

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4712–4729; 2 private bills, H.R. 4730–4731; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 334–335 and H. Res 578, 582, were introduced.

Pages H10010–11

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 105–789);

H. Res. 579, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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 (H. Rept. 105–790);

H. Res. 580, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 131, waiving certain enrollment requirements for the remainder of the One Hundred Fifth Congress with respect to any bill or joint resolution making general or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1999 (H. Rept. 105–791);

Report in the matter of Franklin L. Haney (H. Rept. 105–792);

H.R. 3828, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to health care services for certain Medicare-eligible veterans, amended (H. Rept. 105–793 part 1);

Conference report on H.R. 3150, to amend title 11 of the United States Code (H. Rept. 105–794); and

H. Res. 581, authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States (H. Rept. 105–795).

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

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Intelligence Authorization: The House agreed to the conference report accompanying H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency

Retirement and Disability System, by a recorded vote of 337 ayes to 83 noes, Roll No. 487.

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Rejected the Barr motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to the conference committee to remove Section 604 (rejected by a ye and nay vote of 148 yeas to 267 nays, Roll No. 486).

Pages H9739–40

Omnibus National Parks and Public Lands: The House failed to pass H.R. 4570, to provide for certain boundary adjustments and conveyances involving public lands, to establish and improve the management of certain heritage areas, historic areas, National Parks, wild and scenic rivers, and national trails, to protect communities by reducing hazardous fuels levels on public lands, by a ye and nay vote of 123 yeas to 302 nays, Roll No. 489.

Pages H9750–H9870

Agreed to the Hansen amendment in the nature of a substitute that revises or eliminates various provisions relating to consultations with affected state governors on presidentially declared national monuments and conveyances or exchange of lands in various states by the Interior and Agriculture Departments.

Pages H9814–70

H. Res. 573, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 225 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 488.

Pages H9741–49

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Antimicrobial Regulation Technical Corrections: H.R. 4679, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify the circumstances in which a substance is considered to be a pesticide chemical for purposes of such Act;

Pages H9898–H9900

Border Smog Reduction: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 8, to amend the Clean Air Act to deny entry into the United States of certain foreign motor vehicles that do not comply with State laws governing motor vehicles emissions—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H9900–02

Child Online Protection Act: H.R. 3783, amended, to amend section 223 of the Communications Act of 1934 to require persons who are engaged in the business of selling or transferring, by means of the World Wide Web, material that is harmful to minors to restrict access to such material by minors. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H9902–11

Multichannel Video Competition and Consumer Protection: H.R. 2921, amended, to amend the

Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct an inquiry into the impediments to the development of competition in the market for multichannel video programming distribution. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H9932–37

Designating the Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office: H.R. 4616, to designate the United States Post Office located at 3813 Main Street in East Chicago, Indiana, as the “Corporal Harold Gomez Post Office” (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 425 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 491);

Pages H9937, H9939–40

Designating the Mervyn Dymally Post Office Building: H.R. 2348, to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the “Mervyn Dymally Post Office Building” (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 421 yeas with 1 voting “nay”, Roll No. 492);

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Curt Flood: S. 53, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H9942–46

Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act: S. 505, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H9946–54

Judicial Appointments: S. 1892, to provide that a person closely related to a judge of a court exercising judicial power under article III of the United States Constitution (other than the Supreme Court) may not be appointed as a judge of the same court—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H9985–87

Crime Identification Technology Act: S. 2022, amended, to provide for the improvement of interstate criminal justice identification, information, communications, and forensics;

Pages H9987–93

Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence: H.R. 4151, amended, to amend chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, relating to identity fraud;

Pages H9993–98

Crime Victims with Disabilities: S. 1976, to increase public awareness of the plight of victims of crime with developmental disabilities, to collect data to measure the magnitude of the problem, and to develop strategies to address the safety and justice needs of victims of crime with developmental disabilities—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H9998–99

COPS on the Beat Funding: H.R. 804, to amend part Q of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to ensure that Federal funds made available to hire or rehire law enforcement officers are used in a manner that produces a net gain of the number of law enforcement officers who perform nonadministrative public safety services;

Pages H9999–H10001

Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland Cultural Exchange and Training Program: H.R. 4293, amended, to establish a cultural and training program for disadvantaged individuals from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland;

Pages H1001–07

Treasury, Postal Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report on 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 ye and nay vote of 290 yeas to 137 nays Roll No. 494.

Pages H9920–32, H9941–42

Rejected the Hoyer motion to recommit the conference report to the conference committee with instructions to insist on section 624 of H.R. 4104 dealing with contraceptive prescription coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan (rejected by a ye and nay vote, Roll No. 493).

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H. Res. 579, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report accompanying the bill, was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 231 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 490.

Pages H9911–20

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9725 and H9911.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H10012.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9739–40, H9740–41, H9749, H9870, H9919–20, H9939–40, H9940, H9941, and H9941–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:01 a.m. on October 8.

Committee Meetings

FDA MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Held a hearing on the Implementation of the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997. Testimony was heard