

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 5915–5953; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 455, 457–458; and H. Res. 957, 959–962 were introduced. **Pages H6017–18**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6019–20**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5039, to establish a program to revitalize rural multifamily housing assisted under the Housing Act of 1949, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–604);

H.R. 5347, to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of public housing projects (H. Rept. 109–605); and

H. Res. 958, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–606). **Page H6016**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12:02 p.m. **Page H5972**

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2005—Conference Report: The House began consideration of the conference report on S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Friday, July 28th. **Pages H5960–62 H5973–78**

H. Res. 946, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote, after ordering the previous question. **Page H5962**

Health Information Technology Promotion Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 4157, to amend the Social Security Act to encourage the dissemination, security, confidentiality, and usefulness of health information technology by a recorded vote of 270 ayes to 148 noes, Roll No. 416. **Pages H5962–72, H5978–H6004**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To promote a better health information system.” **Page H6004**

Rejected the Doggett motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 415, after ordering the previous question without objection. **Pages H6001–03**

Pursuant to the rule, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Energy and

Commerce and Ways and Means now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. **Pages H5988–95**

Agreed to:

Hinojosa amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 109–603) to improve the availability of information and resources for individuals with low literacy; **Pages H5995–96**

Jackson of Illinois (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 109–603) to ensure that emergency contact information or next of kin information is included in any process to modernize medical records; **Pages H5996–97**

Cuellar amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 109–603) to focus a priority of the integrated health system grant program on the improved coordination of care for the uninsured, underinsured, and medically underserved residing in geographically isolated areas or underserved urban areas; **Page H5997**

Price of Georgia amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 109–603) to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit a report to Congress, which evaluates: the applicability of health care classification methodologies and codes for purposes beyond the coding services for diagnostic documentation or billing purposes; the usefulness, accuracy, and completeness of such methodologies and codes for such purposes; and the capacity of such methodologies and codes to produce erroneous or misleading information, with respect to such purposes; **Pages H5997–98**

McMorris amendment (No. 6 printed in part C of H. Rept. 109–603) to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a two year project to demonstrate the impact of health information technology on disease management for chronic disease sufferers within the Medicaid population. There is no authorization of funding and it requests a report at the conclusion of the demonstration; and **Pages H5998–H6000**

Towns amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 109–603) to create a study that provides benchmarks for best practices and cost effectiveness for the use of Health Information Technology in medically underserved areas (by a recorded vote of 417 ayes with 1 voting “noe”, Roll No. 414). **Pages H5996, H6000–01**

H. Res. 952, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 413, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 412. **Pages H5972–73**

Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the George Miller of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, which was debated on Tuesday, July 25th, by a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 126 nays, Roll No. 417. **Page H6004**

The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 957, directing the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives to deliver the mace of the House of Representatives to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution for necessary repairs. **Pages H6004–05**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on tomorrow, Friday, July 28th. **Page H6005**

Discharge Petition: Representative Filner moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 917, providing for the consideration of H.R. 23, to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II (Discharge Petition No. 14).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H5957.

Senate Referral: S. 3741 was held at the desk. **Page H5957**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H5972–73, H5973, H6000–01, H6003, H6003–04, H6004. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered unfavorably reported H.R. 503, amended, the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption; and H.R. 3849, PIC

and POPs Conventions and the LRTAP POPs Protocol Implementation Act.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from the following members of Congress: John E. Sweeney; and Don Sherwood; former Congressman Charles W. Stenholm; and public witnesses.

REVIEW CONSERVATION ISSUES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review Conservation Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Teresa C. Lasseter, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; and public witnesses.

BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Border Security and Immigration Enforcement, Testimony was heard from Secretary Michael Chertoff, Homeland Security.

CENSUS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Census. Testimony was heard from Charles L. Kincannon, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and Brenda Farrell, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, GAO.

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Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on No Child Left Behind: Can Growth Models Ensure Improved Education for All Students. Testimony was heard from Marlene S. Shaul, Director, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; Joel I. Klein, Chancellor, New York City Department of Education; and public witnesses.

EFFICIENT CARE FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health continued hearings on How to Build a Payment System that Provides Quality, Efficient Care for Medicare Beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Mark B. McClellan, MD, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

PIPELINE SAFETY MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on the following: Pipeline Safety Improvement Act Reauthorization; and H.R. 5872, Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from