

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 2630–2652; 1 private bill, H.R. 2653; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 165–167 and H. Res. 265, 267, were introduced. Pages H6597–99

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 456, for the relief of the survivors of the 14 members of the Armed Forces and the one United States civilian Federal employee who were killed on April 14, 1994, when United States fighter aircraft mistakenly shot down 2 United States helicopters over Iraq, amended (H. Rept. 106–270);

H.R. 2454, to assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese and the biological diversity of the ecosystem upon which many North American migratory birds depend, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement rules to reduce the overabundant population of mid-continent light geese, amended (H. Rept. 106–271);

H.R. 987, to require the Secretary of Labor to wait for completion of a National Academy of Science study before promulgating a standard or guideline on ergonomics (H. Rept. 106–272);

H.R. 717, to amend title 49, United States Code, to regulate overflights of national parks (H. Rept. 106–273, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 266, a resolution providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution waiving the requirement in section 132 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 that the Congress adjourn sine die not later than July 31, 1999 (H. Rept. 106–274); Page H6597

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Paul A. Wee of Washington, D.C. Page H6585

**Military Construction Appropriations Act:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2465, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, by a yeas and nays vote of 412 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 343. Pages H6591–96

H. Res. 262, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote. Page H6591

**District of Columbia Appropriations Act:** The House passed H.R. 2587, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, by a yeas and nays vote

of 333 yeas to 92 nays, Roll No. 347. The House completed general debate on July 27. Pages H6603–48

Agreed to:

The Istook amendment that permits the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency to carry out sex offender registration; Pages H6615–17

The Barr amendment that prohibits the use of any funding to legalize or reduce the penalty for the possession, use, or distribution of any schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act; and Pages H6638–42

The Tiahrt amendment that prohibits the use of any funds on a needle exchange program for illegal drugs (agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 344). Pages H6617–29, H6645–46

Rejected:

The Norton amendment that sought to strike Sec. 146 prohibiting any funding for a petition or civil action which seeks to require Congress to provide for voting representation in Congress for the District of Columbia (rejected by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 345); and Pages H6629–33, H6646–47

The Largent amendment that sought to prohibit any funding for the joint adoption of a child between individuals who are not related by blood or marriage (rejected by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 215 noes, Roll No. 346). Pages H6633–38, H6647

Withdrawn:

The Bilbray amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to ban the possession of tobacco products by minors in the District of Columbia; and Pages H6603–07

The Stearns amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to specify that funding may be used for automated external defibrillators. Pages H6642–43

H. Res. 260, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 27.

**Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act:** The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. Pages H6652–H6721

Agreed to:

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that prohibits funding to foreign organizations that perform or actively promote abortion through lobbying activities to alter laws or policies; (agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 200 noes, Roll No. 349); Pages H6668–72

The Greenwood amendment that restricts funding for population planning activities unless the foreign organization certifies that funds will not be used to promote abortion as a method of family planning, or to lobby for or against abortion (agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 350);

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The Brown of Ohio amendment that increases child survival and disease program funding by \$5 million;

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The Gilman amendment that reduces funding for the Contribution to the International Development Association by \$8 million;

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The Campbell amendment that increases funding for the African Development Bank by \$8 million;

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The Traficant en bloc amendment that limits funding for the Government of the Russian Federation to \$172 million and prohibits any funding to purchase equipment or products made in a country other than the particular foreign government receiving assistance or the United States;

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The Rohrabacher amendment that eliminates any funding for the Government of Cambodia; and

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The Moakley amendment that prohibits any funding for the United States Army School of the Americas located at Fort Benning, Georgia (agreed to by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 352).

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Rejected:

The Campbell amendment that sought to reduce economic support funding for Israel by \$30 million and Egypt by \$20 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 13 ayes to 414 noes, Roll No. 351);

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The Pitts amendment that sought to specify that no Child Survival and Disease Program funds shall be used for activities designed to control fertility or delay childbirths or pregnancies (rejected by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 353).

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Withdrawn:

The Smith of New Jersey amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase refugee assistance funding by \$20 million;

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The Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase funding for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa by \$25 million;

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The Mica amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to increase funding for Colombian National Police equipment by \$37.5 million; and

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The Andrews amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn by order of the House and without prejudice, that sought to prohibit any funds for new Overseas Private Investment Corporation projects.

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H. Res. 263, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 256 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 348.

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**Order of Proceedings:** It was made in order that during the further consideration of H.R. 2606 in the Committee of the Whole no amendment shall be in order except for the Andrews amendment, withdrawn without prejudice and the following amendments: Burton of Indiana amendment regarding a reduction in aid to India; Jackson-Lee amendment transferring \$4 million from IMET to ERMA and ESF; Paul amendment prohibiting funds for family planning and abortion; Paul amendment prohibiting funds for Ex-Im Bank, OPIC, and TDA; Stearns amendment requiring a report on actions in Kosovo; Hastings of Florida amendment expressing the Sense of Congress regarding flower imports from Colombia; Jackson-Lee amendment prohibiting military funds for Eritrea and Ethiopia; Jackson-Lee amendment expressing the Sense of Congress regarding peace between Eritrea and Ethiopia; Kucinich regarding OPIC; and Tancredo regarding man in the biosphere.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H6585.

**Referrals:** S. 305 was referred to the Committee on Commerce and the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and S. 918 was referred to the Committee on Small Business.

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**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6600–01.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6595–96, H6645–46, H6646–47, H6647, H6648, H6652, H6671–72, H6676, H6719–20, H6720, and H6721. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:14 a.m. on July 30.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION—PROVIDE RELIEF FROM UNFAIR PENALTIES ON REFUNDS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 1117, to provide relief from unfair interest and penalties on refunds retroactively ordered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Testimony was heard from Representative Moran of Kansas; Carla Stovall, Attorney General, State of Kansas; and a public witness.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, amended, the following bills: H.R. 1714, Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act; H.R. 1858, Consumer and Investor Access to Information Act of 1999; H.R. 486, Community Broadcasters Protection Act of 1999; and H.R. 2630, NTIA Reauthorization Act of 1999.

### TRUTH IN EMPLOYMENT ACT; FAIR ACCESS TO INDEMNITY AND REIMBURSEMENT ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1441, Truth in Employment Act of 1999; and H.R. 1987, amended, Fair Access to Indemnity and Reimbursement Act.

### BEIJING-U.S. EMBASSY—STATE DEPARTMENT'S HANDLING OF ALLEGATIONS OF VISA FRAUD

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on the State Department's Handling of Allegations of Visa Fraud and Other Irregularities at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General; Peter Bergin, Deputy Director, Diplomatic Security; and Bonnie Cohen, Under Secretary, Management; and Don Schurman, former Regional Security Officer, U.S. Embassy, Beijing.

In refusing to answer questions, Charles M. Parish, Jr., former First Consul and Secretary, U.S. Embassy, Beijing, invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

### FEDERALISM ACT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 2245, Federalism Act of 1999.

### PANAMA-U.S. SECURITY AND COUNTER-DRUG INTERESTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Post-1999 U.S. Security and Counter-Drug Interests in Panama. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. McNamara, former U.S. Chief Negotiator in Panama and Gen. George A. Joulwan, USA, (Ret.), former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and former Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command.

### OVERSIGHT—REINVENTED TAXATION AND THE TAXPAYERS DEFENSE ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on Reinvented Taxation and The Taxpayers Defense Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hayworth and Terry; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.J. Res. 54, granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact; H.J. Res. 62, to grant the consent of Congress to the boundary change between Georgia and South Carolina; and H.R. 1604, amended, Dairy Consumers and Producers Protection Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.J. Res. 54 and H.J. Res. 62. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bereuter, Danner and Kingston; Charles W. Challstrom, Acting Director, National Geodetic Survey, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

### OVERSIGHT—DEA

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on the Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Norman J. Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issue Area, GAO; Donnie R. Marshall, Acting Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### IMMIGRATION REORGANIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 2528, Immigration Reorganization and Improvement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers and Reyes; from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Michael Bromwich, Inspector General; and Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service; Richard M. Stana, Associate Director, Administration of Justice Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.