

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 1427–1472; 1 private bill, H.R. 1473; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 86–87 and H. Res. 141, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Rodney H. Travis.

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Constitutional Amendment for Tax Limitations: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 37, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations by a ye and nay vote of 229 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 90, with 2/3 required for passage.

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H. Res. 139, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H2061–68

Tax Benefits for Military Personnel: The House passed H.R. 1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas by a ye and nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 91.

Pages H2098–H2101

Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent to consider H.R. 1376; that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill be considered as adopted; and to lay H. Res. 140 on the table.

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Fiftieth Anniversary of NATO: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 81, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and welcoming the three newest members of NATO, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Hungary, and the Czech Republic, into NATO.

Pages H2101–02

Honoring the Crew of the U.S.S. Alabama: The House agreed to H. Res. 123, recognizing and honoring the crewmembers of the U.S.S. *Alabama* (BB-60) and the U.S.S. *Alabama* Crewmen's Association.

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Military Personnel Detained by the Government of Yugoslavia: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 83, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and its President Slobodan Milosevic release the three illegally detained United States servicemen and abide by the Geneva Convention protocols regarding

the treatment of both prisoners of war and innocent civilians. Agreed to amend the title. Pages H2101–04

Agreed to the Gilman amendment to strike all after the resolving clause and insert a new text and agreed to the Gilman amendment to strike the preamble and insert a new text. Pages H2103–04

Meeting Hour—Monday, April 19: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 19. Page H2104

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, April 20: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20 for morning-hour debate. Page H2104

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on April 21. Page H2104

Senate Messages: Message received by the Senate today appears on page H2057.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2097–98 and H2101. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WATERSHED PROJECTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit held a hearing regarding Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Small Watershed Project and H.R. 728, The Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Bonilla; Danny D. Sells, Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a continued appropriations hearing. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on NOAA. Testimony was heard from D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Fiscal Year