

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 27 public bills, H.R. 4235–4261; 1 private bill, H.R. 4262; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 298–300 and H. Res. 503, were introduced. **Pages H5735–37**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3633, to amend the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to place limitations on controlled substances brought into the United States from Mexico (H. Rept. 105–629, Pt. 1); and

Conference report on H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact (H. Rept. 105–630).

**Pages H5724–27, H5735**

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

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Pierce Klemmt of Alexandria, Virginia.

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**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:** Read a letter from the Chairman wherein he transmitted resolutions approved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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**VA, HUD Appropriations:** The House agreed to H. Res. 501, the rule to provide for consideration of H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a yeas and nays vote of 227 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 285. Earlier, agreed to the Linder amendment that corrects funding level for the Consumer Product Safety Commission and protects provisions relating to the FHA loan ceiling.

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**Treasury, Postal Service Appropriations Act:** The House passed H.R. 4104, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a yeas and nays vote of 218 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 293.

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**Agreed To:**

The Maloney of New York amendment that increases funding for the Federal Election Commission by \$2.8 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 210 noes, Roll No. 287); **Pages H5663–69**

The Sanders amendment that increases funding for the National Personnel Record Center to manage veterans records; **Pages H5672–74**

The Northup amendment that prohibits any funds to be used to fund Postal Service participation in the Universal Postal Union (Earlier, a point of order was sustained against a similar Northup amendment regarding funds used for Postal Service participation in the Universal Postal Union); **Pages H5694, H5697–98**

The Wicker amendment that prohibits any funding to be expended by the Postal Service to initiate new nonpostal commercial activities or pack and send services; **Pages H5709–10**

The Lowey amendment that prohibits funding to enter into or renew a contract which includes a provision providing prescriptive drug coverage except where the contract also includes a provision for contraceptive coverage for Federal health plans (agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 198 noes, Roll No. 290). **Pages H5694–97, H5718**

**Rejected:**

The Schumer amendment that sought to delete \$2 million in funding for in transit relief for certain rifle importers and increase ATF law enforcement funding by \$2 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 122 yeas to 301 noes, Roll No. 286);

**Pages H5658–60, H5668**

The DeLauro amendment that sought to strike section 514, relating to prohibition of FEHB plan coverage for abortions (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 239 noes, Roll No. 288);

**Pages H5676–83, H5716–17**

The Hefner amendment that sought to strike section 628 dealing with the rates of basic pay for the statutory pay systems (rejected by a recorded vote of 79 yeas to 342 noes, Roll No. 289);

**Pages H5687–90, H5717–18**

The Sanders amendment that sought to prohibit any loan in excess of \$250 million to a foreign entity through the exchange stabilization fund (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 291);

**Pages H5698–H5709, H5718–19**

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that sought to prohibit any funds to be used to require any contract to include a term for coverage of abortifacients

(rejected by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 292);

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**Point of Order Sustained Against:**

Saxton amendment that sought to stipulate that foreign states or agencies are not immune to U.S. property seizure or expropriation laws; and

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Morella amendment that sought to allow agencies to use appropriated funds to provide child care services for Federal employees.

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**Withdrawn:**

The Manzullo amendment was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funding to enforce certain information reporting requirements relating to Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Tax Credits.

Pages H5715–16

Points of Order were sustained against provisions in the bill relating to:

Domestic staff expenditures of the Executive Residence; p. 28, line 1 through 11.

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Emergency expenses related to Year 2000 conversion; p. 37, line 10, through p. 38, line 14.

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Expenses to meet unanticipated needs of the President; p. 38, line 15 through 19.

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Various new construction projects; p. 42, line 3, through p. 44, line 10.

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Sec. 401 through Sec. 407, Sec. 409 through Sec. 411, Sec. 505, Sec. 509 through Sec. 513, Sec. 515, Sec. 516, Sec. 602, Sec. 604, Sec. 605, Sec. 608 through Sec. 611, Sec. 615 through Sec. 618, Sec. 621 through Sec. 627, Sec. 629, Sec. 634, Sec. 635, Sec. 638, and Sec. 644 through Sec. 647.

Pages H5671–72, H5675–76, H5683–87, H5690–94

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of the bill.

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**Steve Schiff Auditorium:** The House passed H.R. 3731, to designate the auditorium located within the Sandia Technology Transfer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the “Steve Schiff Auditorium” by a yea and nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 294.

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**Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board:** The House agreed to the Senate amendments to the House amendments to S. 318, to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required as condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction and to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H5637.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5738–39.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5650–51, H5668, H5669, H5716–17, H5717–18, H5718, H5718–19, H5721, H5722–23, and H5723–24. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation approved for full Committee action the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS—RELIEVING REGULATORY BURDEN

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on proposals to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on the financial services industry and streamlining the regulatory process. Testimony was heard from Representatives Metcalf, Kelly and McCollum; Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller of the Currency; and Carolyn Buck, Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

### REWARDING PERFORMANCE IN COMPENSATION ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 2710, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on Early Childhood Interventions: Public-Private Partnerships. Testimony was heard from Lincoln C. Almond, Governor, State of Rhode Island; and public witnesses.

### U.S. AND RUSSIA: ASSESSING THE RELATIONSHIP

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on U.S. and Russia: Assessing the Relationship. Testimony was heard from Steve Sestanovich, Ambassador-at-Large, Office of the Special Adviser to the