

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4475–4487, were introduced. **Page H3308**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4475, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–622);

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2001 (H. Rept. 106–623); and

H. Res. 504, providing for the further consideration of H.R. 4205, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001 (H. Rept. 106–624). **Page H3308**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Commissioner John Busby, National Commander of the Salvation Army, Alexandria, Virginia. **Page H3175**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. **Pages H3175–83**

Association of Former Members of Congress—Annual Report to Congress: Agreed that the proceedings of the Association of Former Members of Congress held during the recess be printed in the Congressional Record and that all members and former members who spoke during the recess have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks. **Page H3183**

Distinguished Service Award to Chaplain Emeritus James David Ford: The Association of Former Members of Congress presented the Distinguished Service Award to the former House Chaplain, James David Ford. Subsequently, Dr. Ford presented himself in the well of the House Chamber and made remarks to all those assembled. **Pages H3182–83**

Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 4205, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001. Proceedings will resume on Thursday, May 18. **Pages H3193–H3288**

Agreed to:

Kasich amendment, no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 106–621, that conditions U.S. ground forces in

Kosovo on a Presidential certification by April 1, 2001 that our European allies have met their specified percentage of aid pledges (agreed to by a recorded vote of 264 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 193); **Pages H3256–65**

Spence en-bloc amendment (consisting of amendments no. 5, as modified, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 as modified, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, printed in H. Rept. 106–621) that requires an economic analysis on funding mechanisms for the CVN(X) aircraft carrier and LHD and LHA replacement class assault ships; includes territories and possessions of the U.S. in reports on the missile threat posed by North Korea; clarifies future flexibility for low-level flight training; includes findings regarding the environmental restoration of a former defense manufacturing site at Santa Clarita, California; clarifies the authority to submit reports required by Section 364; makes technical corrections to Army National Guard programs; authorizes later time-of-death determinations to allow disability retirements; waives nonavailability statement or preauthorization for those enrolled in TRICARE Standard; directs a study on the effects of contract bundling on small businesses; specifies compliance with the Buy American Act; allows the waiver of costs at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies; requires a plan to ensure compliance with financial management requirements; authorizes five additional weapons of mass destruction civil support teams; establishes a commission on the future of the United States aerospace industry; expresses the sense of Congress regarding information technology systems; authorizes voluntary separation incentives and early retirement for employees of the Department of the Air Force; requires a report on the costs of Operation Allied Force; requires a GAO study on the value of U.S. military engagement in Europe; expresses the sense of Congress regarding DOD non-compliance with requirements to publish and update a list of Communist Chinese military companies operating in the United States; transfers property at Ft. Riley, Kansas for a veterans cemetery; transfers property at Fort Vancouver Barracks to Vancouver, Washington; transfers property at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado to Lowry Redevelopment Authority; designates tank waste remediation project in Richland, Washington as the “River Protection Project;” ensures that export control thresholds for computer exports to Tier III countries are consistent; authorizes Department of Energy employee incentives at closure facilities; authorizes the conveyance of the offshore drill rig OCEAN STAR to the Offshore Rig

Museum, Inc.; and clarifies that clemency should not apply to the court-martial sentence of confinement for life without eligibility for parole. **Pages H3278–88**

Further proceedings were postponed on the following amendments that were offered and debated:

Frank of Massachusetts amendment, no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 106–621, that seeks to reduce the total amount authorized by 1 percent; **Pages H3265–68**

Dreier amendment, no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 106–621, that seeks to shorten the Congressional waiting period to review proposed adjustments of high performance computers for export purposes from 180 days to 60 days; **Pages H3268–72**

Luther amendment, no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 106–621, that seeks to terminate production funding for twelve Trident II (D–5) submarine-launched ballistic missiles; **Pages H3272–74**

Stearns amendment, no. 13 printed in H. Rept. 106–621, that seeks to require a study to compare the coverage for physical, speech, and occupational therapies under TRICARE Program and Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services to the coverage and benefits under Medicare and the Federal Employees Health Benefits program; and **Page H3278**

Traficant amendment, no. 20 printed in H. Rept. 106–621, that seeks to authorize the assignment of military personnel to assist Immigration and Naturalization Service and Customs Service at the request of the Attorney General or Secretary of the Treasury; **Pages H3274–78**

Rejected the Taylor of Mississippi motions to rise by recorded votes of 204 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 191 and 200 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 192. **Pages H3261–62, H3264–65**

H. Res. 503, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 220 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 190. **Pages H3185–93**

Presidential Message National Emergency re Sudan: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–237). **Pages H3288–89**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:28 p.m. and reconvened at 11:45 p.m. **Page H3306**

Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H3309.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3192–93, H3261–62, H3264–65, and H3265. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHINA

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Administration's proposal for permanent normal trade relations with China. Testimony was heard from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce; Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior approved for full Committee action the Interior appropriations for fiscal year 2001.

BANK MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4209, Bank Reserves Modernization Act of 2000.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3383, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; H.R. 3906, amended, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; H.R. 4446, to ensure that the Secretary of Energy may continue to exercise certain authorities under the Price-Anderson Act through the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health; H.R. 3852, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alabama; S. 1236, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam Hydroelectric Project in the State of Idaho; H.R. 4201, amended, Noncommercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act of 2000; H.R. 3489, Wireless Telecommunications Sourcing and Privacy Act; and H.R. 2498, amended, Cardiac Arrest Survival Act of 1999.

EMBASSY SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS STATUS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Status of Embassy Security Enhancements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Patrick F. Kennedy, Assistant