

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 3945–3976; 1 private bill, H.R. 3977; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 281–283 and H. Res. 448, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 872, to establish rules governing product liability actions against raw materials and bulk component suppliers to medical device manufacturers, amended (H. Rept. 105–549 Part 1);

Conference report on H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs (H. Rept. 105–550).

H.R. 2281, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty and Performances and Phonograms Treaty, amended (H. Rept. 105–551 Part 1);

H. Res. 449, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs (H. Rept. 105–552);

H. Res. 450, providing for consideration of H.R. 3433, to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to return to work and to extend Medicare coverage for such beneficiaries, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for impairment-related work expenses (H. Rept. 105–553); and

H.R. 3035, to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies, amended (H. Rept. 105–554 Part 1).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Carl Holladay of Atlanta, Georgia.

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Extension of Remarks: Agreed that for today, all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the record entitled “Extension of Remarks.”

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Stenholm motion to adjourn by yeas and nays vote of 59 yeas to 304 nays, Roll No. 187.

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Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act Conference Report: The House failed

to agree to H. Res. 446, as amended, the rule disposing of the conference report to accompany S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs by yeas and nays vote of 120 yeas to 289 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 188). Earlier, agreed to the Solomon amendment that strikes from the rule “subtitle A of title V” on page 2 and inserts “sections 503 through 509 and by striking section 510(b)”.

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Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act: The House completed general debate on H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office. The House agreed to H. Res. 442, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill on May 21.

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Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Archer, Representatives Johnson of Connecticut, Portman, Rangel, and Coyne.

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Agreed to the Coyne motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in the House bill and thereby not further delay needed restructuring of the Internal Revenue Service, by a yeas and nays vote of 388 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 189.

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Expedited Procedure—Same Day Consideration of Rule: The House agreed to H. Res. 445, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b), rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

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Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century: The House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, by a recorded vote of 297 yeas to 86 noes, Roll No. 192.

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions to strike those provisions of the conference report that prohibit or reduce service-connected disability compensation to veterans relating to use of tobacco products, by a yeas and nays vote of 190 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 191.

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H. Res. 449, the rule that waived points of order against consideration of the conference report was agreed to earlier by a yea and nay vote of 359 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 190. **Pages H3943-45**

Enrollment Correction: Agreed to H. Con. Res. 282, to correct the enrollment of H.R. 2400, Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. **Page H3965**

Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1385, to consolidate, coordinate, and improve employment, training, literacy, and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees, Chairman Goodling, Representatives Goodling, McKeon, Riggs, Graham, Bob Schaffer of Colorado, Clay, Martinez, and Kildee. **Pages H3965-66**

Display of the POW/MIA Flag at the Capitol: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 99, providing for the display of the POW/MIA flag at the Capitol—clearing the measure. **Page H3966**

Motions to Suspend the Rules: Agreed that on Wednesday, June 3, the Speaker be authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: H.R. 2604, Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act; H.R. 3504, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Authorization Act; H.R. 3808, designating the Carl D. Pursell U.S. Post Office; H.R. 3630, designating the Steven Schiff U.S. Post Office; H.R. 2798, designating the Nancy B. Jefferson U.S. Post Office; and H.R. 2799, designating the Reverend Milton R. Brunson U.S. Post Office Building. **Page H3966**

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on the Budget have until midnight on Wednesday, May 27, to file a report on a concurrent resolution on the budget. **Page H3966**

Presidential Message—Cyprus: Read a message from the President wherein he submitted his report to Congress on the Investigation of the Whereabouts of the U.S. Citizens Who Have Been Missing from Cyprus Since 1974—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Pages H3966-67**

Memorial Day District Work Period: Agreed to S. Con. Res. 98, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and House of Representatives—clearing the measure. **Page H3774**

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 3, 1998. **Page H3966**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of June 1. **Page H3966**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of June 3. **Page H3967**

Resignations-Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Wednesday, June 3, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and make appointments. **Page H3967**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H3757, H3938-39, and H3965.

Referral: S. Con. Res. 73, expressing the sense of Congress that the European Union is unfairly restricting the importation of United States agriculture products and the elimination of such restrictions should be a top priority in trade negotiations with the European Union, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Pages H3968-69**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3973-75.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3760-61, H3772-73, H3938, H3945, H3963-64, and H3964-65. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 98, adjourned at 6:27 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3.

Committee Meetings

CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2400, Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representative Oberstar.

TICKET TO WORK AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3433, Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act of 1998, in the House without intervention of any point of order. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted, modified by the amendment printed in the