

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2849–2867, and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 292–293, were introduced. Pages H8289–90

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1883, to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran certain goods, services, or technology, amended (H. Rept. 106–315, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 288, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces (H. Rept. 106–316);

H. Res. 289, providing for consideration of H.R. 1655, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the civilian energy and scientific research, development, and demonstration and related commercial application of energy technology programs, projects, and activities of the Department of Energy (H. Rept. 106–317);

H. Res. 290, providing for consideration of H.R. 1551, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's civil aviation research and development programs for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (H. Rept. 106–318);

Conference report on H.R. 2490, 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, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–319);

H.R. 1875, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions, amended, (H. Rept. 106–320);

H.R. 1788, to deny Federal public benefits to individuals who participated in Nazi persecution (H. Rept. 106–321 Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 291, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2490, 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, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–322).

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. Page H8154

Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, September 13, by a yea and nay vote of 360 yeas to 41 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 408. Pages H8154, H8159

Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Callahan, Porter, Wolf, Packard, Knollenberg, Kingston, Lewis of California, Blunt, Young of Florida, Pelosi, Lowey, Jackson of Illinois, Kilpatrick, Sabo, and Obey. Pages H8160–66, H8177–78

Agreed to the Pelosi motion to instruct conferees to insist on the provisions of the House bill with respect to Indonesia limiting International Military Education and Training to "expanded military education and training only" by a recorded vote of 419 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 410.

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Suspension—Iran Nonproliferation Act: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1883, amended, to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran certain goods, services, or technology by a yea and nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 409. Pages H8166–77

Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 417, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office by a yea and nay vote of 252 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 422.

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Agreed to:

The Faleomavaega amendment that clarifies the right of United States nationals to make political contributions; Pages H8244–45

The Bereuter amendment, as modified, that only allows contributions from United States citizens or nationals (agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 414); and

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The Sweeney amendment that requires reimbursement for the use of government equipment for campaign-related travel (agreed to by a recorded vote of 261 yeas to 167 noes, Roll No. 416).

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Rejected:

The Whitfield amendment, as modified, that sought to increase individual contribution limits

from \$1,000 to \$3,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 127 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 411);

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The Doolittle amendment, as modified, that sought to increase aggregate contribution limits from \$30,000 to \$75,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 302 noes, Roll No. 412);

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The Doolittle amendment, as modified, that sought to exempt voter guides from the “express advocacy” definition; (rejected by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 413);

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The Calvert amendment that sought to require the majority of congressional campaign contributions to come from in-state residents (rejected by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 415);

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The DeLay amendment that sought to exempt internet activities from regulation (rejected by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 417);

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The Ewing amendment that sought to render the entire Act invalid if any provision is held to be unconstitutional (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 259 noes, Roll No. 418);

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The Doolittle amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to repeal limits on federal campaign contributions and taxpayer financing of presidential elections, require political parties to distinguish between Federal and non Federal funds, and mandate electronic filing of reports (rejected by a recorded vote of 117 ayes to 306 noes, Roll No. 419);

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The Hutchinson amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to ban the use of soft money by national political parties and candidates, index contribution limits to inflation, and expand the disclosure of campaign finance information (rejected by a recorded vote of 99 ayes to 327 noes, Roll No. 420); and

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The Thomas amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to ban foreign contributions to all campaign-related disbursements, improve reporting of finance information, strengthen the enforcement of the Federal Election Commission, and simplify federal election law (rejected by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 421).

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Withdrawn:

The Goodling amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require unions to obtain authorization from their members to use any

dues or fees for activities that are not necessary for representational duties or labor-management issues;

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H. Res. 283, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Read a letter from Representative Markey wherein he resigned from the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speaker’s appointments of Representative Pitts, and upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, Representative Forbes to the Commission.

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Financial Services Act Conferees: The Chair appointed the following additional conferees on S. 900, Financial Services Act of 1999: From the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, for consideration of section 101 of the Senate bill and section 101 of the House amendment: Representative King is appointed in lieu of Representative Bachus and Representative Royce is appointed in lieu of Representative Castle. From the Committee on Commerce for consideration of section 101 of the Senate bill and section 101 of the House amendment: Representative Wilson is appointed in lieu of Representative Largent and Representative Fossella is appointed in lieu of Representative Bilbray.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8290–91.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes and twelve recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8159, H8176–77, H8177–78, H8248, H8248–49, H8249–50, H8250, H8259, H8259–60, H8260–61, H8261, H8268, H8276–77, H8285, and H8286. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM FINANCIAL CRISIS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the farm financial crisis. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on French and Austrian Banks and Issues Relating to Forced Labor and the Settlement of Insurance Claims by Holocaust Victims and their Heirs. Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat,