

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 1880–1903; 1 private bill, H.R. 1904; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55, H. Con. Res. 110, and H. Res. 184, were introduced. **Pages H3459–60, H3462**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 905, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (H. Rept. 106–152);

H.R. 1378, to authorize appropriations for carrying out pipeline safety activities under chapter 601 of title 49, United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 106–153, Pt. 1);

H.R. 17, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to require the President to report to Congress on any selective embargo on agricultural commodities, to provide a termination date for the embargo, to provide greater assurances for contract sanctity, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 105–154, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 45 to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, amended (H. Rept. 106–155, Pt. 1).

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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. **Page H3395**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Father James Nock of Hartford, Connecticut. **Page H3395**

American Land Sovereignty Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 883, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands. **Pages H3402–25**

Agreed to:

The Young of Alaska amendment that extends the deadline for Congress to authorize Biosphere Reserves to 2003; **Page H3416**

The Vento amendment that prohibits Federal officials from entering into any international agreement concerning the disposal, management, and use of any U.S. lands unless authorized by law (agreed to by a recorded vote of 262 ayes to 158 noes, Roll No. 141); **Pages H3416–17, H3423–24**

The Young of Alaska amendment, to the Sweeney amendment, that specifies that the designation of a Biosphere Reserve shall not adversely affect State and local revenue; and **Page H3420**

The Sweeney amendment, as amended, that requires the management plan to ensure that the designation of a Biosphere Reserve shall not adversely affect State or local government revenue, including revenue for public education programs (agreed to by a recorded vote of 407 ayes to 15 noes, Roll No. 143). **Pages H3419–20, H3424–25**

Rejected the Udall amendment that sought to exempt Biosphere Reserves in Colorado from the provisions of the bill (rejected vote of 191 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 142). **Pages H3417–19, H3424**

H. Res. 180, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 240 ayes to 178 nays, Roll No. 140.

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Earlier, agreed to the Hastings of Washington amendment to the rule that strikes “833” on page 2 and inserts “883” in lieu thereof. **Page H3399**

National Missile Defense Deployment: By a yea and nay vote of 345 yeas to 71 nays, Roll No. 144, the House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense—clearing the measures for the President. **Pages H3430–37**

H. Res. 179, the rule which provided for the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote. **Pages H3426–30**

Late Reports: Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on May 21 to file two privileged reports on bills making appropriations for (1) Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and related Agencies and (2) Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. **Pages H3437–38**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of May 24. **Page H3438**

Meeting Hour—Monday, May 24: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourns to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 24 for morning-hour debates. **Page H3438**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 26. **Page H3438**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3401, H3423–24, H3424, H3424–25, and H3437. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research and Specialty Crops continued hearings on Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 8.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

KEY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ISSUES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on key international financial issues. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Budget Process. Testimony was heard from Representatives Nussle, Cardin and Minge; Jacob J. Lew, Director, OMB; Dan Crippen, Director, CBO; Rudolph G. Penner, former Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

ELECTRICITY COMPETITION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power continued hearings on Electricity Competition, focusing on PURPA, Stranded Costs, and the Environment. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 26.

AMERICA—THREAT OF BIOTERRORISM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Threat of Bioterrorism in America: Assessing the Adequacy of Federal Law Relating to Dangerous Biological Agents. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Jim Reynolds, Chief, Terrorism and Violent Crime Section, Criminal Division; and Robert M. Burnham, Chief, Domestic Terrorism Section, National Security Division, FBI; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: William Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy; and Stephen M. Ostroff, M.D., Associate Director, Epidemiologic Science, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and public witnesses.

FCC COMMISSION REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Federal Communications Commission Reform: The States' Perspective. Testimony was heard from Irma Muse Dixon, Commissioner, District 3, Public Service Commission, State of Louisiana; William R. Gillis, Commissioner, Utilities and Transportation Commission, State of Washington; David W. Rolka, Commissioner, Public Utility Commission, State of Pennsylvania; Bob Rowe, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, State of Montana; and a public witness.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Academic Achievement for All: Increasing Flexibility and Improving Student Performance and Accountability. Testimony was heard from Representative Tanner; Bret Schundler, Mayor, Jersey City, New Jersey; William Moloney, Commissioner of Education, Department of Education, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on School Violence: What is Being Done to Combat School Violence? What Should be Done? Testimony was heard from Nelba Chavez, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William Modzeleski, Director, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, Department of Education; Charlie Condon, Attorney General, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 102, National Youth Crime Prevention Demonstration Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 354, amended, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act; the American Inventors Protection Act; H.R. 1565, amended, Trademark Amendments Act of 1999; H.R. 1852, Multidistrict Trial Jurisdiction Act of 1999; H.R. 1761, amended, Copyright Damages Improvement Act of 1999; and H.R. 1225, United States Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act, Fiscal Year 2000.