

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 63 public bills, H.R. 2119–2181; 1 private bill, H.R. 2182; and 3 resolutions, H. Con Res. 130–131 and H. Res. 205, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** One report was filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 106–74 Pt. 2). Page H4126

**Congressional Gold Medal for Rosa Parks:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 127, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol on June 15, 1999 for a ceremony to present a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Rosa Parks. Pages H4030–31

**Defense Authorization Act:** The House passed H.R. 1401, to authorize for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 by a recorded vote of 365 ayes to 58 noes, Roll No. 191. The House completed general debate and considered amendments on June 9. Agreed to amend the title. Pages H4031–94

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Buyer amendment that authorizes members of the armed forces to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan available to Federal civil service employees (agreed to by a recorded vote of 425 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 185); Pages H4031–36, H4038–39

The Traficant amendment that allows the Secretary of Defense, with the permission of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, to assign military personnel to assist the Border Patrol and Customs Service in drug interdiction and counter terrorism activities along our borders (agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 186); Pages H4036–38, H4039–40

The Taylor of Mississippi amendment, as modified, that specifies the Congressional goals of the United States in the conflict with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia including the cessation of all military action against the people of Kosovo and the termination of the violence against the people of Kosovo; Pages H4048–52

The Spence en bloc amendment consisting of amendments numbered 22 through 46 with amend-

ments 38, 42, and 45 as modified that authorizes Air Force firefighting equipment; Navy cooperative engagement capability equipment; reiterates science and technology funding goals; authorizes Army 82nd Airborne nonsecure tactical radio replacement; authorizes the Medal of Honor for Alfred Rascon; mandates support of honor guard activities by service Secretaries; provides active and reserve member disability qualification for medical conditions not incurred in the line of duty; requires report on the Korean Peninsula; modifies TRICARE health system requirements and procedures; provides assurances for compliance with the Buy American Act; codifies Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies waivers for certain costs and donations; requires reports on capabilities to deal with contingencies in Korea and Southwest Asia; causes of recent space launch failures; and study of America’s power projection system that describes the airlift requirements necessary to execute the National Military Strategy; clarifies outlease issues related to U.S. Naval Academy dairy farm; requires Inspector General study on the compliance of free weight purchases with the Buy American Act; establishes threat and risk assessment process for terrorist weapons of mass destruction; creates pilot program to expand authority for early retirement; extends until September 2003 the authority to pay health insurance for civilian employees involuntarily separated; requires a report on the military power of the People’s Republic of China; authorizes funding at the Air Force Research Laboratory Research Site in Rome, New York to consolidate research and technology development; allows the Air Force to convey a nuclear radiation center to the University of California, Davis for research activities; increases early retirement agency contribution from 15 percent of basic pay to 26 percent; establishes technology transfer process with expedited dispute resolution at DOE national laboratories; and specifies that the Congressional notice relating to the compromise of classified information within nuclear energy defense programs shall include the House and Senate Select Committees on Intelligence.

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The Weldon of Florida amendment that provides \$7.3 million for the operation and maintenance of space launch facilities and requires a study of launch ranges and requirements (agreed to by a recorded vote of 303 ayes to 118 noes, Roll No. 188);

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The Skelton amendment that strikes section 1006 (a) prohibiting any funding for combat or peace-keeping operations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (agreed to by a recorded vote of 270 ayes to 155 noes, Roll No. 189); **Pages H4057–65, H4091**

Rejected:

The Souder amendment that sought to prohibit any fiscal year 2000 funding for military operations in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (rejected by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 187); **Pages H4052–57**

The Shays amendment that sought to reduce troop levels in Europe from 100,000 to 25,000 by fiscal year 2002; exclude troops assigned to Greenland, Iceland, Azores, and those serving for more than 179 days under a military-to-military contact program; and does not apply in the event of war or an attack on a NATO member nation (agreed to by a recorded vote of 116 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 190); **Pages H4065–71, H4091–92**

Earlier, the Obey motion to strike the enacting clause was withdrawn. Subsequently, the Hunter motion to strike the enacting clause was rejected by voice vote. **Pages H4061, H4062–64**

The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 1401, or a House amendment to the text of S. 1059, to make technical and conforming corrections to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4094**

H. Res. 200, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on June 9. Pursuant to the rule, the House completed one hour of general debate on the United States policy relating to the conflict in Kosovo.

**Motions to Adjourn:** Rejected the Obey motions to adjourn by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 302 noes with 1 voting “present” Roll No. 192; a yea and nay vote of 96 yeas to 298 nays with 1 voting “present” Roll No. 193; and a recorded vote of 90 ayes to 325 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 200. **Pages H4094–95, H4106–07**

**Legislative Branch Appropriations:** The House passed H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 by a yea and nay vote of 214 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 203. **Pages H4107–25**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions that it not be reported back if it does not reduce the bill by an amount at least equal to the average reduction required pursuant to the budget 302(b) allocation process for all domestic discretionary programs, including veterans medical care, elementary and secondary education, student financial assistance, biomedical research, law enforcement, transportation, safety, and environmental protection; and shall make

equal reductions in accounts for Members’ offices, leadership offices, and committees by a yea and nay vote of 198 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 202. **Pages H4123–24**

Agreed to:

The Camp amendment that requires the amounts remaining in Members’ representational allowances to be used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt; and **Pages H4120–22**

The Young of Florida amendment, that reduces funding by \$54 million. **Pages H4122–23**

A point of order was sustained against Section 107 dealing with a Waste Recycling Program for the House of Representatives. **Page H4120**

Rejected the Obey motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 130 ayes to 263 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 201. **Pages H4111–12**

Agreed H. Res. 190, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 198. Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 199. **Pages H4095–H4106**

Agreed to the Pryce amendment in the nature of a substitute by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 196. Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 197. **Pages H4103–05**

Agreed to order the previous question on the rule and the amendment by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 194. Agreed to table the motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 195. **Pages H4102–03**

**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Mr. Timothy J. Johnson of Minnetonka, Minnesota to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress; and read a letter from the Clerk wherein he announced his appointment of Ms. Susan Palmer to the advisory committee. **Page H4125**

**Meeting Hour—Monday, June 14:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 14 for morning-hour debates. **Page H4125**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business on Wednesday, June 16. **Page H4125**

**Re-referral:** H.R. 915 was re-referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H4027**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea and nay votes and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4038–39, H4039–40, H4056–57, H4090, H4091, H4091–92, H4093, H4094, H4095, H4102–03,

H4103, H4103-04, H4104-05, H4105, H4105-06, H4106-07, H4111-12, H4124, and H4125. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **RUSSIA ECONOMIC TURMOIL**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on Russia Economic Turmoil. Testimony was heard from Ted Truman, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; William Taylor, Ambassador at Large and Senior Coordinator for the New Independent States, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2035, to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and H.R. 10, amended, Financial Services Act of 1999.

### **AUTHORIZATION—TITLE I—ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on Key Issues in the Authorization of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Testimony was heard from Cheri Yecke, Deputy Secretary, Department of Education, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

### **WOMEN'S CANCERS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on the Role of Early Detection and Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Women's Cancers. Testimony was heard from Edward Trimble, M.D., National Cancer Institute, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported H.R. 17, Selective Agricultural Embargoes Act of 1999.

The Committee also favorably considered and amended the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 1175, to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, an American citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action; H. Res. 62, expressing concern over the escalating violence, the gross violations of human rights, and the ongoing attempts to overthrow a democratically elected government in Sierra Leone; and H. Con. Res. 75, condemning the National Is-

lamic Front (NIF) government for its genocidal war in southern Sudan, support for terrorism, and continued human rights violations.

### **OVERSIGHT—ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ISSUES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on illegal immigration issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 529, to require the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to approve a permit required for importation of certain wildlife items taken in Tajikistan; and H.R. 1934, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to establish the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program. Testimony was heard from Representative Barcia; Penelope Dalton, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Marshall Jones, Assistant Director, International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 940, Lackawanna Valley Heritage Area Act of 1999; and H.R. 1619, Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gejdenson and Neal of Massachusetts; Katherine Stevenson, Assistant Director, Cultural, Resource, Stewardship and Partnership, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### **K-12 MATH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION**

*Committee on Science* and the Subcommittee on Post-secondary Education, Training, and Life-Long Learning of the Committee on Education and the Workforce held a joint hearing on K-12 Math and Science Education—Finding, Training and Keeping Good Teachers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH BARRIERS**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Barriers to Commercial Space Launch. Testimony was heard from Laura Montgomery, Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Chief Counsel, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.