

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 2844–2867; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 60, and H. Con. Res. 217–221, were introduced. **Pages H5454–55**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 434, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide for retention, maintenance, and operation, at private expense, of the 18 concrete dams and weirs located within the boundaries of the Emigrant Wilderness in the Stanislaus National Forest, California (H. Rept. 107–201). **Page H5454**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Shimkus to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5409**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Roy Mays III, Southland Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky. **Page H5409**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12:21 p.m. Agreed that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the Record. **Page H5410**

Address by His Excellency, Vicente Fox, President of the United Mexican States: The House and Senate held a joint meeting to receive His Excellency, Vicente Fox, President of the United Mexican States. **Pages H5410–12**

The following members of the House and Senate escorted President Fox into the House Chamber: Arney, Watts of Oklahoma, Cox, Hyde, Ballenger, Kolbe, Dreier, Wilson, Bonilla, Barton of Texas, Cannon, Gephardt, Bonior, Frost, Menendez, DeLauro, Pastor, Lantos, Lowey, Reyes, Roybal-Al-lard, Rodriguez, Napolitano, Baca, Ortiz, Serrano, Becerra, Gutierrez, Underwood, Velázquez, Hinojosa, Sanchez, Gonzalez, Acevedo-Vilá, Solis, and Senators Daschle, Reid, Kerry, Rockefeller, Murray, Durbin, Boxer, Kennedy, Hollings, Biden, Leahy, Lott, Nickles, Hutchinson, Craig, Frist, Domenici, Helms, Lugar, Gramm of Texas, and Brownback. **Page H5410**

Vietnam Human Rights Act: The House passed H.R. 2833, to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam by a yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 335. The bill was considered pursuant to the order of the House of Sept. 5, 2001. **Pages H5413–27**

Extension of Nondiscriminatory Treatment to the Products of Vietnam: The House passed H.J. Res. 51, approving the extension of nondiscrim-

inatory treatment with respect to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The joint resolution was considered pursuant to the order of the House of Sept. 5, 2001. **Pages H5427–40**

Meeting Hour—Monday, Sept. 10: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, Sept. 10 at 12:30 p.m. **Page H5441**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, Sept. 12. **Page H5441**

Referrals: H.R. 1448 was re-referred to the Committees on Resources and the Judiciary. **Pages H5440–41**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H5426–27. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the District of Columbia appropriations for fiscal year 2002.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction approved for full Committee action the Military Construction appropriations for fiscal year 2002.

GENETIC NONDISCRIMINATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on “Genetic Non-Discrimination: Implications for Employer Provided Health Care Plans.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRICE-ANDERSON ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on the reauthorization of the Price-Anderson Act. Testimony was heard from Francis Blake, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy.

CONSUMER RENTAL PURCHASE AGREEMENT ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit began markup of H.R. 1701, Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act.

TOWARD A TELEWORK-FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT WORKPLACE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology and Procurement Policy held a hearing on "Toward a Telework-Friendly Government Workplace: An Update on Public and Private Approaches to Telecommuting." Testimony was heard from Bob Robertson, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Teresa Jenkins, Director, Office of Workforce Relations, OPM; David Bibb, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Government-wide Policy, GSA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURAL ACT; AUSTRALIAN AND U.S. ALLIANCE ANNIVERSARY RESOLUTION

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2646, Agricultural Act of 2001.

The Committee also adopted a motion urging the chairman to request that the following resolution be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 217, recognizing the historic significance of the fiftieth anniversary of the alliance between Australia and the United States under the ANZUS Treaty, paying tribute to the United States-Australia relationship, reaffirming the importance of economic and security cooperation between the United States and Australia, and welcoming the state visit by Australian Prime Minister John Howard.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 476, Child Custody Protection Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COALBED METHANE RESOURCES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on "The Orderly Development of Coalbed Methane Resources from Public Lands." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Gene Whitney, Supervisor Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey; and Tom Fulton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lands and Minerals; Dennis Hemmer, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

NSF'S MAJOR RESEARCH FACILITIES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on NSF's Major Research Facilities: Planning and Management Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Rita R. Colwell, Director; Anita K. Jones, Vice Chair, National Science Board; and Christine C. Boesz, Inspector General; and a public witness.

DOD'S PROCUREMENT POLICIES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on the Department of Defense's procurement policies. Testimony was heard from Col. Curtis A. Wright, USAF, Acting Director, Small and Disadvantaged Businesses, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL PROTECTION SERVICE REFORM ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on H.R. 307, Federal Protection Service Reform Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Traficant; Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Buildings Services, GSA; and public witnesses.

VETERANS' LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2792, Disabled Veterans Service Dog and Health Care Improvement Act of 2001; H.R. 1435, Veterans' Emergency Telephone Service Act of 2001; and H.R. 1136, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medication to veterans for prescriptions written by private practitioners. Testimony was heard from Representatives Capps, Weldon of Florida and Wicker; Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of various veterans organizations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue markup on proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine the national health crisis regarding teen and young adult suicide issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.