

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 4346–4363; 1 private bill, H.R. 4364; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 313–314 and H. Res. 486–487, were introduced. **Pages H2409–10**

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

H.R. 673, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and other appropriate agencies for the purpose of improving water quality throughout the marine ecosystem of the Florida Keys, amended (H. Rept. 106–592);

H.R. 1106, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to State agencies with responsibility for water source development for the purpose of maximizing available water supply and protecting the environment through the development of alternative water sources, amended (H. Rept. 106–593);

H.R. 2957, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize funding to carry out certain water quality restoration projects for Lake Pontchartrain Basin, Louisiana, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 106–594);

H.R. 855, to amend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 relating to the dumping of dredged material in Long Island Sound, amended (H. Rept. 106–595);

H.R. 1237, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to permit grants for the national estuary program to be used for the development and implementation of a comprehensive conservation and management plan, to reauthorize appropriations to carry out the program, amended (H. Rept. 106–596);

H.R. 3313, to amend section 119 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the program for Long Island Sound, amended (H. Rept. 106–597);

H.R. 2647, to amend the Act entitled “An Act relating to the water rights of the Ak-Chin Indian Community” to clarify certain provisions concerning the leasing of such water rights (H. Rept. 106–598);

H.R. 3577, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho (H. Rept. 106–599);

H. Res. 482, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 106–600);

H. Res. 483, providing for consideration of H.R. 673, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority and other appropriate agencies for the purpose of improving water quality throughout the marine ecosystem of the Florida Keys (H. Rept. 106–601);

H. Res. 484, providing for consideration of H.R. 2957, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize funding to carry out certain water quality restoration projects for Lake Pontchartrain Basin, Louisiana (H. Rept. 106–602); and

H. Res. 485, providing for consideration of H.R. 1106, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to State agencies with responsibility for water source development for the purpose of maximizing available water supply and protecting the environment through the development of alternative water sources (H. Rept. 106–603). **Page H2409**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Biggert to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2345**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:54 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H2348**

**Private Calendar:** On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed S. 452, for the relief of Belinda McGregor. Subsequently, agreed to dispense with further business on the Private Calendar. **Page H2349**

**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Communications:** Read letters from Chairman Shuster wherein he forwarded copies of resolutions approved or adopted by the committee on April 11—referred to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H2349**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:  
*Lauding Federal Workforce for Y2K Computer Preparations:* H. Con. Res. 300, recognizing and commending our Nation’s Federal workforce for successfully preparing our Nation to withstand any catastrophic Year 2000 computer problem disruptions (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 131); **Pages H2350–53, H2375**

*Prohibiting Restrictive Hiring Requirements in Federal Contracts for Information Technology Personnel:* H.R. 3582, to restrict the use of mandatory minimum personnel experience and educational requirements in the procurement of information technology goods or services unless sufficiently justified; **Pages H2353–57**

**Golden Spike/Crossroads Heritage Area:** H.R. 2932, amended, to authorize the Golden Spike/Crossroads of the West National Heritage Area (passed by a ye and nay vote of 400 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 132). Agreed to amend the title;

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**Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act:** H.R. 371, amended, to expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos;

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**Appointment of Alan G. Spoon as Regent of the Smithsonian Institution:** S.J. Res. 40, providing for the appointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Appointment of Manuel L. Ibanez as Regent of the Smithsonian Institution:** S.J. Res. 42, providing for the reappointment of Manuel L. Ibanez as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; and

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**American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities Program Improvements:** H.R. 3629, amended, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the program for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities under part A of title III.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, May 3.

**Continued Submission of Endangered Species Reports:** S. 1744, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that certain species conservation reports shall continue to be submitted;

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**Memorial Honoring Disabled Veterans:** H.R. 1509, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

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**Commending Charter Schools:** H. Con. Res. 310, supporting a National Charter Schools Week.

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**Presidential Message—National Emergency re Narcotics Traffickers:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his periodic report on the national emergency with respect to narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–232).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:38 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on page H2345.

**Referrals:** S. 397 was referred to the Committee on Science; S. 408, S. 1218, S. 1629, S. 1694, S. 1705, S. 1727, S. 1778, S. 1797, S. 1849, S. 1892, and S. 1910 were referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 1836 was referred to the Committee on Commerce; and S. 1946 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2374 and H2374–75. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Children and Environmental Health. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Kenneth Olden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and Duane Alexander, M.D., Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, both with NIH; and Richard Jackson, Director, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control; Ramona Trovato, Director, Office of Children's Health Protection, EPA; and public witnesses.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full Committee action the Military Construction appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Installations and Facilities approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4205, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001.

### LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BASIN RESTORATION ACT

**Committee on Rules:** The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on