

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 43 public bills, H.R. 4127–4169; and; 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 92; H. Con. Res. 404–406, and H. Res. 595–597 were introduced. **Pages H2151–53**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2154–55**

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

H.R. 27, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 to exempt small public housing agencies from the requirement of preparing an annual public housing agency plan, amended (H. Rept. 108–458);

H.R. 3818, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to improve the results and accountability of microenterprise development assistance programs, amended (H. Rept. 108–459);

H.R. 3266, to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to first responders, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 108–460, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3866, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide increased penalties for anabolic steroid offenses near sports facilities, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 108–461, Pt. 1). **Page H2151**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Nethercutt to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2065**

**Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users:** The House passed H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs by a yea-and-nay vote of 357 yeas to 65 nays, Roll No. 114. The bill was also considered on Thursday, April 1. **Pages H2066–H2122**

The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 108–456 was considered as adopted and the bill as amended was considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment. **Page H2083**

Point of order sustained against the Davis of Tennessee motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments. **Pages H2083–H2121**

Rejected a second motion offered by Representative Davis of Tennessee to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the

House promptly with amendments, by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 113. **Page H2121**

Agreed to:

Petri amendment (considered under a unanimous consent agreement) that makes technical changes to sections 3037(c) and 3038; and **Page H2066**

Kennedy of Minnesota amendment No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 108–456 that repeals the authority to indefinitely charge tolls on existing highway lanes, replacing it with language that allows tolls only on new voluntary-use lanes, with revenues dedicated to new highway capacity (agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 111). **Pages H2066–70, H2081–82**

Rejected:

Bradley amendment No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 108–456, that was debated on Thursday, April 1, that sought to increase the allowable weight of vehicles permitted to travel on interstate highways 93 and 89, in New Hampshire, from 80,000 to 99,000 pounds and instructs the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to conduct a study to discern the economic, safety and infrastructure impact to the exemption (rejected by a recorded vote of 90 ayes to 334 noes, Roll No. 110); and **Pages H2080–81**

Isakson amendment No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 108–456 that sought to include high priority projects and projects of national regional significance under the Minimum Guarantee, consistent with current law (rejected by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 112). **Pages H2070–76, H2082**

Agreed that the Clerk of the House be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to the bill. **Page H2122**

General debate on the bill proceeded according to a unanimous consent agreement reached on Tuesday, March 30 and it was agreed today that the period of further general debate contemplated in the previous order of the House be in order before the conclusion of the consideration of the bill for amendment. **Page H2076**

Further consideration of the bill proceeded according to H. Res. 593 which was agreed to on Thursday, April 1. **Pages H2076–77**

**Pension Funding Equity Act of 2003:** The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 1308, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and

other provisions, by a recorded vote of 336 ayes to 69 noes, Roll No. 117. **Pages H2123–32**

Rejected the Andrews motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions by a yea-and-nay vote of 195 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 116. **Pages H2131–32**

**Spring District Work Period:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 404, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 115. **Pages H2122–23**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 404, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Pages H2132–33**

**Late Report:** Agreed that the Committee on the Judiciary have until midnight on Friday, April 2 to file a report on H.R. 3866.

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf or, if not available to perform this duty, Representative Tom Davis to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through April 20, 2004. **Page H2133**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 7. **Page H2133**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2065 and H2132.

**Senate Referral:** S.J. Res. 28 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H2149**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2081, H2081–82, H2082, H2121, H2121–22, H2123, H2131–32, and H2132. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and at 4:11 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 404, the House stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, unless it sooner receives a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 404, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20.

## Committee Meetings

### SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT AMENDMENTS—REAUTHORIZE NEW YORK CITY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action H.R. 2771, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Representatives Towns and Kelly; Walter E. Mugdan, Director, Division of Environmental Planning and Protection, Region 2, EPA; Erin M. Crotty, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation, State of New York; and a public witness.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS BUDGET

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Special Programs Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for March 2004, focusing on economic growth, business activity in the manufacturing and service industries, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), job creation and loss, after receiving testimony from Kathleen P. Utgoff, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D342)

H.R. 1997, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder. Signed on April 1, 2004. (Public Law 108–212).

H.R. 3724, to amend section 220 of the National Housing Act to make a technical correction to restore allowable increases in the maximum mortgage limits for FHA-insured mortgages for multifamily housing projects to cover increased costs of installing a solar energy system or residential energy conservation measures. Signed on April 1, 2004. (Public Law 108–213).

S. 1881, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections relating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee