

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4280–4294; 1 private bill, H.R. 4295; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 304 and H. Res. 507, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: A report was filed as follows:

H.R. 1689, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, amended (H. Rept. 105–640).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Kevin Shrum of Nashville, Tennessee.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Yates motion to adjourn by a yea and nay vote of 7 yeas to 382 nays, Roll No. 309.

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Interior Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 4193, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

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Agreed To:

The Johnson of Connecticut amendment made in order by the rule that restores \$98 million funding to the National Endowment of the Arts (agreed to by a recorded vote of 253 yeas to 173 noes, Roll No. 312);

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The Sanford amendment that makes technical corrections to a set of maps entitled the “Coastal Barrier Resources System”;

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The Miller of California amendment that increases National Park Service funding by \$2 million for the Urban Park and Recreation Fund; and

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The Sanders amendment numbered 6 and printed in the Congressional Record that increases funding for Bureau of Land Management Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding by \$20 million (agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 314).

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Rejected:

The Skaggs amendment that sought to increase funding for energy conservation funding by \$40 million with \$16 million for weatherization assistance grants, \$4 million for State energy conservation

grants, \$10 million for building technology programs, \$5 million for industry programs, and \$5 million for transportation programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 212 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 313); and

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The McGovern amendment that sought to provide \$30 million for the state side program of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (rejected by a recorded vote of 203 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 315);

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Point of Order sustained against provisions in the bill on the National Endowment for the Arts (subsequently the House agreed to the Johnson of Connecticut amendment that restored funding to the NEA).

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Withdrawn:

The Ensign amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Lake Tahoe Basin by \$5.3 million; and

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The Furse amendment numbered 8 in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to reduce by \$80.5 million the funding for the Forest Service’s timber program and reallocate it to watershed improvements and recreation management.

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H. Res. 504, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 191 noes, Roll No. 311. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 223 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 310.

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Presidential Veto Message—Education Savings Act:

Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts. Agreed to refer the bill and veto message to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–287).

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Suspension—Securities Litigation Standards:

The House completed consideration of the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1689, amended, to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law. The vote was postponed.

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Presidential Message—Terrorists: Read a message from the President wherein he submitted a report on

the developments concerning the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process—referred to International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-288).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H6071.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5971-72, H5979-80, H5980, H6007-08, H6035, H6036, and H6036-37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY POLICY ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 2568, Energy Policy Act Amendments of 1997. Testimony was heard from Thomas Gross, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Transportation Technologies, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection continued hearings on Electronic Commerce: Privacy in Cyberspace, focusing on data privacy measures, including H.R. 2368, Data Privacy Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FTC: Robert Pitofsky, Chairman; Orson Swindle, Sheila F. Anthony and Mozelle W. Thompson, all Commissioners; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2526, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make the percentage limitations on individual contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan more consistent with the dollar amount limitation on elective deferrals; H.R. 2566, Civil Service Retirement System Actuarial Redeposit Act of 1997; H.R. 4280, to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees; and H.R. 2943, to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Postal Service approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3725,

amended, Postal Service Health and Safety Promotion Act; H.R. 2623, to designate the United States Post Office located at 16250 Highway 603 in Kiln, Mississippi, as the "Ray J. Favre Post Office Building"; H.R. 3167, to designate the United States Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building"; H.R. 4052, to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings located in Coconut Grove, Opa Locka, Carol City, and Miami, Florida; H.R. 3810, to designate the United States Post Office located at 202 Center Street in Garwood, New Jersey, as the "James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office"; H.R. 3939, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 658 63rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building"; H.R. 3999, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building"; H.R. 4000, amended, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 400 Edgmont Avenue, Chester, Pennsylvania, as the "Thomas P. Foglietta Post Office Building"; H.R. 4001, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 2601 North 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Roxanne H. Jones Post Office Building"; H.R. 4002, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5300 West Jefferson Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Freeman Hankins Post Office Building"; and H.R. 4003, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 2037 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Max Weiner Post Office Building".

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.J. Res. 125, amended, finding the Government of Iraq in material and unacceptable breach of its international obligations; H.R. 4095, International Arms Sales Code of Conduct Act of 1998; H. Res. 459, commemorating 50 years of relations between the United States and the Republic of Korea; H. Con. Res. 277, concerning the New Tribes Mission hostage crisis; H. Res. 469, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding assistance to Mexico to combat wildfires; H. Con. Res. 292, calling for an end to the recent conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia; H. Con. Res. 224, urging international cooperation in recovering children abducted in the United States and taken to other countries; H. Res.