

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 4261–4289; 1 private bill, H.R. 4290; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 294 and H. Res. 543–544, were introduced. **Pages H10144–45**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10145–46**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H. Res. 542, providing for consideration of H.R. 4241, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–281). **Page H10144**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10043**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Mac Hammond, Living Word Christian Center, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. **Page H10043**

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2006—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 580. **Pages H10058–65, H10081–82**

H. Res. 539, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 577, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H10048–50, H10056**

Presidential Message: Presidential Message: Read a message from the President notifying Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran—referred the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 109–68). **Page H10065**

Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2862, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 581. **Pages H10065–74, H10082–83**

H. Res. 538, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 578, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H10050–53, H10056–57**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, November 10th.

Veterans Housing and Employment Improvement Act of 2005: H.R. 3665, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide adaptive housing assistance to disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member and to make direct housing loans to Native American veterans. **Pages H10074–81**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, November 8th:

Fair Access Foster Care Act of 2005: S. 1894, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for the making of foster care maintenance payments to private for-profit agencies, by a yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 582—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H10083**

USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 3199, to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism. **Pages H10084–90**

The House agreed to the Boucher motion to instruct conferees by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H10084–90**

The Chair appointed conferees: from the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of the House bill (except section 132) and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Sensenbrenner, Coble, Smith of Texas, Gallegly, Chabot, Jenkins, Conyers, Berman, Boucher, and Nadler. **Page H10090**

Provided that Mr. Scott of Virginia is appointed in lieu of Mr. Nadler for consideration of secs. 105, 109, 111–114, 120, 121, 124, 131, and title II of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference. **Page H10090**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of secs. 102, 103, 106, 107, 109, and 132 of the House bill, and secs. 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, and 10 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Hoekstra, Mrs. Wilson of New Mexico, and Ms. Harman. **Page H10090**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 124 and 231 of the House

bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Norwood, Shadegg, and Dingell. **Page H10090**

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sec. 117 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. Oxley, Bachus, and Frank of Massachusetts.

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From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of secs. 127–129 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: King of New York, Weldon of Pennsylvania, and Ms. Zoe Lofgren.

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Secure Access to Justice and Court Protection Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 1751, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, by a yea and nay vote of 375 yeas to 45 nays, Roll No. 585. **Pages H10090–H10109**

Rejected the Higgins motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 201 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 584. **Pages H10106, H10107–08**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

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Agreed to:

Sensenbrenner Manager's amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that clarifies that the death penalty shall apply only where death results and covers only those offenders who qualify as principals in the killing. In addition, the amendment makes eligible tribal courts for court security grants. Also corrects drafting of coordination requirement between U.S. Marshals and Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts on security measures; **Page H10099**

Cuellar amendment (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that adds a category of preferential consideration for witness protection grants. The new category will add another tool for border prosecutors to encourage witnesses to testify against cross-border crimes; **Pages H10101–02**

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that requires the Attorney General to work, through the Office of Justice Programs, to make grants to the highest State courts in States participating in the threat assessment database;

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Filner amendment (no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) which adds the following grant guideline for young witness assistance, "support for young wit-

nesses who are trying to leave a criminal gang and information to prevent initial gang recruitment.";

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Weiner amendment (no. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that ensures that courts are authorized to apply directly to the Federal government for law enforcement grants; and

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King of Iowa amendment (no. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that allows any justice or judge of the United States, any judge of a court created under Article I of the United States Constitution, any bankruptcy judge, any magistrate judge, any United States Attorney, and any other officer or employee of the Department of Justice whose duties include representing the U.S. in a court of law, to carry firearms subject to training and regulation as prescribed by the Attorney General. **Pages H10104–05**

Rejected:

Scott of Virginia amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that sought to replace all mandatory minimum sentences with higher maximum sentences; and

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Scott of Virginia amendment (no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–279) that sought to remove the death penalty for the killing of Federally funded public safety officers (by a recorded vote of 97 yeas to 325 noes, Roll No. 583). **Pages H10101, H10105–06**

The amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was adopted. **Page H10106**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 540, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 579, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote. **Pages H10053–56, H10057–58**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10058.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H10056, H10056–57, H10057–58, H10081–82, H10082–83, H10083, H10105–06, H10107–08, and H10108. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies and the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development,