

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3825–3836; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 234; and H. Res. 738–740, 743–745, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1424, to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, and section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–374, Pt. 1);

H.R. 1424, to amend section 712 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 2705 of the Public Health Service Act, and section 9812 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require equity in the provision of mental health and substance-related disorder benefits under group health plans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–374, Pt. 2);

H.R. 20, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–375);

H.R. 507, to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–376);

H.R. 970, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–377);

H.R. 1727, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–378);

H.R. 2295, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–379);

H.R. 2868, to eliminate the exemption from State regulation for certain securities designated by national securities exchanges (H. Rept. 110–380);

H.R. 1567, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–381, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 741, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 734) expressing the sense of the

House of Representatives regarding the withholding of information relating to corruption in Iraq (H. Rept. 110–382); and

H. Res. 742, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2102) to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media (H. Rept. 110–383).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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

Congratulating the State of Israel on chairing a United Nations committee for the first time in history: H. Res. 624, amended, to congratulate the State of Israel on chairing a United Nations committee for the first time in history;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Congratulating the State of Israel on chairing a United Nations committee for the first time in history, and for other purposes.”

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the Government of Syria’s continued interference in the internal affairs of Lebanon: H. Res. 738, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the Government of Syria’s continued interference in the internal affairs of Lebanon, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 375 yeas to 5 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 961;

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Expressing the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber: H. Con. Res. 25, to express the sense of Congress that it is the goal of the United States that, not later than January 1, 2025, the agricultural, forestry, and working land of the United States should provide from renewable resources not less than 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States and continue to produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber;

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Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 Loyola Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Louisiana Armed Services Veterans Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and nay vote of 383 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 962; **Pages H11507–08, H11531–32**

Nate DeTample Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3297, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 950 West Trenton Avenue in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, as the “Nate DeTample Post Office Building”;

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Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3572, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the “Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building”;

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Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act: H.R. 20, amended, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 382 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 963;

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Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act: H.R. 1727, amended, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of a Long-Term Care Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 133, to support the goals and ideals of a Long-Term Care Awareness Week;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Cancer Research Month: H. Res. 448, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Cancer Research Month;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to Diamond-Blackfan Anemia: H. Res. 524, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to Diamond-Blackfan Anemia;

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Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2007: H.R. 970, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan; and

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Vision Care for Kids Act of 2007: H.R. 507, amended, to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:47 p.m. and reconvened at 4:02 p.m. **Pages H11510–11**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:49 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H11530**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Tuesday, October 16th:

ALS Registry Act: H.R. 2295, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry and **Pages H11513–16**

Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 182, to recognize the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and to support the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week. **Pages H11522–24**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11531, H11531–32, and H11532–33. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATION'S FOOD SUPPLY—CAN THE FDA ASSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: On October 11, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled “Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation’s Food Supply?—Part III.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David W. K. Assistant Commissioner, Food Protection; Margaret O’K. Glavin, Associate Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs, both with the FDA; and Richard Raymond, M.D., Under Secretary for Food Safety, Food Safety and Inspection Service; Martin F. Martin, Analyst in Asian Trade and Finance Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a structured rule providing for one hour of debate on H.R. 2102, Free Flow of Information Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary.