

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 5399–5414; 1 private bill, H.R. 5415; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 402–406; and H. Res. 819 were introduced. **Pages H2704–05**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2705–06**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 817, providing for further consideration of H. Con. Res. 376, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 (H. Rept. 109–468);

H. Res. 818, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5386) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 (H. Rept. 109–469); and

H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services (H. Rept. 109–470). **Page H2705**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Ted A. Hartley, Pastor, Farina United Methodist Church, Farina, Illinois. **Page H2643**

Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act: The House passed H.R. 4200, to improve the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to promptly implement recovery treatments in response to catastrophic events affecting Federal lands under their jurisdiction, including the removal of dead and damaged trees and the implementation of reforestation treatments, to support the recovery of non-Federal lands damaged by catastrophic events, to revitalize Forest Service experimental forests, by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 151. **Pages H2648–80, H2687–90**

Pursuant to the rule, in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 pursuant to clause 8 of rule XVIII, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. **Pages H2648, H2667**

Rejected:

Rahall amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–467) that sought to strike all waivers of existing conservation laws by removing the bill's exemptions from requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Clean Water Act, the Endan-

gered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The amendment also specifically requires that the Secretary concerned comply with the NEPA in utilizing the authorities under H.R. 4200 (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 147); **Pages H2673–75, H2687–88**

Defazio amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–467) that sought to allow the emergency procedures authorized by H.R. 4200 to be used on lands managed for timber production. For all other lands, except where prohibited, such as wilderness areas, the Secretary would be required to amend land management plans to incorporate salvage and restoration activities (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 148); **Pages H2675–77, H2688**

Inslee amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–467) that sought to exempt any provision in the underlying bill from being applicable to any inventoried roadless area within the National Forest System set forth in the maps contained in the Forest Service Roadless Area Conservation, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Volume 2, dated November 2000 (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 149); and **Pages H2677–79, H2688–89**

Udall of New Mexico amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–467) that sought to add language in Sec 102(e) directing the relevant Secretary to consider the effect of any pre-approved management practice or catastrophic event recovery or research project on fire risk and forest regeneration. It further states that the Secretary may not implement the practice or carry out the recovery or research project unless the Secretary is able to certify that the activity will not increase fire risk or decrease forest regeneration (by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 150). **Pages H2679–80, H2689–90**

H. Res. 816, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Recess: The House recessed at 4:09 p.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m. **Page H2691**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:07 p.m. and reconvened at 8 p.m. **Page H2701**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H. Con. Res. 376, pursuant to H. Res. 817, the amendment that Representative Spratt placed at the desk may be in order in lieu of amendment No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept 109–468. **Page H2753**

Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2007: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 376, to establish the

congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 158, after ordering the previous question. Consideration of the measure began on April 6th and was concluded as unfinished business.

Pages H2709–53

Pursuant to the rule, the amendments printed in part A of this report shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. **Page H2714**

Rejected:

Watt amendment in the nature of a substitute (Congressional Black Caucus), (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–468) that sought to balance the budget in FY 2011, and assumes a savings of almost \$25 billion on interest on the national debt. Funds essential social services—especially education, health care and reconstruction of the Gulf Coast—and national security needs—particularly providing support for the troops in Iraq, increasing the Army’s active duty personnel, maintaining current National Guard Strength and funding Navy Shipbuilding, as well as funding port security and Veterans programs and benefits (by a recorded vote of 131 yeas to 294 noes, Roll No. 155); **Pages H2719–30**

Hensarling amendment in the nature of a substitute (Republican Study Committee), (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–468) that sought to balance the federal budget by FY 2011, without increasing taxes. Extends the President’s 2001 and 2003 tax cuts and provide AMT relief. Eliminates roughly 150 federal programs, realizes a \$392 billion net deficit reduction over five years, while increasing defense and veterans’ spending and making no changes to Social Security. Calls for \$358 billion in reconciliation savings over five years, achieved in part by block granting Medicaid, SCHIP, and most federal education and job training programs, and capping the growth of Medicare at 5.4% annually. Significantly restructures the Departments of Commerce, Energy, and Education, reduces foreign aid by \$31 billion over five years, allows drilling in ANWR, repeals the Davis-Bacon, and eliminates highway (SAFTEA–LU) earmarks. Repeals the Gephardt rule, includes reforms to emergency spending, and creates Budget Protection Accounts to divert spending to deficit reduction and further tax relief (by a recorded vote of 94 yeas to 331 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 156); and

Pages H2730–39, H2747

Spratt amendment in the nature of a substitute (Democrat), (Modified, in lieu of No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–468) that sought to establish a 10-year budget through fiscal year 2016. Bal-

ances the budget by 2012. Contains smaller deficits than the House Republican budget for 2007 and over five years. Accumulates less debt over five years than House Republican budget. Rejects cuts to important domestic priorities, such as education, health, veterans, and the environment. Provides more funding than the Republican budget for homeland security functions, including port security. Contains no reconciliation instructions. Provides middle-class tax relief. Provides for budget enforcement rules to restore fiscal discipline (by a recorded vote of 184 yeas to 241 noes, Roll No. 157). **Pages H2739–48**

Agreed to H. Res. 815, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 152. **Pages H2680, H2691**

H. Res. 817, the rule providing for further consideration of the measure was agreed to by a recorded vote of 226 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 154, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 153. **Pages H2691, H2701–02**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which were debated on Tuesday, May 16th:

Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Pat Finucane, as recommended by international Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park agreement and a way forward for the Northern Ireland Peace Process: H. Res. 740, amended, to call on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Pat Finucane, as recommended by international Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park agreement and a way forward for the Northern Ireland Peace Process, by a yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas to 5 nays with 6 voting “present”, Roll No. 159. **Pages H2753–54**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom immediately to establish a full, independent, public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland Peace Process.”. **Page H2754**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2643.

Senate Referrals: S. 879 was referred to the Committee on Science. **Page H2703**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2707.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2687–88, H2688, H2688–89, H2689–90, H2690, H2691, H2701–02, H2702, H2729–30, H2747, H2747–48, H2753, H2753–54. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:14 a.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY; ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: Homeland Security; and Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies.

SENIOR INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 2006

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5293, Senior Independence Act of 2006.

MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERS' RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT OF 2005

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 2048, Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Deborah Platt Majoras, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

PLANNING FOR LONG-TERM CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Planning for Long-Term Care. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the State of the International Financial System. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

REFORM OF NATIONAL SECURITY REVIEWS OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 5337, Reform of National Security Reviews of Foreign Direct Investments Act. Testimony was heard from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; Stewart A. Baker, Assistant Sec-

retary, Policy, Planning, and International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Alice Fisher, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Peter C.W. Flory, Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

DOD PRIVATE SECTOR CLEARANCES

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Low Clearance: Why Did DOD Suddenly Stop Processing Private Sector Security Clearances?" Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, III, Acting Director, OMB; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert Andrews, Deputy Under Secretary, Counterintelligence and Security; Robert W. Rogalski, Special Assistant, Under Secretary (Intelligence); and Thomas F. Gimble, Principal Deputy Inspector General; and Kathy L. Dillaman, Associate Director, Federal Investigative Services Division, OPM.

RU-486 SAFETY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "RU-486—Demonstrating a Low Standard for Women's Health?" Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Deputy Commissioner, Operations, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REFORM AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5451, National Emergency Management Reform and Enhancement Act of 2006.

U.S. AND SOUTH ASIA AGENDA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on the United States and South Asia: An Expanding Agenda. Testimony was heard from Richard Boucher, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State.

U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO EGYPT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing to review U.S. Assistance Programs to Egypt. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: David C. Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; James Kunder, Assistant Administrator, Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Michael W. Coulter, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; and public witnesses.