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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 2646, 2648–2663; 2 private bills, H.R. 2664–2665; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 201 and H. Res. 211, were introduced. **Pages H4723–24**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 210, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2620) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–164).

H.R. 988, to designate the United States courthouse located at 40 Centre Street in New York, New York, as the “Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 107–166);

H. Res. 193, requesting that the President focus appropriate attention on the issues 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 (H. Rept. 107–167);

H.R. 943, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the availability of influenza vaccine through the program under section 317 of such Act, amended (H. Rept. 107–168); and

H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–169). **Page H4723**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Msgr. James G. Kelly, St. Margaret’s Church of Buffalo, New York. **Page H4639**

Failed to Pass Joint Resolution Disapproving Normal Trade Relations Treatment to Vietnam: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 55, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam by a yea-and-nay vote of 91 yeas to 324 nays with 1 voting “present” Roll No. 275. **Pages H4639–50**

The joint resolution was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of the House of July 25.

Suspension ILSA Extension Act of 2001: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1954, amended, to extend the authorities of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 until 2006, debated on Tuesday, July 24 until Thursday, July 26 by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 6 nays with 1 voting “present,” Roll No. 276. **Pages H4650–51**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 1:17 p.m. **Page H4651**

VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2620, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Consideration will resume on Friday, July 27. **Pages H4661–H4718**

Agreed To:

Hastings of Florida that increases funding for Veterans Health Administration Medical Care by \$1 million; **Page H4687**

Evans amendment No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that prohibits the implementation of any administrative proposal that would require military retirees to make an “irrevocable choice” for any specified period of time between the Department of Veteran Affairs and military health care under the TRICARE for Life plan. **Pages H4698–99**

Velázquez amendment No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that increases Youthbuild program funding by \$10 million and decreases HUD salaries and expenses accordingly (agreed to by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 209 noes, Roll No. 284); **Pages H4708–10, H4717**

Rejected:

Foley amendment that sought to increase Veterans Administration benefit claims processing funding by

\$25 million and decrease National Science Foundation funding for Polar and Antarctic Research by \$92 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 281); **Pages H4691–93, H4715**

Nadler amendment No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that sought to increase funding for veteran extended care facilities by \$4.8 million and funding for 34,000 section 8 housing vouchers, including 10,000 for the disabled, by \$195 million and offsets these increases by eliminating the \$200 million in funding for the home ownership Downpayment Assistance Initiative (rejected by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 284 noes, Roll No. 282);

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Davis of Illinois amendment that sought to increase funding for the Revitalization of Severely Distressed Public Housing (HOPE VI) program by \$100 million and decrease the Public Housing Capital Fund accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 60 ayes to 360 noes, Roll No. 283); and

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LaFalce amendment No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 that sought to increase funding for Homeless Assistance Grants by \$122.6 million and decrease the home ownership Downpayment Assistance Initiative by \$100 million and HUD salaries and expenses by \$22.6 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 124 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 285).

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Withdrawn:

Carson amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase Veterans Administration Office of Inspector General funding by \$16.2 million and decrease Veterans Medical Care funding accordingly; and

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Gutierrez amendment No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of July 25 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase veterans medical and prosthetic research by \$24 million and decrease NASA Human Space Flight funding accordingly.

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Point of order sustained:

Against Obey en bloc amendment that sought to increase funding for Veterans Medical Care by \$300 million, Public Housing by \$282 million, Shelter Plus Care Contracts by \$100 million, EPA enforcement by \$7 million, and the Corporation for National and Community Service by \$311 million with offsets from decreasing the newly applied tax cut for the highest marginal tax payers by changing the rate from 38.6 percent to 39.1 percent;

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Against Filner amendment that sought to appropriate \$30 million for health care benefits for Filipino World War II veterans who were excluded from benefits by the Rescissions Acts of 1946;

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Against Kleczka amendment No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to allow Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications to veterans on prescriptions written by private practitioners; and

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Against Filner en bloc amendment that sought to increase funding for Veterans Medical Care by \$1.7 billion, compensation and pensions for veterans who were exposed to Hepatitis C by \$3 million, Veterans Affairs medical research by \$24 million, and Montgomery GI Bill program by \$871 million and designates all increases as emergency designations.

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Rejected the Frank motion that the Committee rise by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 280.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 210, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 279. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 278.

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 209, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a Rules Committee report on the same day it is presented to the House with respect to a resolution reported on July 26, 2001, providing for consideration of H.R. 2620, VA/HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002 by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 277.

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Presidential Message—Plan Colombia: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report detailing the progress of spending by the executive branch during the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2001 in support of Plan Colombia—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–109).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4725–26.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4649, H4650, H4652, H4659–60, H4660–61, H4714, H4715, H4716, H4716–17, H4717, and H4718. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Began markup of H.R. 2646, Agriculture Act of 2001.