

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 120 public bills, H.R. 3496–3615; and 25 resolutions, H.J. Res. 62; H. Con. Res. 224–231; and H. Res. 398, 402–416 were introduced. **Pages H7556–63**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7563–66**

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

Conference report on H.R. 3, authorizing funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs (H. Rept. 109–203);

H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, with an amendment referred sequentially to the House Committee on Homeland Security for a period ending not later than July 29, 2005 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(i) of rule X. (H. Rept. 109–204, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3207, to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to make grants to eligible entities for the development of peer learning opportunities for second-stage small business concerns, amended (H. Rept. 109–205);

H.R. 2981, to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians, amended (H. Rept. 109–206);

H.R. 527, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program, amended (H. Rept. 109–207);

H.R. 230, to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, amended (H. Rept. 109–208);

H.R. 1065, to establish the United States Boxing Commission to protect the general welfare of boxers and to ensure fairness in the sport of professional boxing, with an amendment referred sequentially to the House Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than Sept. 30, 2005 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and the amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(l), rule X. (H. Rept. 109–209, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3084, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue regulations requiring testing for steroids and other performance-enhancing substances for certain sports associations engaged in interstate commerce, amended (H. Rept. 109–210, Pt. 1);

H.R. 921, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program (H. Rept. 109–211, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 399, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (H. Rept. 109–212);

H. Res. 400, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee (H. Rept. 109–213); and

H. Res. 401, providing for consideration of H.R. 3514, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (H. Rept. 109–214). **Pages H7033, H7043–H7550, H7555–56**

**Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2006—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yeas and nays vote of 410 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 450.

**Pages H7013–23, H7030–31**

H. Res. 392, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 402 yeas to 4 nays with 23 voting “present”, Roll No. 446. **Pages H6941–43, H6973**

**Energy Policy Act of 2005—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy, by a yeas and nays vote of 275 yeas to 156 nays, Roll No. 445. **Pages H6949–73**

H. Res. 394, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote.

**Pages H6943–48**

**Legislative Branch Appropriation Act for FY 2006—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2895, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yeas and nays vote of 305 yeas to 122 nays, Roll No. 451.

**Pages H7023–30, H7031**

H. Res. 396, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 375 yeas to 27 nays with 24 voting "present", Roll No. 447. **Pages H6948-49, H6073-74**

**Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2005:** The House passed H.R. 5, improving patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system, by a recorded vote 230 yeas to 194 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 449. **Pages H6974-H7013**

Rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on the Judiciary and Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye and nay vote of 193 yeas to 234 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 448. **Pages H7007-12**

H. Res. 385, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Wednesday, July 27.

**Summer District Work Period:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 225, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a ye and nay vote of 404 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 452. **Pages H7031-32**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6:40 p.m. **Page H7033**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:59 p.m. **Page H7033**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened at 10:45 p.m. **Pages H7033-34**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:58 p.m. and reconvened at 12:15 a.m. **Page H7035**

**Correcting the enrollment of the conference report on the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 226, providing for a correction to the enrollment of the conference report on H.R. 3. **Page H7035**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:19 a.m. and reconvened at 1:07 a.m. **Page H7036**

**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6974, H7013, H7034 and H7036.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 302 and S. 655 were referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 447 was referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 1517 was referred to the Committee on Small Business; S. 792 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and S.J. Res. 19 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H7036**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** 7 ye and nay vote and 1 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6972, H6973, H6973-74, H7011-12, H7012-13, H7030-31, H7031 and H7031-32. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:09 a.m. on Friday, July 29.

## Committee Meetings

### FINANCING IRAQI INSURGENCY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Financial Services held a joint hearing on the financing of the Iraqi insurgency. Testimony was heard from Daniel Glaser, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: James Roberts, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Combating Terrorism; and Caleb Temple, Director, Operations, Joint Intelligence Task Force for Combating Terrorism, Defense Intelligence Agency.

### DATA SECURITY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Data Security: The Discussion Draft of Data Protection Legislation." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### D.C. METRO—GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "Keeping Metro on Track: The Federal Government's Role in Balancing Investment with Accountability at Washington's Transit Agency." Testimony was heard from Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority: Dana Kauffman, Chairman of the Board; and Richard White, Chief Executive Officer; and public witnesses.

### RESOLUTION—COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMPLOYEES FOR DEDICATED SERVICE IN WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Ordered reported H. Res. 398, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the employees of the Department of Homeland Security, their partners at all levels of government, and the millions of law enforcement agents and emergency response providers nationwide should be commended for their dedicated service on the Nation's front lines in the war against terrorism.