

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 5520, 5522–5541; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 113–115; H. Con. Res. 495–497, and H. Res. 569, were introduced. **Pages H6982–83**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1946, to require the Secretary of the Interior to construct the Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System in the State of Montana, to offer to enter into an agreement with the Chippewa Cree Tribe to plan, design, construct, operate, maintain and replace the Rocky Boy's Rural Water System, and to provide assistance to the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the noncore system (H. Rept. 107–715);

H.R. 5521, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (H. Rept. 107–716);

H.R. 5428, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 107–717); and

H. Res. 568, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 112, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003 (H. Rept. 107–718). **Pages H6981–82**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fosella to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6929**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Gerald M. Kane, Temple Beth El of Las Cruces, New Mexico. **Page H6929**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, Oct. 1 by a yea-and-nay vote of 343 yeas to 55 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 417. **Page H6930**

Suspension—Day of Tribute to all Firefighters: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 476, expressing support for the goals and ideas of a day of tribute to all firefighters who have died in the line of duty and recognizing the important mission of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in assisting family members to overcome the loss of their fallen heroes (agreed to by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting "nay",

Roll No. 428). The concurrent resolution was debated on Oct. 1. **Pages H6930–31**

Suspension Failed—Houses of Worship Political Speech Protection Act: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2357, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit churches and other houses of worship to engage in political campaigns (failed to agree to by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 178 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 429). **Pages H6931–32**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2:06 p.m. **Page H6951**

Marriage Tax Relief: The House agreed to H. Res. 543, expressing the sense of the House that Congress should complete action on H.R. 4019, making marriage tax relief permanent by a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 130 nays, Roll No. 430. H. Res. 547, the rule that provided for consideration of the resolution was agreed to on Sept. 25. **Pages H6933–41, H6951–52**

Vacancies in the House of Representatives in the Event of a Catastrophe: The House agreed to H. Res. 559, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that each State should examine its existing statutes, practices, and procedures governing special elections so that, in the event of a catastrophe, vacancies in the House of Representatives may be filled in a timely fashion by a yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 431. The resolution was considered pursuant to the order of the House of Sept. 26. **Pages H6941–48, H6952–53**

Motion to Instruct Conferees—Help America Vote Act: Agreed to the Meek of Florida motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act, to take actions as may be appropriate to convene a public meeting of the managers on the part of the House and Senate and to ensure that a conference report is filed prior to October 4, 2002 by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 432. **Pages H6948–51, H6953**

Representative Visclosky Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Visclosky did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 433. **Pages H6954–55**

Representative Brown of Ohio Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Brown of Ohio did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to

table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 434.

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Representative Holden Question of Privilege:

The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representatives Holden did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 435.

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Representative Obey Question of Privilege:

The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representatives Obey did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 436,

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Questions of Privilege: Representative Farr announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution expressing the sense of the House that Congress should completed action on H.R. 854, Medicaid Safety Net Hospital Continued Preservation Act, or other provider reimbursement legislation before recessing. Representative Carson announced her intention to offer a privileged resolution expressing the sense of the House that Congress should complete action on the FY 2003 Transportation Appropriations with its allocation of \$1.2 billion for Amtrak.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to rule appear on pages H6961–62.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6930, H6930–31, H6931–32, H6952, H6952–53, H6953, H6955, H6957, H6959 and H6960–61. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INVASIVE SPECIES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing on Invasive Species. Testimony was heard from Scott Miller, Chairman, Department of Systematic Biology, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution; James Tate, Science Advisor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the USDA: Dave Tenny, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and James G. Butler, Deputy Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Pro-

grams; Jill T. Stevenson, Deputy Director, Fisheries Service, Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland; Connie Riherd, Division of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on U.S. Policy towards Iraq. Testimony was heard from Eliot A. Cohen, Professor and Director, Strategic Studies, School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University; and Michael E. O'Hanlon, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PATSY T. MINK

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported H. J. Res. 113, recognizing the contributions of Patsy T. Mink.

MEDICAL DEVICE AMENDMENTS; CHILD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3580, Medical Device Amendments of 2001; H.R. 5504, Child Safety Enhancement Act of 2002.

SAUDI ARABIA: AMERICANS KIDNAPPED

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "Americans Kidnapped to Saudi Arabia: Is the Saudi Government Responsible?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

RESOLUTION—AUTHORIZING USE OF U.S. ARMED FORCES AGAINST IRAQ

Committee on International Relations: Began consideration of H.J. Res. 114, to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq.

Will continue tomorrow.

CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT; PROTECTION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACTS; PRIVATE RELIEF BILL

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5422, Child Abduction Prevention Act; and H.R. 2037, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Acts.

The Committee also approved a private relief bill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—REAFFIRMING ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representative Nadler, but action was deferred on S. 2690, to reaffirm the reference to one Nation under God in the Pledge of Allegiance.