

costs, after receiving testimony from Rachel E. Behrman, Deputy Director, Office of Medical Policy, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Paul Antony, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers

of America, Donna Sweet, American College of Physicians, and Peter Lurie, Public Citizen, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard L. Kravitz, University of California Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 3938–3966; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 256–257; and H. Res. 472–473, 475–477 were introduced. **Pages H8642–43**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8643–45**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference Report on H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (Rept. 109–241);

H. Res. 474, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2360) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (Rept. 109–242); and

H.J. Res. 65, disapproving the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, adversely (Rept. 109–243).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Kevin Gormley, Pastor, St. Peter Church, Marshall, Missouri. **Page H8515**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, September 28:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the July, 2005, measures of extreme repression on the part of the Cuban Government: H. Res. 388, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the July, 2005, measures of extreme repression on the part of the Cuban Government against members of Cuba's pro-democracy movement, calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners, the legalization of political parties and free elections in Cuba, urging the European Union to reexamine its policy toward Cuba, and calling on the representative of the United States to the 62d session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to ensure a resolution calling upon the Cuban regime to end its

human rights violations, by a yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 503; **Pages H8529–30**

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States: H. Con. Res. 245, to express the sense of Congress that the United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 31 nays with 8 voting "present", Roll No. 504; and

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Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 178, as amended, to recognize the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 508.

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Continuing Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2006: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 68, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas to 65 nays, Roll No. 507. **Pages H8531–35, H8584**

Point of Order sustained against:

Obey motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the resolution back to the House forthwith with amendments. **Pages H8534–35**

H. Res. 469, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by voice vote.

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Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 3824, to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act

of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 506. **Pages H8535–84**

Pursuant to the rule that in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Resources Committee Print dated September 26, 2005 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

Pages H8551–83

Agreed to:

Pombo Manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–240) that makes a number of technical changes to clarify certain provisions and address issues concerning science, definition of "jeopardy", consolidation of ESA related programs, and review of protective regulations. Allows actions authorized under an approved Section 10 permit to be carried out without duplicative consultation. The amendment prevents water stakeholders from being held accountable for impacts due to State actions. The amendment requires the four Power Marketing Administrations to include ESA costs in their monthly billings. The amendment directs the Secretary of Interior to survey certain Federal lands to assess their value for report to Congress. The amendment clarifies conflicting statutes to make ESA the governing statutory authority when receiving a dock building permit. **Pages H8560–64**

Rejected:

George Miller of California amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–240) that sought to improve the use of science, providing certainty to landowners, providing flexibility on deadlines for listing species, creating a voluntary conservation program to promote species conservation on private lands, creating a technical assistance program to help small landowners, increasing the role of State and localities, ensuring accountability of the Department of Interior, ensuring that permit and license applicants fully participate in the consultations process, and requiring a balancing of risks in planning for species recovery (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 505).

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The amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was adopted. **Page H8583**

H. Res. 470, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 502, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H8517–25, H8528–29

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thorn-

berry to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through October 6, 2005.

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Canada—U.S. Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Canada—United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative Oberstar, Shaw, Slaughter, Stearns, English of Pennsylvania, Souder, Tancredo and Lipinski. **Page H8627**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the proposed use of funds for the District of Columbia as provided in title I (Public Law 108–335) under the heading "Federal Payment for Emergency Planning and Security Costs in the District of Columbia." (H. Doc. 109–58). **Page H8627**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 3, and when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2005, for Legislative Business. **Page H8640**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8515 and H8584.

Senate Referrals: S. 1235. was referred to the Committee on Veteran Affairs; S. 1786 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and S. 1778 was referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8529, H8529–30, H8530–31, H8582–83, H8583–84, and H8585. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the current state of the farm economy and the economic impact of Federal policy on agriculture. Testimony was heard from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA, and Chairman, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation; Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.