

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3152–3160; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 73, H. Con. Res. 210–212, and H. Res. 343–344, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 348, to authorize the construction of a monument to honor those who have served the Nation's civil defense and emergency management programs (H. Rept. 106–416);

H.R. 2889, to amend the central Utah Project Completion Act to provide for acquisition of water and water rights for Central Utah Project purposes, completion of Central Utah project facilities, and implementation of water conservation measures (H. Rept. 106–417);

S. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico (H. Rept. 106–418);

Conference report on H.R. 3064, 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 (H. Rept. 106–419); and

H. Res. 345, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 3064, 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 (H. Rept. 106–420).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H10863

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole of Baltimore, Maryland. Page H10863

Pain Relief Promotion Act: The House passed H.R. 2260, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia by a recorded vote of 271 ayes to 156 notes, Roll No. 544. Pages H10876–H10903

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

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Rejected the Blumenauer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Commerce with instruc-

tions to report it back to the House with an amendment to Title I, concerning the standard for legitimate use of controlled substances, that exempts States with laws adopted through a state-citizen initiative or referendum and excludes anyone from criminal liability with respect to assisted suicide or euthanasia. Pages H10902–03

Rejected:

The Scott amendment that sought to strike Section 101 that reinforces the existing standard for the legitimate use of controlled substances (rejected by a recorded vote of 160 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 542); and Pages H10890–91, H10900–01

The Johnson of Connecticut amendment that sought to enhance professional education in palliative care; reduce excessive regulatory scrutiny; and carry out the Congressional opposition to physician-assisted suicide (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 543). Pages H10891–H10901

Rejected the Obey motion to strike the enacting clause by voice vote. Page H10898

H. Res. 339, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:59 p.m. and reconvened at 8:37 p.m. Page H10933

Recess: The House recessed at 8:38 p.m. and reconvened at 9:58 p.m. Page H11065

Order of Business—Continuing Appropriations: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider in the House H.J. Res. 73, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, that it be considered as read for amendment; that it be debatable for one hour, equally divided and controlled; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit. Page H11065

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H10863.

Referrals: S. 1235, and S. 1485 were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Page H11065

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10900–01, H10901, and H10903. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SMALL WATERSHED REHABILITATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 728, Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held an oversight hearing on National Flood Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bereuter and Bentsen; James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA; Stan Czerwinski, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

ELECTRICITY COMPETITION AND RELIABILITY ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power met and considered H.R. 2944, Electricity Competition and Reliability Act of 1999.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD NORTH KOREA

Committee on International Relations: Concluded hearings on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea II: Misuse of U.S. Aid to North Korea. Testimony was heard from Representative Hall of Ohio; the following officials of the GAO: Benjamin Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues; and Gary L. Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Community and Economic Development Division; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 169, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to democracy, free elections, and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H. Con. Res. 200, amended, expressing the strong opposition of Congress to the military coup in Pakistan and calling for a civilian, democratically-elected government to be returned to power in Pakistan; and H. Con. Res. 211, Expressing the strong support of the Congress for the recently concluded elections in the Republic of India and urging the President to travel to India.

FEDERAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1924, Federal Agency Compliance Act. Testi-

mony was heard from Senator Campbell; William Schultz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Arthur J. Fried, General Counsel, SSA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; LAND CONVEYANCE

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 189, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the wasteful and unsportsmanlike practice known as shark finning; H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of non-project water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; H.R. 2541, amended, to adjust the boundaries of the Gulf Islands National Seashore to include Cat Island, Mississippi; H.R. 2879, to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech; H.R. 3063, to amend the National Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State; H.R. 3077, amended, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project; and H.R. 2818, to prohibit oil and gas drilling in Mosquito Creek Lake in Cortland, Ohio.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 2958, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain public lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska. Testimony was heard from Marilyn Heiman, Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EXPLORATION OF THE SEAS ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 2090, Exploration of the Seas Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Greenwood and Farr; Sally Yozell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS—IMPACT OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing on "The Impact of Executive Orders on the Legislative Process: Executive Lawmaking?" Testimony was heard from Ray