

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 1542–1551; 1 private bill, H.R. 1552; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 77, and H. Con. Res. 75–76, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 105–90);

H. Con. Res. 66, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the sixteenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (H. Rept. 105–91); and

H. Con. Res. 67, authorizing the 1997 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds (H. Rept. 105–92).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Shaw to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Placement of Jack Swigert of Colorado Statue In National Statuary Hall: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 25, providing for acceptance of a statue of Jack Swigert, presented by the State of Colorado, for placement in National Statuary Hall. Agreed to the Thomas amendment that strikes Section 2, providing for the printing of the transcript of proceedings at public expense. Agreed to amend the title.

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Suspension—Consumer Price Index: By a yeand-nay vote of 399 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 105, the House voted to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 93, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Bureau of Labor Statistics alone should make any adjustments, if any are needed, to the methodology used to determine the Consumer Price Index. The motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution was debated on Tuesday, May 6.

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Housing Authority and Responsibility Act: The House resumed consideration of amendments to H.R. 2, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs. The House completed all debate on Wednesday, April 30 and considered amendments to the bill on Thursday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 6.

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Rejected:

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment, debated on Tuesday, May 6, that sought to establish a

monthly rent, determined by the public housing agency, that does not exceed 30 percent of the monthly adjusted income of the family or 10 percent of the monthly income of the family (rejected by a recorded vote of 172 yeas to 252 noes, Roll No. 106); and

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The Velázquez en block amendment that sought to reduce the minimum rental amount from not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 to not more than \$25 per month; and reduces the minimum monthly rental contribution from not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 to not more than \$25.

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Withdrawn:

The Jackson-Lee amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish, for not less than 50 percent of available housing units, occupancy preferences for families who live in substandard housing, pay more than 50 percent of income for rent, or are involuntarily displaced; and

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The Moran of Virginia amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to allow housing agencies with a waiting list of 1 year or longer to establish a 5-year limitation on residence in public housing and exempts from this limitation families with a working member, the elderly, or the disabled.

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On April 30, the House agreed to H. Res. 133, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill.

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Flood Control and Family Protection Act: The House completed all debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 478, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the ability of individuals and local, State, and Federal agencies to comply with that Act in building, operating, maintaining, or repairing flood control projects, facilities, or structures.

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H. Res. 142, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was approved earlier by a yeand-nay vote of 415 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 107.

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Agreed To:

The Pombo amendment, as modified, that exempts from the Endangered Species Act consultation and conferencing provisions, the maintenance, rehabilitation, repair, or replacement of a flood control project, facility, or structure where necessary to protect human life or prevent the substantial risk of serious property damage;

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The Dicks amendment, to the agreed to Boehlert amendment in the nature of a substitute, that clarifies that exemptions apply to projects to repair a

flood control facility in response to a substantial threat to human lives and property; **Pages H2301–02**

The Gilchrest amendment, to the agreed to Boehlert amendment in the nature of a substitute, that directs that GAO conduct a study of the costs and nature of mitigation required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service pursuant to consultation under the Endangered Species Act for flood control levee maintenance projects; and **Page H2308**

The Boehlert amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, that exempts from the Endangered Species Act consultation and conferencing provisions, a project to replace a flood control facility that is declared a Federal disaster area in 1997 to the extent as would be required by California projects subject to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Policy on Emergency Flood Response and Short Term Repair of Flood Control Facilities issued on February 19, 1997; provides that exemptions shall not apply after the date that the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works determines that repairs have been completed or December 31, 1998, whichever is earlier; and clarifies that the exemptions apply to any project to repair a flood control facility in response to an imminent threat to human lives and property (agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 108). **Pages H2296–H2313**

Juvenile Crime Control Act: The House completed debate on H.R. 3, to combat violent youth crime and increase accountability for juvenile criminal offenses. Consideration of amendments will begin on Thursday, May 8. **Pages H2323–33**

H. Res. 143, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 159 nays, Roll No. 109. **Pages H2313–23**

Bipartisan Task Force on Reform of the Ethics Process: Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of April 23, 1997 be extended through June 12, 1997. The order of the House of February 12 concerning the Ethics process was modified on April 23. In furtherance of the understanding concerning the establishment of the ethics task force:

Made in order during the period beginning immediately and ending on June 12, 1997: (1) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may not receive, renew, initiate, or investigate a complaint against the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House; (2) the Committee on Standard of Official Conduct may issue advisory opinions and perform other non-investigative functions; and (3) a resolution addressing the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House that is proposed to be offered from the floor by a member

other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader, or a Member designated from the floor by the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader at the time of notice pursuant to clause 2(A)(1) of Rule IX, as a question of the privileges of the House shall once noticed pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of Rule IX, have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after June 12, 1997. **Page H2333**

Advisory Committee On The Records Of Congress: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he appointed Dr. Joseph Cooper of Baltimore, Maryland to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page H2333**

Advisory Commission On Intergovernmental Relations: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Shays and Snowbarger to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. **Page H2333**

Congressional Award Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Cubin to the Congressional Award Board. **Page H2333**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2352.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2264, H2265–66, H2282–83, H2313, and H2323. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:00 midnight.

Committee Meetings

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA-HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Consumer Information Center, and on the Office of Consumer Affairs. Testimony was heard from Ann Brown, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; Teresa Navarro Nasif, Director, Consumer Information Center, GSA; and Leslie L. Byrne, Director, U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs.

FINANCIAL MODERNIZATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Financial Modernization, including H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from James L. Bothwell, Chief Economist, GAO; and public witnesses.