

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2557–2574; 1 private bill, H.R. 2575; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 164; and H. Res. 451–452, 454–458, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed on May 30, 2007 as follows:

H.R. 2446, to reauthorize the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002 (H. Rept. 110–170).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 632, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–171);

H.R. 1467, to authorize the National Science Foundation to award grants to institutions of higher education to develop and offer education and training programs (H. Rept. 110–172);

H.R. 1716, to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–173); and

H. Res. 453, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2446) to reauthorize the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002 (H. Rept. 110–174).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Lincoln Davis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Jefferson wherein he temporarily resigned from the Committee on Small Business.

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Investigative Subcommittees—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to be available for service on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct during the 110th Congress: Representatives Baldwin, Crowley, Ellison, Honda, Inslee, Lee, Meeks (NY), Napolitano, Rothman, and Snyder.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Trails Day: H. Res. 401, to support the goals and ideals of National Trails Day;

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Expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States": H. Con. Res. 116, to express the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States";

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Encouraging the elimination of harmful fishing subsidies that contribute to overcapacity in commercial fishing fleets worldwide and that lead to the overfishing of global fish stocks: H. Con. Res. 94, amended, to encourage the elimination of harmful fishing subsidies that contribute to overcapacity in commercial fishing fleets worldwide and that lead to the overfishing of global fish stocks;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States: H. Res. 341, to support the goals and ideals of "American Eagle Day", and to celebrate the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States;

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Expressing the support of Congress for the creation of a National Hurricane Museum and Science Center in Southwest Louisiana: H. Con. Res. 54, to express the support of Congress for the creation of a National Hurricane Museum and Science Center in Southwest Louisiana;

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Recognizing the importance of the Ouachita National Forest on its 100th anniversary: H. Res. 390, to recognize the importance of the Ouachita National Forest on its 100th anniversary;

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Riverside-Corona Feeder Water Supply Act: H.R. 1139, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California;

Pages H5940–41

Amending the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah: H.R. 1736, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah;

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Amending the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project: H.R. 1175, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; **Page H5942**

Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2007: H.R. 361, to amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act; **Pages H5942–44**

Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2007: H.R. 1469, amended, to establish the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation under the authorities of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961; **Pages H5944–48**

Relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem: H. Con. Res. 152, amended, relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem; **Pages H5948–52**

Condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia: H. Res. 397, amended, to condemn violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and to express solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 426; **Pages H5952–54, H5976–77**

Expressing gratitude to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for their State Visit to the United States and reaffirming the friendship that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom: H. Res. 412, amended, to express gratitude to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for their State Visit to the United States and to reaffirm the friendship that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom; **Pages H5954–55**

Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan: H. Res. 422, to call on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 427; and **Pages H5955–63, H5977–78**

Calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately release Dr. Haleh Esfandiari: H. Res. 430, amended, to call on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately release Dr. Haleh Esfandiari, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 428; and **Pages H5963–66, H5978**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Calling for Iran to immediately release five dual Iranian-American citizens currently being held unjustly." **Page H5978**

Directing the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to respond to the indictment of, or the filing of charges of criminal conduct in a court of the United States or any State against, any Member of the House of Representatives by empaneling an investigative subcommittee to review the allegations not later than 30 days after the date the Member is indicted or the charges are filed: H. Res. 451, to direct the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to respond to the indictment of, or the filing of charges of criminal conduct in a court of the United States or any State against, any Member of the House of Representatives by empaneling an investigative subcommittee to review the allegations not later than 30 days after the date the Member is indicted or the charges are filed, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 387 yeas to 10 nays, with 15 voting "present", Roll No. 429. **Pages H5971–76, H5978–79**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. **Page H5966**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 452, raising a question of the Privileges of the House, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 373 yeas to 26 nays, with 13 voting "present", Roll No. 430. **Pages H5966–71, H5979–80**

In Memory of the late Honorable Craig Thomas: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 454, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Craig Thomas, a Senator from the State of Wyoming. **Page H5980**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5931.

Senate Referrals: S. 231 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, S. 398 was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources and the Judiciary, S. Con. Res. 32 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and S. 1537 was held at the desk. **Page H6003**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5976–77, H5977–78, H5978, H5979, and H5979–80. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and at midnight, pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 454, it stands adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Craig Thomas.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS; SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2008; REVISED SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the Homeland Security Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

The Committee also approved the following: Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations Fiscal Year 2008; and the Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations Fiscal Year 2007.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government approved for full Committee action the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved for full Committee action the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE COOPERATION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Ensuring Collective Bargaining Rights for First Responders: H.R. 980, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Representative Kildee; Wayne Seybold, Mayor, Marion, Indiana; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS OCEANS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H. Con. Res. 147, Recognizing 200 years of research, service to the people of the United States, and stewardship of the marine environment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agencies; H. Res. 186,

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Clean Beaches Week and recognizing the considerable value of American beaches and their role in American culture; H.R. 1834, To authorize the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and H.R. 2400, Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act. Testimony was heard from Craig McLean, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Programs and Administration, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN FREEDOM AND SECURITY SUPPORT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2446, Afghanistan Freedom and Security Support Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI and provides that the bill shall be considered as read.

No amendments shall be in order except those printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lantos and Representatives Jackson-Lee of Texas, Costa, Terry and Franks of Arizona.

ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN REDUCING ILLEGAL FILESHARING

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on the Role of Technology in Reducing Illegal Filesharing: A University Perspective. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SARBANES-OXLEY COMPLIANCE SMALL BUSINESS COSTS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404: Will the SEC's and PCAOB's New Standards Lower Compliance Costs