

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5360–5375; 1 private bill, H.R. 5376 and; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 416, and H. Res. 606–608, were introduced. **Page H8735**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

H.R. 3850, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to promote deployment of advanced services and foster the development of competition for the benefit of consumers in all regions of the nation by relieving unnecessary burdens on the Nation's two percent local exchange telecommunications carriers, amended (H. Rept. 106–926);

H.R. 1293, to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide equitable treatment with respect to State and local income taxes for certain individuals who perform duties on vessels (H. Rept. 106–927, Pt. 1);

H.R. 4721, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States, amended (H. Rept. 106–928);

H.R. 4828, to designate wilderness areas and a cooperative management and protection area in the vicinity of Steens Mountain in Harney County, Oregon, amended (H. Rept. 106–929, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 609, providing for consideration of H.R. 4828, to designate wilderness areas and a cooperative management and protection area in the vicinity of Steens Mountain in Harney County, Oregon (H. Rept. 106–930). **Pages H8734–35**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H8626**

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed the following private bills:

H.R. 3414, for the relief of Luis A. Leon-Molina, Ligia Padron, Juan Leon Padron, Rendy Leon Padron, Manuel Leon Padron, and Luis Leon Padron; **Page H8627**

H.R. 3184, for the relief of Zohreh Farhang Ghahfarokhi; **Page H8627**

H.R. 848, for the relief of Sepandan Farnia and Farbod Farnia; **Page H8627**

H.R. 5266, for the relief of Saeed Rezai; and

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S. 302, for the relief of Kerantha Poole-Christian clearing the measure for the President. **Page H8628**

Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of Interior and related agencies

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 348 yeas to 69 nays, Roll No. 507. **Pages H8649–57**

H. Res. 603, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 354 yeas to 65 nays, Roll No. 506. **Pages H8641–49**

Further Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 110, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 by a ye and nay vote of 415 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 509. **Pages H8659–63**

H. Res. 604, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H8658–59**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Conveyance of Property to Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, Dublin, Georgia. H.R. 5139, to provide for the conveyance of certain real property at the Carl Vinson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Dublin, Georgia; **Pages H8630–31**

Participation by Reservists in Funeral Honor Guards for Veterans: H.R. 284, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require employers to give employees who are members of a reserve component a leave of absence for participation in an honor guard for a funeral of a veteran; **Pages H8631–34**

Importance of Efforts in the Fight Against Breast Cancer: H. Res. 278, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 508); **Pages H8634–38, H8657–58**

Significance of Cervical Cancer Public Awareness: H. Con. Res. 64, recognizing the severity of the issue of cervical health; **Pages H8638–40**

Disaster Mitigation: H. Res. 607, providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the Senate amendment to H.R. 707, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a program for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance; **Pages H8663–73**

Needlestick Safety and Prevention: H.R. 5178, amended, to require changes in the bloodborne

pathogens standard in effect under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; **Pages H8673–80**

Portable Skills Training: H.R. 4216, amended, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to authorize reimbursement to employers for portable skills training. Agreed to amend the title;

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Independent Telecommunications Consumer Enhancement: H.R. 3850, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to promote deployment of advanced services and foster the development of competition for the benefit of consumers in all regions of the nation by relieving unnecessary burdens on the Nation's two percent local exchange telecommunications carriers;

Pages H8682–86

Prevention and Early Detection of Colon Cancer: H. Con. Res. 133, recognizing the severity of the disease of colon cancer, the preventable nature of the disease, and the need for education in the areas of prevention and early detection;

Pages H8686–88

Fairness and Voluntary Arbitration: H.R. 534, amended, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of the United States Code to permit each party to certain contracts to accept or reject arbitration as a means of settling disputes under the contracts. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H8688–90

Strengthening Abuse and Neglect Court Grants: S. 2272, to improve the administrative efficiency and effectiveness of the Nation's abuse and neglect courts and for other purposes consistent with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H8690–94

Increased Penalties for Smugglers Trafficking in Human Beings: H.R. 238, amended, to amend section 274 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to impose mandatory minimum sentences, and increase certain sentences, for bringing in and harboring certain aliens and to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide enhanced penalties for persons committing such offenses while armed penalties for persons committing such offenses while armed. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H8694–97

Child Sex Crimes Wiretapping: H.R. 3484, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that certain sexual crimes against children are predicate crimes for the interception of communications;

Pages H8697–99

American Competitiveness in the Twenty-first Century: S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H-1B non-immigrant aliens—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H8699–H8706

Truth in Regulating: S. 1198, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for a report by the General Accounting Office to Congress on agency regulatory actions—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H8706–10

Acquisition of Certain Property in Washington County, Utah: H.R. 4721, amended, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States;

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Women's Public College and University Historic Building Preservation Grants: H.R. 4503, amended, to provide for the preservation and restoration of historic buildings at historically women's public colleges or universities;

Pages H8711–13

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Ownership of Reservation Irrigation Works: 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;

Pages H8713–17

Frederick Douglass National Memorial and Gardens, Anacostia, Washington, D.C.: H.R. 5331, to authorize the Frederick Douglass Gardens, Inc., to establish a memorial and gardens on Department of the Interior lands in the District of Columbia or its environs in honor and commemoration of Frederick Douglass;

Pages H8717–20

El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail: S. 366, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H8720–21

Conveyance of Facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy: H.R. 4389, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District;

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Regarding the Russian Sale of Moskit Missiles to China: H.R. 4022, amended, regarding the sale and transfer of Moskit anti-ship missiles by the Russian Federation; and

Pages H8724–26

Importance of Taiwan's Participation in the United Nations: H. Con. Res. 390, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Taiwan's participation in the United Nations. Agreed to amend the title.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Further proceedings were then postponed:

American War Veterans Oral History Program: H.R. 5212, amended, to direct the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to establish a program to collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of American war veterans; **Pages H8721–24**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 608, electing Representative Martinez to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Representative Wilson to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H8728**

Recess: The House recessed at 10 p.m. and reconvened at 11:17 p.m. **Page H8734**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8626–27 and H8663.

Amendments: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on pages H8736–41.

Quorum Calls Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8648–49, H8657, H8658, and H8662–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRS—ELECTRONIC TAX ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government held a hearing on IRS-Electronic Tax Administration. Testimony was heard from Charles Rossotti, Director, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION'S NATIONAL CHARTER INITIATIVE

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Farm Credit Administration's National Charter Initiative. Testimony was heard from Michael M. Reyna, Chairman and CEO, Farm Credit Administration; and public witnesses.

EPA—ROLE OF OMBUDSMAN ADDRESSING CONCERNS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials and the Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a joint hearing on the Role of the EPA Ombudsman in Addressing Concerns of Local Communities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Robert Martin, Ombudsman; Tim Fields, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; and public witnesses.

COUNTERFEIT BULK DRUGS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on counterfeit bulk drugs and related concerns. Testimony was heard from Jane E. Henney, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Raymond Kelly, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Patricia L. Maher, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

INJURED FEDERAL WORKERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Injured Federal Workers on Hold: Customer Communications at DOL's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Shelby Hallmark, Acting Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Employment Standards Administration; and Patricia A. Dalton, Acting Inspector General; Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Administration and Justice, GAO.

ANTHRAX VACCINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program—What Have We Learned? Testimony was heard from Representative Metcalf; Mark Elengold, Deputy Director, Operations, FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles Cragin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; Col. Arthur Friedlander, USA, Senior Military Scientist, Medical Branch, Institute of Infectious Diseases; Jarrett Clinton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Anna Johnson-Winegar, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary (Chemical-Biological Defense); and Senior Airman Thomas J. Collosimo, USAF; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H. Res. 596, calling upon the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

The Committee also favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar; H. Res. 577, amended, to honor the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for its role as a protector of the