

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2768–2770, 2772–2783; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 497–499 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2771, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–198);

H. Res. 498, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–199); and

H.R. 923, to establish an Unsolved Crimes Section in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and an Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Investigative Office in the Civil Rights Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–200).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Costa to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:06 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 496, electing Representative Gillmor to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, to rank after Representative Stearns.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, June 18th. Proceedings will resume on H. Con. Res. 21, H.R. 2359, and H.R. 2284 tomorrow, June 20th:

Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 1352, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the “Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building”—clearing the measure for the President.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that the House vacate the ordering of the yeas and nays on adoption of S. 1352 to the end that the Chair put the question de novo.

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Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House began consideration of H.R. 2641, making appropriations for energy and water development and re-

lated agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 20th.

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Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 2641 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 481, no further amendment to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk.

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Agreed to:

Tauscher amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of June 13, 2007) that adds a proviso stating that, of the amounts made available for Atomic Energy Defense Activities, \$173,250,000 be made available for nuclear weapons dismantlement activities and further, that \$91 million be available for the Pit Disassembly and Conversion Facility Project at the Savannah River Site, South Carolina.

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Rejected:

Westmoreland amendment that sought to reduce funding under the Investigations heading in Title I by \$30 million (by a recorded vote of 84 yeas to 341 noes, Roll No. 502);

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Westmoreland amendment (No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to reduce funding under the Construction heading in Title I by \$481,186,000 (by a recorded vote of 76 yeas to 351 noes, Roll No. 503);

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Westmoreland amendment (No. 24 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to reduce funding under the Mississippi River and Tributaries heading in Title I by \$18 million (by a recorded vote of 111 yeas to 315 noes, Roll No. 504);

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Westmoreland amendment (No. 25 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to reduce funding under the Operation and Maintenance heading in Title I by \$184,241,000 (by a recorded vote of 77 yeas to 350 noes, Roll No. 505);

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Sessions amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to strike section 105 relating to the prohibition of funds under the OMB Circular A–76 or any other administrative regulation, directive, or policy for the Corps of Engineers program, project or activity (by a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 259 noes, Roll No. 506);

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Hensarling amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought

to reduce funding under the Water and Related Resources heading in Title II by \$55 million (by a recorded vote of 121 ayes to 305 noes, Roll No. 507);

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Lamborn amendment that sought to reduce funding under the Policy and Administration heading in Title II by \$1,236,000 (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 508);

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Campbell (CA) amendment (No. 21 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to reduce funding under the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy heading in Title III by \$101,550,000 (by a recorded vote of 107 ayes to 320 noes, Roll No. 509);

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Stearns amendment that sought to redirect \$20 million in funding under the Nuclear Energy heading in Title III (by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 510); and

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Kline (MN) amendment (No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that sought to reduce funding under the Fossil Energy Research and Development heading in Title III by \$142 million (by a recorded vote of 123 ayes to 303 noes, Roll No. 511).

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Withdrawn:

Schmidt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the G–NAP initiative by \$80 million; and

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Upton amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase the amount available for the Title 17 Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program by \$4 billion, and to specify that that amount be available for advanced nuclear energy facilities.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Porter amendment that seeks to strike the provisions in the bill for nuclear waste disposal activities.

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H. Res. 481, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the 9 firefighters who lost their lives in a Charleston, South Carolina fire on June 18th.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–41).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6736–37.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6714–15, H6715–16, H6716, H6717, H6717–18, H6718, H6719, H6719–20, H6720, H6721. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

GENDER EQUITY IN EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on Building on the Success of 35 Years of Title IX. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following: as amended, the Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments of 2007 (PDUFA); as amended, the Medical Device User Fee Amendments of 2007 (MDUFA); the Pediatric Medical Device Safety and Improvement Act of 2007; as amended, the Pediatric Research Equity Act of 2007; as amended, the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act of 2007 (BPCA); as amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the establishment of the Reagan-Udall Institute for Applied Biomedical Research; to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to conflicts of interest; as amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a clinical trial registry database and a clinical trial results database; and, as amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve drug safety.

CONSUMER CREDIT REPORT DISPUTES

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Credit Reports: Consumers' Ability to Dispute and Change Inaccurate Information. Testimony was heard from Lydia Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Sandra Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.