

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 5063–5069; 1 private bill, H.R. 5070; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 490 and H. Res. 765, 767–769, were introduced. **Pages H7072–73**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7073**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 784, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants, amended (H. Rept. 108–675);

H.R. 4470, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program from fiscal year 2005 to 2010 (H. Rept. 108–676);

H.R. 4688, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program (H.Rept. 108–677);

H.R. 4731, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program (H. Rept. 108–678);

H.R. 1084, to provide liability protection to non-profit volunteer pilot organizations flying for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such organizations, amended (H. Rept. 108–679);

H.R. 1787, to remove civil liability barriers that discourage the donation of fire equipment to volunteer fire companies, amended (H. Rept. 108–680);

H.R. 3369, to provide immunity for nonprofit athletic organizations in lawsuits arising from claims of ordinary negligence relating to the passage or adoption of rules for athletic competitions and practices (H. Rept. 108–681);

H.R. 4571, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, amended (H. Rept. 108–682);

H.R. 4658, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to make certain improvements and technical corrections to that Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–683); and

H. Res. 766, providing for consideration of H.R. 4571, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability (H. Rept. 108–684). **Page H7072**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cole to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6999**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:46 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H7001**

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

Saluting the life of the late Commander Lloyd “Pete” Bucher: H. Con. Res. 407, saluting the life and courage of the late Commander Lloyd “Pete” Bucher, United States Navy (retired), who commanded the USS *Pueblo* (AGER–2) at the time of its capture by North Korea on January 23, 1968; **Pages H7002–03**

Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian people: H. Con. Res. 363, amended, expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 342 yeas with none voting “nay” and one voting “present”, Roll No. 441; **Pages H7003–06, H7031–32**

Expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong: H. Res. 667, expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 345 yeas with none voting “nay” and one voting “present”, Roll No. 442; **Pages H7006–08, H7032–33**

Condemning the terrorist attacks against the Russian Federation that occurred in August and September 2004: H. Res. 760, condemning the series of terrorist attacks against the Russian Federation that occurred in late August and early September 2004, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 347 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 443; **Pages H7008–11, H7033–34**

National Archives and Records Administration Efficiency Act of 2003: H.R. 3478, amended, to amend title 44, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of operations by the National Archives and Records Administration; **Pages H7011–13**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend title 44, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of operations by the National Archives and Records Administration and to reauthorize the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. **Page H7013**

Archie Spigner Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 4632, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19504 Linden Boulevard in St. Albans, New York, as the “Archie Spigner Post Office Building”; **Pages H7013–14**

Honoring former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 58th birthday: H.

Res. 717, amended, honoring former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 58th birthday; **Pages H7014–17**

Thomas E. Creek Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Designation Act: H.R. 4836, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Amarillo, Texas, as the “Thomas E. Creek Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”;

Pages H7017–18

Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation Act: H.R. 1318, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Sunnyside, Queens, New York, as the “Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”;

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Castillo de San Marcos National Monument Preservation and Education Act: H.R. 2457, amended, to authorize funds for an educational center for the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument;

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Authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the jurisdiction of the NOAA for a Marine Life Science Center: H.R. 4027, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center;

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Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004: H.R. 4481, amended, to amend Public Law 86–434 establishing Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park;

Pages H7022–23

Clarifying the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System: H.R. 3056, amended, to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P;

Pages H7023–24

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2004: S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H7024–25

Amending the Organic Act of Guam: H.R. 2400, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam;

Pages H7025–28

Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1858: H.R.

5008, to provide an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through September 30, 2004; and

Pages H7028–31

Expressing gratitude to the cities of Boston and New York for their hospitality, planning, and hosting of the 2004 national political conventions: H. Res. 765, expressing gratitude to the cities of Boston, Massachusetts and New York City, New York, for their extraordinary hospitality and successful planning and hosting of the 2004 national political conventions.

Pages H7034–35

Recess: The House recessed at 5:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–212).

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7001.

Senate Referrals: S. 1368 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services; S. Con. Res. 127 was held at the desk.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H7074.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7031–32, H7032–33, and H7033–34. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSTITUTION RESTORATION ACT OF 2004

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 3799, Constitution Restoration Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from former Representative William E. Dannemeyer of California; and public witnesses.

LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 4571, Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2004, providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule