

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 3634–3659; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 182, H. Con. Res. 185–188 were introduced. **Pages H6413–14**

Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

H.R. 3237, to provide for improved management and operation of intelligence activities of the Government by providing for a more corporate approach to intelligence, to reorganize the agencies of the Government engaged in intelligence activities so as to provide an improved Intelligence Community for the 21st century (H. Rept. 104–620, Part I).

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Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, National Security, Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Shipbuilding Trade Agreement: By a recorded vote of 325 ayes to 100 noes, Roll No. 238, the House passed H.R. 2754, to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

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Agreed to the Bateman amendment that delays the effective date of Title XI loan guarantee amendments until January 1, 1999, establishes that the Jones Act or other provisions of U.S. law set forth in Annex II of the agreement will not be affected, provides that national security interests can be invoked, defines and excludes military reserve vessels from the agreement, and establishes a remedy for U.S. shipbuilders who lose a sale to a foreign shipbuilder (agreed to by a recorded vote of 278 ayes to 149 noes, Roll No. 237).

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DOD Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 278 yeas to 126 nays, Roll No. 247, the House passed H.R. 3610, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

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Agreed To:

The Young amendment that conforms the bill to allocations contained in the FY 1997 Budget Resolution and reduces funding by \$508 million accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 396 ayes to 25 noes, Roll No. 239);

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The Furse amendment that makes reductions to Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Defense-Wide Operation and Maintenance accounts totaling \$35 million;

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The Smith of New Jersey amendment that prohibits funds to contractors for restructuring costs associated with a business combination that were incurred on or after August 15, 1994.

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The Hoke amendment that limits procurement of aircraft landing gear to equipment manufactured and assembled in the United States unless the procurement will create a significant adverse technical, cost, or schedule impact on the aircraft production program;

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The Kennedy of Massachusetts amendment that stipulates that funding for the DOD specimen repository may only be used in accordance with DOD policy;

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The Bereuter amendment, as modified, that provides that the Air National Guard may assume responsibility for providing fire fighting and rescue services in response to aircraft-related emergencies at the Lincoln Municipal Airport in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

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The Solomon amendment that prohibits expenditures to any contractor, subject to the requirement in section 4212(d) of title 38, United States Code, that has not submitted an annual report to the Secretary of Labor concerning the employment of Veterans.

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Rejected:

The Obey amendment that sought to reduce Navy Shipbuilding and Conversion procurement by \$404 million (rejected by a recorded vote by 143 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 240);

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The Obey amendment that sought to reduce Air Force Aircraft Procurement by \$314.1 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 299 noes, Roll No. 241);

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The Obey amendment that sought to reduce Air Force Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation by \$1 billion (rejected by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 242);

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The Obey amendment that sought to prohibit funding for any acquisition program that has no DOD documented military requirement and has a cost per job created of more than \$100,000 according to documentation submitted to the staff of the House National Security Committee by the military services (rejected by a recorded vote of 101 ayes to 319 noes, Roll No. 243);

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The Schroeder amendment, as modified, that sought to reduce total appropriations by \$6.5 billion

(rejected by a recorded vote of 148 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 244).

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The Shays amendment that sought to limit FY 1997 DOD budget authority to the amount provided in the FY 1996 DOD Appropriations Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 245).

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The DeFazio amendment, as amended by the Dicks amendment, that sought to prohibit any funding in the National Missile Defense program for the deployment of space-based interceptors or space-based directed energy weapons (rejected by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 246).

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The Skelton amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to limit funding available for National Missile Defense.

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H. Res. 453, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of June 17. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 17.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of June 19.

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Order of Business: It was made in order that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 187; that it be in order for its immediate consideration in the House; that debate on the concurrent resolution be limited to fifty minutes, to be equally divided and controlled by Representative Watts of Oklahoma and Representative Clayton; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to final adoption without intervening motion.

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African-American Church Burnings: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 187, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to recent church burnings.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6341.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6324–25, H6325, H6341–42, H6352–53, H6353, H6354, H6377, H6378, H6378–79, H6388–89, and H6389. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

BUDGET RECONCILIATION—FOOD STAMP AND COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION REFORM

Committee on Agriculture: Approved Food Stamp and Commodity Distribution Reform reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act for fiscal year 1997.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS; REVISED BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

The Committee also approved revised Budget allocations for fiscal year 1997.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Commerce: Ordered transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in the Budget Reconciliation Act the following reconciliation recommendations: Title II, Subtitle A—Medicaid Restructuring Act of 1996; and Title II, Subtitle B—Other Provisions.

The Committee also ordered reported amended H.R. 248, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the conduct of expanded studies and the establishment of innovative programs with respect to traumatic brain injury.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: TRAVEL EXPENDITURES AND RELATED ISSUES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the Department of Energy: Travel Expenditures and Related Issues. Testimony was heard for the following officials of the Department of Energy: Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary; Donald Pearman, Acting Chief Financial Officer; and Eric Fygi, Deputy General Counsel.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1996

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action H.R. 3586, Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1996.

FEDERAL INFORMATION POLICY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held on oversight hearing on