

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 27 public bills, H.R. 4782–4808; 1 private bill, H.R. 4809; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 366–368, and H. Res. 543, were introduced. **Pages H5654–55, H5656**

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

Conference report on H.R. 4425, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–710); and

H.R. 4541, to reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives, amended (H. Rept. 106–711, Pt. 1). **Pages H5460–H5532, H5654**

**Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations:** The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 4461, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. **Pages H5442–60, H5533–98**

### Agreed To:

Clayton amendment that increases funding for land-grant colleges and cooperative extension activities by \$6.8 million and decreases Agricultural Research Service funding accordingly; **Pages H5536–37**

Weiner amendment No. 65 printed in the Congressional Record that reduces Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service funding by \$15,510, the amount used for the inspection of imported Iranian food products; **Pages H5549–51**

Hayes amendment that clarifies that funding may be used to carry out research on the medical, biotechnological, food, and industrial uses of tobacco; **Pages H5556–62**

Berry amendment that eliminates funding for the Office of the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment and transfers funding of \$693,000 to Resource Conservation and Development programs for resolution of small family farm and ranch regulatory issues with the Environmental Protection Agency; **Pages H5574–77**

Kelly amendment No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record that strikes language that would prohibit the use of funding for the American heritage rivers initiative; **Pages H5577–80**

Clayton amendment that makes available loans for a demonstration program in North Carolina to evaluate the use of modular housing for those who have lost housing because of a major disaster; **Pages H5585–86**

Stupak amendment No. 21 printed in the Congressional Record that increases funding for senior citizen meal providers, including meals on wheels programs, by \$20 million and decreases Public Law 480, Food for Peace, programs by \$30 million; **Pages H5588–91**

Reyes amendment No. 62 printed in the Congressional Record that strikes language that would prohibit funding to carry out a Colonias initiative without the prior approval of the Committee on Appropriations; and **Pages H5591–93**

Kaptur amendment that allows the United States Agency for International Development to employ contractors for administrative expenses and delivery of Public Law 480, Food for Peace commodities. **Pages H5593–94**

### Rejected:

Metcalf amendment that sought to increase FDA funding by \$40,000 to validate the Tulane University Medical School diagnostic test on the Gulf War Syndrome and decrease USDA Departmental Administration funding accordingly; **Page H5534**

Ney amendment No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase funding for North Appalachian Experimental Watershed Research Station risk assessments by \$100,000 and decrease USDA administration, communications, and inspector general funding accordingly (rejected by a yea and nay vote of 94 yeas to 326 nays, Roll No. 359); **Pages H5534–35, H5596–97**

Hefley amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to eliminate the \$200,000 funding for the asparagus competitiveness grant and harvester (rejected by a recorded vote of 132 yeas to 287 noes, Roll No. 360); **Pages H5540–41, H5597**

Sanford amendment No. 49 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to decrease special grants for agricultural research funding by \$14.4 million; and **Pages H5541–47**

Hefley amendment No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to eliminate the \$2 million funding for the Agra-Tourism program (rejected by a recorded vote of 94 yeas to 319 noes, Roll No. 361). **Pages H5581–84, H5598**

### Point of Order sustained:

Tierney amendment No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to make available

\$500,000 for a study by the National Academy of Science on genetically engineered products;

**Pages H5538–40**

Kaptur amendment No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to increase Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service funding by \$53.1 million for emergency eradication of pest and plant infestations;

**Pages H5552–55**

Miller of Florida amendment No. 43 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit the Commodity Credit Corporation from spending more than \$54 million for purchases of raw or refined sugar from sugarcane or sugar beets;

**Pages H5562–65**

Withdrawn:

Kucinich amendment No. 42 printed in the Congressional Record was offered and withdrawn that sought to make available \$500,000 to the Food and Drug Administration for the purpose of drafting guidance for industry on how to assess genetically engineered food products for allergenicity until a predictive testing methodology is developed;

**Pages H5594–96**

Agreed to H. Res. 538, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill on June 28.

**Military Construction and Supplemental Appropriations Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4425, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a yeas and nays vote of 306 yeas to 110 nays, Roll No. 362.

**Pages H5599–H5616**

Earlier agreed by unanimous consent to consider the conference report; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; that it be considered as read; and that H. Res. 540, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules be laid on the table.

**Page H5599**

**Suspension—Supplemental Medicare Funding:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 535, sense of the House concerning the use of additional projected surplus funds to supplement Medicare funding, previously reduced under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 by a yeas and nays vote of 404 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 363. The House debated the resolution on June 28.

**Pages H5616–17**

**Quality Health-Care Coalition Act:** The House passed 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 plan 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 by a recorded vote of 276 yeas to 136 noes with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 372.

**Pages H5627–52**

Agreed to the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule, as amended;

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Agreed To:

Coburn amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that exempts discussions on requiring abortion coverage from collective bargaining negotiations (agreed to by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 202 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 371); and

**Pages H5644–46, H5651**

Davis of Illinois amendment No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that expresses the sense of Congress that decisions regarding medical care and treatment should be made by the physician or health care professional in consultation with the patient.

**Pages H5646–48**

Rejected:

Ballenger amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that sought to provide that the antitrust exemption shall not apply to various conditions including negotiations over fees, payments, or reimbursement and negotiations to permit health care professionals to balance bill patients (rejected by a recorded vote of 71 yeas to 345 noes, Roll No. 367);

**Pages H5637–39, H5648–49**

Stearns amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that sought to exempt groups of health care professionals engaged in negotiations with health plans from antitrust laws if the FTC or Department of Justice has certified that such negotiations would promote competition and enhance the quality of patient care (rejected by a recorded vote of 94 yeas to 320 noes, Roll No. 368);

**Pages H5639–41, H5649**

Cox amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that sought to provide that a physician may not be forced to join a union as a condition of employment by a health plan (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 369); and

**Pages H5641–43, H5649–50**

Terry amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 106–709 that sought to provide that the antitrust exemption shall not apply to negotiations over fees (rejected by a recorded vote of 78 yeas to 338 noes, Roll No. 370).

**Pages H5643–44, H5650–51**

Agreed to H. Res. 542, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 225 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 365. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas and nays vote of 241 yeas to 174 nays with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 364.

**Pages H5617–26**

**Fourth of July District Work Period:** House agreed to S. Con. Res. 125, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 541, the rule that provided for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 469 and H. Res. 482 were laid on the table. **Page H5652**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 10. **Page H5653**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 12, 2000. **Page H5653**

**Resignations—Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, July 10, 2000, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H5653**

**Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative LaHood, Ms. Joan Flinspach of Indiana, and Mr. James R. Thompson of Illinois to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Subsequently, read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. David Phelps of Illinois and Ms. Louise Taper of California to the same commission. **Page H5653**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Rejected the LaHood motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 366. **Pages H5626–27**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H5439 and H5552.

**Referrals:** S. 2719 was referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H5653**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5657–58.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5596–97, H5597, H5598, H5616, H5616–17, H5625–26, H5626, H5626–27, H5648–49, H5649, H5649–50, H5650–51, H5651, and H5651–52. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and pursuant to S. Con. Res. 125, the House adjourned at

2:06 a.m. on Friday June 30, until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 10, for morning-hour debate.

## *Committee Meetings*

### AGRICULTURAL INPUT PRICES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review factors affecting domestic and international agricultural input prices. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Robertson, Associate Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### LATIN AMERICA—TERRORISM AND THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism held a hearing on terrorism and threats to U.S. interests in Latin America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MEDICAL FINANCIAL PRIVACY

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4585, Medical Financial Privacy Protection Act.

### WELFARE REFORM

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life Long Learning; and the Subcommittee on Human Resources of the Committee on Ways and Means held a joint hearing on Welfare Reform: Assessing the Progress of Work-Related Provisions. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Fagnoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues; Ray Bramucci, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; REPORT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4049, amended, Privacy Commission Act; H.R. 4744, Truth in Regulating Act of 2000"; H.R. 3454, to designate the United States Post Office located at 451 College Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "Henry McNeal Turner Post Office"; H.R. 3909, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4601 South Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Henry W. McGee Post Office Building"; H.R. 3985, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14900 Southwest 30th Street in Miramar City, Florida, as the "Vicki Coccano Post Office Building"; H.R. 4157, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena, California, as the "Matthew 'Mack' Robinson Post Office Building"; H.R. 4430, amended, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at