

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 3139–3156; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 287, and H. Res. 376, were introduced. **Pages H8490–91**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H8491**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, (H. Rept. 108–280);

H. Res. 374, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, (H. Rept. 108–281); and

H. Res. 375, providing for consideration of H.R. 2557, 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, (H. Rept. 108–282). **Pages H8425–58, H8490**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bishop of Utah to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8405**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. to start the legislative day. **Page H8408**

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

*Recognizing the importance of sportsmen to American society:* H. Res. 362, recognizing the importance and contributions of sportsmen to American society, supporting the traditions and values of sportsmen, and recognizing the many economic benefits associated with outdoor sporting activities; **Pages H8410–12**

*Commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase:* H. Con. Res. 21, commemorating the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase; **Pages H8412–13**

*Fort Frederica National Monument:* H.R. 1113, amended, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument; **Pages H8413–15**

*Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act:* H.R. 2059, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark; **Pages H8415–16**

*Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2003:* H.R. 1409, to provide for a

Federal land exchange for the environmental, educational, and cultural benefit of the American public and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (by a yeas-and-nays vote of 288 yeas to 127 nays, Roll No. 512); **Pages H8416–21, H8466–67**

*Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act:* S. 278, to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Naomi Wilderness Area; **Pages H8421–22**

*Memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.:* H.R. 1209, to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., in the District of Columbia; **Pages H8422–24**

*Addition of Miami Circle to Biscayne National Park:* S. 111, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park; **Pages H8424–25, H8467**

*Coltsville Study Act of 2003:* S. 233, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System; **Pages H8459–60**

*Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building, Carolina, Puerto Rico:* H.R. 2826, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1000 Avenida Sanchez Osorio in Carolina, Puerto Rico, as the “Roberto Clemente Walker Post Office Building”; and **Pages H8460–61**

*J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building, Savannah, Georgia:* H.R. 2533, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the “J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building”. **Pages H8461–64**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H8464**

**Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Fund:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative Skelton to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. **Page H8464**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report concerning the national interest of the United States to waive suspensions with respect to the issuance of licenses for QSR–11 sensors that serve as components of an

Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) used in commercial aircraft and spare IMU for such aircraft and further stating that license requirements remain in place for these exports—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc 108–128). **Page H8464**

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Ryan of Ohio motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 509. The motion was also considered on September 17. **Pages H8464–65**

**Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Stenholm motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003 by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 510. The motion was also considered on September 17. **Pages H8465–66**

Later Representative Kind announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Pages H8467–68**

**National Defense Authorization Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House agreed to the Rodriguez motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 by a yea-and-nay vote of 298 yeas to 118 nays, Roll No. 511. The motion was also considered on September 17. **Page H8466**

Later Representative Crowley announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Page H8468**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8491–92.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COLLEGE COST CRISIS REPORT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing entitled “The College Cost Crisis Report: Are Institutions Accountable Enough to Students and Parents?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### E-911 IMPLEMENTATION ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2898, E-911 Implementation Act of 2003.

### USAID—STRATEGIC WORKFORCE PLANNING AT USAID

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on Strategic Workforce Planning at USAID. Testimony was heard from John Marshall, Assistant Administrator, Management, AID, Department of State; and Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade Division, GAO.

### ACHIEVING E-GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCIES AT OPM

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “Achieving 3-Government Efficiencies at the Office of Personnel Management.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of OPM: Kay Coles James, Director; and Norman Enger, E-Government Project Director; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on “Potential Congressional Responses to State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co. v. Campbell: Checking and Balancing Punitive Damages.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DATABASE AND COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION MISAPPROPRIATION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection of the Committee on Energy and Commerce held a joint oversight hearing on the Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from David Carson, General Counsel, Copyright Office, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 408, amended, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; H.R. 546, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii; H.R. 1521, amended, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania; and H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89–366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore.