

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5005–5023; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 486–487, and H. Res. 755, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Omitted from the Record of July 22, 2004: H.R. 3143, to enhance Federal Trade Commission enforcement against cross-border fraud and deception referred jointly and sequentially to the House Committee on Financial Services for a period ending not later than Oct. 1, 2004 for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(g), rule X (H. Rept. 108–635, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5006, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–636);

H.R. 2129, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System, amended (H. Rept. 108–637);

H.R. 2400, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam (H. Rept. 108–638);

H.R. 2457, to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, amended (H. Rept. 108–639);

H.R. 2663, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System (H. Rept. 108–640);

H.R. 3056, to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P, amended (H. Rept. 108–641);

H.R. 3257, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Western Reserve Heritage Area, amended (H. Rept. 108–642);

H.R. 3334, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder in cooperation with the Western Municipal Water District of Riverside, California, amended (H. Rept. 108–643);

H.R. 3427, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, amended (H. Rept. 108–644);

H.R. 3589, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands, amended (H. Rept. 108–645);

H.R. 3597, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California, amended (H. Rept. 108–646);

H.R. 3954, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to resolve boundary discrepancies in San Diego County, California, arising from an erroneous survey conducted by a Government contractor in 1881 that resulted in overlapping boundaries for certain lands, amended (H. Rept. 108–647);

H.R. 4010, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (H. Rept. 108–648);

H.R. 4045, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River, amended (H. Rept. 108–649);

H.R. 4459, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California, (H. Rept. 108–650);

H.R. 4481, to amend Public Law 86–434 establishing Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park, amended (H. Rept. 108–651);

H.R. 4494, to designate the Grey Towers National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amended (H. Rept. 108–652);

S. 943, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into 1 or more contracts with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming (H. Rept. 108–653);

S. 1537, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery (H. Rept. 108–654);

S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (H. Rept. 108–655);

S. 1721, to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act to improve provisions relating to probate of trust and restricted land (H. Rept. 108–656);

H. Res. 431, honoring the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts

on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide, and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery (H. Rept. 108–657);

H. Res. 700, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives documents in the possession of the Attorney General relating to the treatment of prisoners and detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay, amended, adversely (H. Rept. 108–658);

H.R. 4496, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to strengthen and improve programs under that Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–659);

H.R. 4518, to extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under section 119 of title 17, United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 108–660);

H. Res. 754, providing for consideration of H.R. 5006, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–661); and

H.R. 3551, to authorize appropriations to the Department of Transportation for surface transportation research and development, amended (H. Rept. 108–662, Pt. 1). **Pages H6754–55**

Resignation from the Democratic Caucus: Read a letter from Representative Menendez wherein he announced that Representative Alexander had resigned from the Democratic Caucus. **Page H6710**

Committee Election Vacated: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he announced that Representative Alexander's election to the Committee on Agriculture had been vacated effective August 9, 2004. **Page H6710**

Committee Election Vacated: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he announced that Representative Alexander's election to the Committee on Armed Services had been vacated effective August 9, 2004. **Page H6710**

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

Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4442, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 North Hills Boulevard in Reno, Nevada, as the "Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building" and to authorize the installation of a plaque at such site; **Pages H6717–19**

Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4381, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2811 Springdale Avenue in Springdale, Arkansas, as the "Harvey and Bernice Jones Post Office Building", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 382 yeas with

none voting "nay" and one voting "present", Roll No. 422; **Pages H6719–20, H6725**

Anthony I. Lombardi Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4618, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 West Prospect Street in Nanuet, New York, as the "Anthony I. Lombardi Memorial Post Office Building"; **Pages H6720–21**

General William Carey Lee Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4556, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1115 South Clinton Avenue in Dunn, North Carolina, as the "General William Carey Lee Post Office Building", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 380 yeas with none voting "nay" and one voting "present", Roll No. 423; **Pages H6721–22, H6725–26**

Reauthorizing the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through FY07: H.R. 4654, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2007; and **Pages H6722–24**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act: H.R. 5005, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, for additional disaster assistance. **Pages H6726–31**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:13 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6724**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Hill announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit. **Page H6726**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits a copy of a Proclamation he has issued entitled, "To Modify the Generalized System of Preferences and for Other Purposes"—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–211). **Page H6738**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6709 and H6739.

Senate Referrals: S. 2682 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform; S. Con. Res. 109 was referred to the Committee on International Relations; S. Con. Res. 135 and S.J. Res. 41 were referred to the Committee on House Administration; S. 720, S. 2501, S. 2640, S. Con. Res. 81, S. Con. Res. 106, S. Con. Res. 112, S. Con. Res. 126, and S. Con. Res. 133 were held at the desk. **Page H6751**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H6757.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS— DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: On August 11, the Committee held a hearing on the implications of the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission on the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary, Intelligence; VADM Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director, DIA; and MG Raymond T. Odierno, USA, former Commander, Fourth Infantry Division; the following former officials of the Department of Defense: LTG William E. Odom, USA (Ret.), Director, NSA; and John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary; and Lowell Wood, Senior Scientist, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

9/11 COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: On August 10, the Committee held a hearing on the final report of the National Commission Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the 9/11 Commission: Thomas H. Kean, Chairman; and Lee H. Hamilton, Vice Chairman.

DENYING TERRORISTS SANCTUARIES

Committee on Armed Services: On August 10, the Committee also held a hearing on Denying Terrorist Sanctuaries: Policy and Operational Implications for the U.S. Military. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary; GEN Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and GEN Bryan D. Brown, USA, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

“THE 9/11 COMMISSION REPORT: IDENTIFYING AND PREVENTING TERRORIST FINANCING”

Committee on Financial Services: On August 23, the Committee held a hearing entitled “The 9/11 Commission Report: Identifying and Preventing Terrorist Financing.” Testimony was heard from Lee H. Hamilton, Vice Chairman, National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; Stuart A. Levey, Under Secretary, Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury; Frank Libutti, Under Secretary, Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Barry Sabin, Chief, Counterterrorism Section, Department of Justice.

“TOO MANY SECRETS, OVERCLASSIFICATION AS A BARRIER TO CRITICAL INFORMATION SHARING”

Committee on Government Reform: On August 24, the Subcommittee on National Security Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Too Many Secrets, Overclassification as a Barrier to Critical Information Sharing.” Testimony was heard from William Leonard, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration; Carol Haave, Office of the Under Secretary for Intelligence, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

“THE 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY: DEFENDING IDEALS AND DEFINING THE MESSAGE”

Committee on Government Reform: On August 23, the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “The 9/11 Commission Recommendations on Public Diplomacy: Defending Ideals and Defining the Message.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States: Thomas H. Kean, Chairman; and Jamie S. Gorelick, Commissioner; the following officials of the Department of State: Patricia de Stacy Harrison, Acting Under Secretary, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs; Charles Evers III, Commissioner, Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; and Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, USIA; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Charlotte Beers, former Under Secretary, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

REVIEW 9/11 COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Government Reform: On August 3, the Committee held a hearing entitled “Need to Know” to “Need to Share:” A Review of the 9/11 Commission’s Recommendations.” Testimony was heard from the following Commissioners of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks on the United States: Bob Kerrey; and John F. Lehman; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; the following family members of victims of September 11, 2001: Beverly Eckert; Sally Regenhard; and Robin Wiener; and public witnesses.

9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR U.S. DIPLOMACY

Committee on International Relations: On August 24, the Committee held a hearing on 9/11 Commission Recommendations for U.S. Diplomacy. Testimony