

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4296–4312; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 126, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

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 2); and

H. Res. 508, providing for consideration of H.R. 4276, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–641).

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

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China Most-Favored-Nation Status: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 121, disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China, by a recorded vote of 166 yeas to 264 noes, Roll No. 317.

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Suspension—Securities Litigation Standards: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1689, debated on July 21, 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 by a yeas and nays vote of 340 yeas to 83 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 318. Subsequently, the House passed S. 1260, a similar Senate-passed bill after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 1689, as passed the House. H.R. 1689 was then laid on the table.

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Higher Education Amendments of 1998: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 6, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees for consideration of the House bill (except sec. 464), and the Senate amendment (except secs. 484 and 799C), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodling, McKeon, Petri, Graham, Souder, Peterson (PA), Clay, Kildee, Martinez, and Andrews. For consideration of sec. 464 of the House bill, and secs. 484 and 799C of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representa-

tives Goodling, Talent, Shaw, Camp, Clay, and Levin.

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DoD Authorization: The House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999, and agreed to a conference.

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Subsequently, the Speaker appointed conferees from the Committee on National Security for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Spence, Stump, Hunter, Kasich, Bate-man, Hansen, Weldon (PA), Hefley, Saxton, Buyer, Fowler, McHugh, Watts (OK), Thornberry, Chambliss, Jones, Pappas, Riley, Skelton, Sisisky, Spratt, Ortiz, Pickett, Evans, Taylor (MS), Abercrombie, Meehan, Harman, McHale, Kennedy (RI), Allen, Snyder, and Maloney (CT). From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 2 of rule XLVIII: Representatives Goss, Lewis (CA), and Dicks. From the Committee on Banking and Financial Services for consideration of sec. 1064 of the Senate amendment: Representatives Leach, Castle, and LaFalce. From the Committee on Commerce for consideration of secs. 601, 3136, 3151, 3154, 3201, 3401, and 3403–3407 of the House bill, and secs. 321, 601, 1062, 3133, 3140, 3142, 3144, 3201, and title XXXVIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bli-ley, Schaefer, Dan, and Dingell. Provided that Representative Oxley is appointed in lieu of Mr. Dan Schaefer (CO) for consideration of sec. 321 of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Bilirakis is appointed in lieu of Representative Dan Schaefer (CO) for consideration of sec. 601 of the House bill, and sec. 601 of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Tauzin is appointed in lieu of Representative Dan Schaefer (CO) for consideration of sec. 1062 and Title XXXVIII of the Senate amendment. From the Committee on Education and the Workforce for consideration of secs. 361, 364, 551, and 3151 of the House bill, and secs. 522, 643, and 1055 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Petri, Riggs, and Roemer. from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight for consideration of secs. 368, 29, 1025, 1042, and 1101–1106 of the House bill, and secs. 346, 623, 707, 805, 806, 813–816, 1101–1105, 3142, 3144, 3145, 3161–3172 and 3510 of the Senate amendment, and

modifications committed to conference: Representatives Burton, Mica, and Waxman. Provided that Representative Horn is appointed in lieu of Representative Mica for consideration of sec. 368 of the House bill and secs. 346, 623, 707, 805, 806, and 813–816 of the Senate amendment. From the Committee on International Relations for consideration of secs. 233, 1021, 1043, 1044, 1201, 1204, 1205, 1210, 1211, 1213, 1216, and Title XIII of the House bill, and secs. 326, 332, 1013, 1041, 1042, 1074, 1084, 3506, 3601, 3602 and 3901–3904 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gilman, Bereuter, and Hamilton. From the Committee on International Relations for consideration of secs. 1207–1209, and 1212 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gilman, Bereuter, Smith (NJ), Burton, Rohrabacher, Hamilton, Gejdenson, and Lantos. From the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of secs. 1045 and 2812 of the House bill and sec. 1077 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hyde, Bryant, and Conyers. From the Committee on Resources for consideration of secs. 601, 2812, and 3404–3407 of the House bill, and secs. 601, 2828, and Title XXIX of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Young (AK), Tauzin, and Miller (CA). From the Committee on Science for consideration of secs. 3135 and 3140 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Sensenbrenner, Calvert, and Brown (CA). From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of secs. 552, 601, 1411, and 1413 of the House bill, and secs. 323, 601, 604, and 1080 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Boehlert, and Clement. From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for consideration of secs. 556, and 1046 of the House bill, and secs. 618, 619, 644, and 1082 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith (NJ), Bilirakis, and Rodriguez. From the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of Titles XXXVII and XXXVIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Crane, Thomas, and Matsui.

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The House considered the Skelton motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the authorization levels provided in title II of the House bill for Theater Missile Defense programs and for space-based lasers. The vote on the motion was postponed until Thursday, July 23, 1998.

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Interior Appropriations: The House resumed consideration 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 Regula en bloc amendment that increases funding for fossil energy research by \$45 million and energy conservation by \$45 million; Pages H6125–26

The Kildee amendment that makes a technical change relating to gaming regulations;

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The Miller of California amendment that prohibits the use of Knutson-Vandenberg funds to be used for indirect support activities (agreed to by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 320);

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The Young of Alaska amendment that extends until October 1, 2000, a current moratorium on the Federal takeover of fisheries management of certain navigable waters owned by the State of Alaska;

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The Buyer amendment that prohibits any funds to be used to establish a national wildlife refuge in the Kankakee River watershed in northwestern Indiana and northeastern Illinois;

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Rejected:

The Parker amendment that sought to strike a provision that directs the Indian Health Service to allocate contract support costs on a pro-rata basis (rejected by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 289 noes, Roll No. 319);

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Withdrawn:

The Gilchrest amendment that sought to strike section 337 that excludes 36 acres in Florida from the Coastal Barrier Resources System. Pages H6161–62

Pending:

The DeFazio amendment that strikes the provision that extends the recreational fee demonstration program for another 2 years;

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The McDermott amendment that strikes Section 333 dealing with the operation or implementation of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project;

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The Hinchey amendment that strikes section 327 that grants Chugach Alaska Corporation an easement for public roads and related facilities that were conveyed to the corporation pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act;

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The Miller of California amendment that prohibits any funds to construct any road in the Tongass National Forest; and

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The Pappas amendment that increases the State side grant program of the land and water conservation fund by \$50 million.

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Agreed that during the further consideration of H.R. 4193 in the Committee of the Whole, no further amendments shall be in order.

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H. Res. 504, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 21.

Presidential Message—Emergency Requirement Re IRS: Read a message from the President wherein he designated section 3309 of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 252 (e) of the Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Page H6160

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6073.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H6187.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 316), one yea and nay vote, and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6110–11, H6119, H6119–20, H6143, and H6143–44.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL TRADE—WESTERN HEMISPHERE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the 1999 Multilateral Negotiations on Agricultural Trade—Western Hemisphere. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Transportation appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

MORTGAGE LENDING DISCLOSURES REQUIREMENTS REFORMS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a joint hearing on the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Truth in Lending Act, and reforms to mortgage lending disclosure requirements. Testimony was heard from Edward M. Gramlich, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and Gail W. Laster, General

Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3844, Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1998.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT AMENDMENTS; DEPOSITION AUTHORITY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 4257, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products.

The Committee also adopted a motion to adopt rules regarding deposition authority.

MEDICARE HOME HEALTH AGENCIES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Medicare Home Health Agencies: Still No Surety Against Fraud and Abuse. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Penny Thompson, Director, Program Integrity, Health Care Financing Administration; and George W. Grob, Deputy Inspector General; and public witnesses.

DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Drug Treatment Programs: Making Treatment Work. Testimony was heard from Marsha Blanton, M.D., Associate Director, GAO; Donald Vereen, M.D., Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

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. Con. Res. 292, amended, calling for an end to the recent conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia; H.R. 4283, Africa Seeds of Hope Act of 1998; H. Res. 415, to promote independent radio broadcasting in Africa; H.R. 3743, amended, Iran Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act of 1998; H. Res. 362, amended, commending the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to Cuba; and H. Res. 475, recognizing the importance of achieving the goal of the 1997 Microcredit Summit to provide access to microcredit to 100,000 of the world's poorest families.