

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4488–4498, were introduced. **Page H3412**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1304, to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of health care professionals and health plans and health insurance issuers in the same manner as such laws apply to collective bargaining by labor organizations under the National Labor Relations Act, amended (H. Rept. 106–625);

H. Res. 505, providing for consideration of H.R. 4475, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–626); and

H. Res. 506, providing for consideration of H.R. 4392, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 106–627). **Page H3412**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Burr to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3311**

Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001: The House passed 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 by a recorded vote of 353 ayes to 63 noes, Roll No. 208. Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H3314–21, H3346–97**

Rejected the Kucinich motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions that it report back forthwith with an amendment that reduces national missile defense funding by \$2.2 billion. **Pages H3395–96**

Agreed to the Committee on Armed Services amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H3395**

Agreed to:

Dreier amendment, no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 106–621 and debated on May 18, that shortens the Congressional waiting period to review proposed adjustments of high performance computers for export purposes from 180 days to 60 days (agreed to by a recorded vote of 415 ayes to 8 noes, Roll No. 195);

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Traficant amendment, no. 20 printed in H. Rept. 106–621 and debated on May 18, that authorizes 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 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 197);

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Stearns amendment, no. 13 printed in H. Rept. 106–621 and debated on May 18, that requires 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 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 426 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 198);

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Skelton amendment, no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 106–624, that strikes Title XV, provisions regarding Vieques Island, Puerto Rico and conveys the Naval Ammunition Support detachment located on the western end of Vieques Island to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 202); **Pages H3362–71**

Cox amendment, no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 106–624, that prohibits any arrangement which would make the United States liable for nuclear accidents occurring in North Korea (agreed to by a recorded vote of 334 ayes to 85 noes, Roll No. 205);

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Whitfield amendment, no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 106–624 as modified, that expresses the sense of Congress concerning compensation and health care for nuclear workers at Department of Energy facilities and vendor sites who were exposed to radioactive and hazardous substances including beryllium and silica; and **Pages H3373–77**

Taylor of Mississippi amendment, no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 106–624, that makes permanent the TRICARE Senior Prime demonstration program, more commonly known as Medicare Subvention (agreed to by a recorded vote of 406 ayes to 10 noes, Roll No. 207). **Pages H3377–84, H3391–92**

Rejected:

Frank of Massachusetts amendment, no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 106–621 and debated on May 18, that sought to reduce the total amount authorized by 1 percent (rejected by a recorded vote of 88 ayes to 331 noes, Roll No. 194); **Pages H3316–17**

Luther amendment, no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 106–621 and debated on May 18, that sought to terminate production funding for twelve Trident II

(D-5) submarine-launched ballistic missiles (rejected by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 196); **Pages H3318-19**

Sanford amendment, no. 10 printed in H. Rept. 106-621, that sought to repeal the authority for the Secretary of Defense to transfer property to law enforcement activities at less-than-fair-market-value. (rejected by a recorded vote of 56 ayes to 368 noes, Roll No. 199); **Pages H3314-16, H3321**

Sanchez amendment, no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 106-624, that sought to permit abortions at military hospitals overseas (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 203);

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Moakley amendment, no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 106-624, that sought to repeal the authority for the United States Army School of the Americas and establish a task force to assess the kind of education and training that is appropriate for the Department of Defense to provide to military personnel of Latin American nations (rejected by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 204); and

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Buyer substitute amendment, no. 7 printed in H. Rept. 106-624, to the Taylor of Mississippi amendment that sought to expand the Medicare subvention demonstration program to up to seven additional sites and up to 13 additional military treatment facilities (rejected by a recorded vote of 95 ayes to 323 noes, Roll No. 206). **Pages H3384-91**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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H. Res. 504, the rule that is providing for further consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 254 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 201. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 226 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 200.

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American Institute in Taiwan: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3707, to authorize funds for the site selection and construction of a facility in Taipei, Taiwan, suitable for the mission of the American Institute in Taiwan—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H3397-98**

Presidential Messages—National Emergency Re Burma:

Periodic Report: Read a message wherein he transmitted his 6 month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Burma—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-241); and

Federal Register Notice: Read a message wherein he transmitted his Federal Register notice with respect to Burma—referred to the Committee on

International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106-242). **Page H3398**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3413-14.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and fourteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3317, H3317-18, H3318-19, H3319-20, H3320-21, H3321, H3345-46, H3346, H3370-71, H3371, H3371-72, H3372-73, H3390-91, H3391-92, and H3396-97. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

“MEDICARE’S REGULATORY BURDEN ON PROVIDERS”

Committee on the Budget: Health Task Force held a hearing on “Medicare’s Regulatory Burden on Providers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH: PROTECTING SURPLUS CHIMPANZEES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Biomedical Research: Protecting Surplus Chimpanzees. Testimony was heard from John Strandberg, M.D., Director, Comparative Medicine, National Center for Research Resources, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FREEDOM AND PRIVACY RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 220, Freedom and Privacy Restoration Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Paul; Barbara Bobvjerg, Associate Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; Fritz Streckewald, Associate Commissioner, Program Benefits, SSA; and public witnesses.

LOOMING FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Looming Famine in Ethiopia. Testimony was heard from Hugh Q. Parmer, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Response, AID, Department of State; Catherine Bertini, (via video-conference), Executive Director, World Food Programme, Special Representative of the U.N. Secretary General to the Horn of Africa; and public witnesses.