

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 33 public bills, H.R. 2385–2417; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 154–155, and H. Res. 280–282; 284–285 were introduced. **Pages H3433–35**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3435–36**

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

H. Res. 283, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1817) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–84). **Page H3433**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lynn A. Westmoreland to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3335**

### Recess:

The House recessed at 9:10 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H3336**

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006:** The House passed H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by the Yeas and Nays: 424–1 (Roll no. 180). **Pages H3340–H3405**

Agreed to:

Musgrave amendment that increases funding for state and local programs in the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness; **Page H3376**

Sabo amendment that increases funding for Firefighter Assistance Grants; **Pages H3376–79**

King of Iowa amendment that reduces and then increases funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement salaries and expenses; **Page H3385**

Tom Davis of Virginia amendment (no. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that will terminate the background check provision in the bill once the President selects a single agency to conduct security clearance investigations pursuant to the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act and Congress has been informed that the agency can conduct all necessary investigations in a timely manner or that the agency has authorized entities within the Homeland Security Department to conduct their own investigations; **Pages H3394–95**

Jackson-Lee amendment that prohibits the use of funds to patrol the U.S. border except as authorized by law; **Pages H3400–01**

Menendez amendment (no. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that increases funding

for state and local grant programs, intended to enhance the security of chemical plants (by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 176); and

**Pages H3379–81, H3401–02**

Obeys amendment that provides funds for grants to assist States in conforming with minimum drivers' license standards (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 179).

**Pages H3399–H3400, H3403–04**

Rejected:

Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to increase the funding for Citizenship and Immigration Services; **Pages H3373–76**

Poe amendment (no. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to carry out two provisions in the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (the request for a recorded vote was later vacated);

**Pages H3395–97, H3398**

Tancredo amendment (no. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that sought to prohibit the use of funds from being available to assist any State or local government that prohibits or restricts the free flow of information between local law enforcement units and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (point of order raised against the amendment was overruled) (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 177); and

**Pages H3393–94, H3402–03**

Meeks amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to close any detention facility operated by or on behalf of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement that has been operational in 2005 (agreed to limit the time for debate on the amendment) (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 178). **Pages H3397, H3403**

Withdrawn:

Souder amendment (no. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide for \$6 million of the funds appropriated for the Office of the Secretary be used for the Office of Counter-narcotics Enforcement; **Pages H3368–69**

Jackson-Lee amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for Citizenship and Immigration Services; **Pages H3369–70**

LoBiondo amendment (no. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of May 16) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Coast Guard's Deepwater program to replace aging vessels and planes; **Pages H3370–73**

LaTourette amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to eliminate funding for trucking industry security grants, intercity bus security grants, and intercity passenger rail transportation, freight rail, and transit security grants; and **Pages H3387–88**

Tiahrt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the use of funds to promulgate regulations without consideration of the effect of such regulations on the competitiveness of American businesses. **Pages H3397–98**

Point of Order sustained against:

Hostettler amendment that would have increased funding for Customs and Border Protection and for Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

**Pages H3367–68**

Provision under the portion of the bill regarding Aviation Security, beginning at the colon on page 17, line 2 through the word “intent” on line 11, regarding the Government’s share of the costs of airport projects; **Page H3386**

Provision regarding National Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund beginning on page 36 line 19, the word “and” through line 22, the word “funds”; and

**Page H3389**

Obey amendment that sought to increase funding for Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. **Pages H3398–99**

H. Res. 278, the rule, as amended, providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 185 noes and 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 175. **Pages H3345–46**

Agreed to an amendment offered by Representative Sessions by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question on the amendment and the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 174. **Page H3345**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of the continuation of the National Emergency with respect to Burma—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–27). **Page H3405**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 281, electing Representative Chocola to the Committee on the Budget. **Pages H3405–06**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today, and 5 Recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3345, H3346, H3402, H3402–03, H3403, H3404, and H3404–05. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HIGH SCHOOL REFORM

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing entitled “High School Reform: Examining State and Local Efforts.” Testimony was heard from the following Governors: W. Mitt Romney, Massachusetts; and Thomas Vilsack, Iowa.

### EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing entitled “Examining Pay-for-Performance Measures and Other Trends in Employer-Sponsored Health Care.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS SUBVERSION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Subversion of Drug Testing Programs.” Testimony was heard from Robert Cramer, Office of Special Investigations, GAO; Robert Stephenson, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at this hearing, the following individuals: Dennis Catalano, President, Puck Technology; Michael Fichera, Health Choice of New York, Inc.; and Matt Stephens, President, Spectrum Labs, invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

### STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING FLEXIBILITY ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 1999, State and Local Housing Flexibility Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Rudy Monteil, Executive Director, Housing Authority, Los Angeles, California; Renee Glover, Chief Executive Officer, Housing Authority, Atlanta, Georgia; Daniel Nackerman, Executive Director, Housing Authority, County of San Bernardino, California; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL FOOD INSPECTION PROGRAM; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 994, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis