

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 116 public bills, H.R. 4986–5101; 4 private bills, H.R. 5102–5105; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 383–389 and H. Res. 568–569, were introduced. **Pages H7205–11**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 4678, to provide more child support money to families leaving welfare, to simplify the rules governing the assignment and distribution of child support collected by States on behalf of children, to improve the collection of child support, to promote marriage, amended (H. Rept. 106–793, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 564, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4865) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits (H. Rept. 106–795);

Conference report on H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–796);

H. Res. 565, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 (H. Rept. 106–797);

H. Res. 566, providing for consideration of H.R. 4678, to provide more child support money to families leaving welfare, to simplify the rules governing the assignment and distribution of child support collected by States on behalf of children, to improve the collection of child support, to promote marriage (H. Rept. 106–798);

H. Res. 567, providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the summer district work period (H. Rept. 106–799);

H.R. 2059, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty, amended (H. Rept. 106–800);

Contempt of Congress report on the refusals of Mr. Henry M. Banta, Mr. Robert A. Berman, Mr. Keith Rutter, Ms. Danielle Brian Stockton, and the project on Government Oversight to comply with subpoenas issued by the Committee on Resources (H. Rept. 106–801).

Making the Federal Government Accountable: Enforcing the Mandate for Effective Financial Management (H. Rept. 106–802); and

H.R. 3673, to provide certain benefits to Panama if Panama agrees to permit the United States to maintain a presence there sufficient to carry out counternarcotics and related missions (H. Rept. 106–803, Pt. 1). **Pages H7205**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, July 26 by a yea and nay vote of 344 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 443.

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DOD Authorization—Conferees: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of conferees for 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, the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference. **Pages H7134–35**

From the Committee on Armed Services for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Spence and Representatives Stump, Hunter, Kasich, Bateman, Hansen, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Hefley, Saxton, Buyer, Fowler, McHugh, Talent, Everett, Bartlett of Maryland, McKeon, Watts of Oklahoma, Thornberry, Hostettler, Chambliss, Skelton, Sisisky, Spratt, Ortiz, Pickett, Evans, Taylor of Mississippi, Abercrombie, Meehan, Underwood, Allen, Snyder, Maloney of Connecticut, McIntyre, Tauscher, Thompson of California. Provided that Representative Kuykendall is appointed in lieu of Representative Kasich for consideration of section 2863 of the House bill, and section 2862 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference. **Page H7134**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 or rule X: Chairman Goss and Representatives Goss, Lewis of California, and Dixon. **Page H7134**

From the Committee on Commerce for consideration of sections 601, 725, and 1501 of the House bill and sections 342, 601, 618, 701, 1073, 1402, 2812, 3131, 3133, 3134, 3138, 3152, 3154, 3155, 3167–3169, 3171, 3201, and 3301–3303 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Bliley and Representatives Barton of Texas and Dingell. Provided that Representative Bilirakis is appointed in lieu of Barton of Texas for consideration of sections 601 and 725 of the House bill, and sections 601, 618, 701, and 1073 of the Senate amendment Representative Oxley is appointed in lieu of Representative Barton of Texas for consideration of section 1501 of the House bill, and sections 342 and 2812 of the Senate amendment. **Pages H7134–35**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce for consideration of sections 341, 342, 504, and 1106 of the House bill, and sections 311, 379, 553, 669 1053, and Title XXXV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Goodling and Representatives Hilleary and Mink. **Page H7135**

From the Committee on Government Reform for consideration of sections 518, 651, 723, 801, 906, 1101–1104, 1106, 1107, and 3137 of the House bill, and sections 643, 651, 801, 806, 810, 814–816, 1010A, 1044, 1045, 1057, 1063, 1069, 1073, 1101, 1102, 1104, 1106–1118, Title XIV, sections 2871, 2881, 3155, and 3171 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Burton and Representatives Scarborough, and Waxman. Provided that Representative Horn is appointed in lieu of Representative Scarborough for consideration of section. 801 of the House bill and sections 801, 806, 810, 814–816, 1010A, 1044, 1045, 1057, 1063, 1101, Title XIV, sections 2871, and 2881 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference. Provided that Representative McHugh is appointed in lieu of Representative Scarborough for consideration of section 1073 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference. **Page H7135**

From the Committee on House Administration for consideration of sections 561–563 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Thomas and Representatives Boehner and Hoyer. **Page H7134**

From the Committee on International Relations for consideration of sections 1201, 1205, 1209, 1210, Title XIII, and section. 3136 of the House bill, and sections 1011, 1201–1203, 1206, 1208, 1209, 1212, 1214, 3178, and 3193 of the Senate amendment: Chairman Gilman and Representatives Goodling and Gejdenson. **Page H7134**

From the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of sections 543 and 906 of the House bill and sections 506, 645, 663, 668, 909, 1068, 1106, Title XV, and Title XXXV of the Senate amendment: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Canady and Conyers. **Page H7134**

From the Committee on Resources for consideration of sections 312, 601, 1501, 2853, 2883, and 3402 of the House bill, and sections 601, 1059, Title XIII, sections 2871, 2893, and 3303 of the Senate amendment: Chairman Young of Alaska and Representatives Tauzin, and George Miller of California. **Page H7134**

From the Committee on Science for consideration of sections 1402, 1403, 3161–3167, 3169, and 3176 of the Senate amendment; Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Calvert, and Gordon. Provided that Representative Morella is appointed in lieu of Representative Calvert for consideration of sections 1402, 1403, and 3176 of the Senate amendment. **Page H7135**

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of sections 535, 738, and 2831 of the House bill, and sections 502, 601, and 1072 of the Senate amendment Chairman Shuster and Representatives Gilchrest and Baird. Provided that Representative Pascrell is appointed in lieu of Representative for consideration of section 1072 of the Senate amendment. **Page H7135**

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for consideration of sections 535, 738, and 2831 of the House bill, and sections 561–563, 648, 664–666, 671, 672, 682–684, 721, 722, and 1067 of the Senate amendment: Representatives Bilirakis, Quinn, and Brown of Florida. **Page H7135**

From the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of section 725 of the House bill, and section 701 of the Senate amendment: Chairman Archer and Representatives Thomas and Stark. **Page H7135**

Agreed to the Taylor of Mississippi motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in section 725, relating to the Medicare subvention project for military retirees and dependents of the House bill by a ye and nay vote of 416 yeas to 2 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 444. The motion was debated on July 26. **Page H7133**

Agreed to the Spence motion to close portions of the conference when classified national security information is discussed by a ye and nay vote of 411 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 445. **Pages H7133–34**

Question of Privilege Re Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to table H. Res. 568, raising a question of the House pursuant to Article I, Section 7 of the U.S. Constitution by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 212 noes, Roll No. 446. **Pages H7135–36**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report Rule: The House agreed to H. Res. 565, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4516, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a recorded vote of 214 yeas to 210 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 448. **Pages H7143–50, H7151–52**

Social Security Benefits Tax Relief Act: The House passed H.R. 4865, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 1993 income tax increase on Social Security benefits by a recorded vote of 265 yeas to 159 noes, Roll No. 450. **Pages H7153–76**

The Committee on Ways and Means amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill H. Rept. 106–780 and made in order by the rule was considered as adopted. **Pages H7153–54**

Rejected the Pomeroy amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 106–795 that sought to increase the income level at which the tax on Social Security benefits would apply to \$100,000 for a joint return and \$80,000 for a single return and would be subject to annual certifications by the Secretary of the Treasury that there are sufficient surpluses for Medicare Trust Fund requirements by a ye and nay vote of 169 yeas to 256 nays, Roll No. 449. **Pages H7166–75**

Agreed to H. Res. 564, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a ye and nay vote of 232 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 447. **Pages H7136–43, H7150–51**

Committee Election: Read a letter from Representative Ewing wherein he resigned from the Committee on House Administration. Subsequently, the House agreed to H. Res. 569, electing Representative Linder to the Committee on House Administration.

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Engrossment Correction: Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to engross H.R. 4920, to improve service systems for individuals with developmental disabilities, in the form of the introduced bill.

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World Bank AIDS Trust Fund: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3519, to provide for negotiations for the creation of a trust fund to be administered by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development of the International Development Association to combat the AIDS epidemic—clearing the measure for the President.

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Federal Employees Long Term Care Insurance: Agreed to the Senate amendments with House amendments to H.R. 4040, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees, members of the uniformed services, and civilian and military retirees.

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Late Report: The Committee on Science received permission to have until midnight on Thursday, August 31 to file a report on H.R. 4271, Ehler's national science Education Act.

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National Health Center Week to Recognize Community Health Centers: Agreed to H. Con. Res. 381, expressing the sense of the Congress that there should be established a National Health Center Week to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, and homeless health centers.

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Summer District Work Period: Agreed to S. Con. Res. 132, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 567, the rule that provided for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for Summer District Work Period.

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National Night Out to Promote Crime Prevention: Agreed to H. Res. 561, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should focus appropriate attention on the issue of neighborhood crime prevention, community policing and reduction of school crime by delivering speeches, convening meetings, and directing his Administration to make reducing crime an important priority.

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Protecting Religious Liberty: The House passed S. 2869, to protect religious liberty—clearing the measure for the President.

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Texas Land Exchange: The House passed H.R. 4285, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to

convey certain administrative sites for National Forest System lands in the State of Texas and to convey certain National Forest System land to the New Waverly Gulf Coast Trades Center.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representatives Gilchrest and Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through September 6.

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Resignations-Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Wednesday, September 6, 2000, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, September 6, 2000.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency re Libya: Message wherein he transmitted his periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–275);

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Middle East Peace Process: Message wherein he transmitted his report on terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–276);

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National Institute for Building Sciences: Message wherein he transmitted his fiscal year 1998 annual report of the National Institute of Building Sciences—referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services; and

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Benchmarks for a Sustainable Peace Process: Message wherein he transmitted his report on progress made toward achieving Benchmarks for a Sustainable Peace Process—referred to the Committees on International Relations, Appropriations, Armed Services, and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–277).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7176 and H7188.

Referrals: S. 1586 was referred to the Committee on Resources and S. 2516 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7131–32, H7133, H7134, H7135–36, H7151, H7151–52, H7174–75, and H7175–76. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and pursuant to S. Con. Res. 132, it stands adjourned at 7:24 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6.

Committee Meetings

HUNTS POINT MARKETING TERMINAL— REVIEW ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review illegal activities at the Hunts Point Marketing Terminal. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Roger Viadero, Inspector General; and Kathleen A. Merrigan, Administrator, Agriculture Marketing Service; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1161, amended, Financial Contract Netting Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 4541, amended, Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000; and H.R. 4096, Bureau of Engraving and Printing Security Printing Amendments Act of 2000.

UNDERSTANDING INTERGENERATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Understanding Intergenerational Economic Issues. Testimony was heard from Senator Kerrey; Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; former Governor Pete Du Pont, State of Delaware; former Representative Tim Penny, State of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

INTERNET FREEDOM AND BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 2420, Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FELONIES AND FAVORS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "Felonies and Favors: A Friend of the Attorney General Gathers Information from the Justice Department." Testimony was heard from Richard L. Huff, Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, Department of Justice; from the following former officials of the Department of Justice: John R. Schmidt, Associate Attorney General; and John Hogan, Chief of Staff to Attorney General Janet Reno; Rebekah Poston; and public witnesses.

SUDAN PEACE ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action S. 1453, Sudan Peace Act.

FAIR JUSTICE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 4105, Fair Justice Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Representative Traficant; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Matthew Fogg, Chief Deputy U.S. Marshall, United States

Marshals Service; David Margolis, Associate Deputy Attorney General; John Keeney Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; H. Marshall Jarrett, Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility; and Howard Scribnick, General Counsel; Michael Shaheen, Senior Counselor, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND THE GRAND JURY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on Constitutional Rights and the Grand Jury. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: James K. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Loretta Lynch, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—STATE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on State Sovereign Immunity and Protection of Intellectual Property. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; Todd Dickinson, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4548, Agricultural Opportunities Act.

The Subcommittee also approved private immigration bills.

OVERSIGHT—HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on implementation of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Scott Gudes, Deputy Under Secretary, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Richard Larrabee, Deputy Director, Port Commerce Department, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2820, to provide for the ownership and operation of the irrigation works on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's reservation in Maricopa County, Arizona, by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; H.R. 2988, Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and