on the part of the House. **Page H5053**

United States Military Academy: The Speaker appointed Representatives Kelly, Taylor of North Carolina, Hefner, and Laughlin as members of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy on the part of the House. **Page H5053**

American Indian and Alaska Native Culture: The Speaker appointed Representatives Young of Alaska and Kildee to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development on the part of the House. **Page H5053**

Truman Scholarship Foundation: The Speaker appointed Representatives Emerson and Skelton as members of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation on the part of the House. **Page H5053**

Amendments Ordered Printed. Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5072-84.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4974, H4977, H4986-87, H4992-93, H4997-98, H4999-H5000, H5012-13, and H5013. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FIFRA AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing on H.R. 1627, to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. Testimony was heard from Lynn Goldman, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; Rebecca Doyle, Director, Department of Agriculture, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.