

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 3837–3862; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58; H. Con. Res. 235–237; and H. Res. 747–751 were introduced. **Pages H11637–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11639–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1955, to prevent homegrown terrorism, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–384, Pt. 1) and

H. Res. 746, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3773) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence (H. Rept. 110–385). **Page H11637**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Lincoln Davis to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H11551**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H11552**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Internet Tax Freedom Act Amendments Act of 2007: H.R. 3678, amended, to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 968. **Pages H11567–73, H11575–76**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the withholding of information relating to corruption in Iraq: The House agreed to H. Res. 734, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the withholding of information relating to corruption in Iraq, by a yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 969. **Pages H11576–86**

H. Res. 741, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 965, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 964. **Pages H11555–63, H11573–74**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, October 15th:

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 970 and **Page H11586**

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 971. **Page H11587**

Free Flow of Information Act of 2007: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 398 yeas to 21 noes, Roll No. 973. **Pages H11587–H11603**

Agreed to the Smith (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 972. Subsequently, Representative Conyers reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H11601–02**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H11588–89**

Accepted:

Boucher amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–383) that provides that the shield can be pierced to prevent or identify the perpetrator of a terrorist attack or harm to national security and also provides that the disclosure of a leaker's identity can be compelled in cases involving leaks of properly classified information. The amendment also permits law enforcement to obtain an order compelling disclosure of documents and information obtained as the result of eyewitness observations of alleged criminal or tortious conduct. It also limits the Act's coverage to a person who “regularly” engages in the listed journalistic activities. Finally, the amendment adds three new exceptions to the definition of “covered person:” Specially Designated Global Terrorist, as designated by the Treasury Department; a specially designated terrorist, as defined by federal regulations; and a terrorist organization, as defined by immigration law. **Pages H11599–H11601**

H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 967, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 966.

Pages H11563–67, H11574–75

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

Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Clean Water Act: H. Res. 725, to recognize the 35th anniversary of the Clean Water Act; **Pages H11603–07**

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month: H. Res. 716, to express the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and enhancing the state of computer security in the United States, and to support the goals and ideals of National Cyber Security Awareness Month; **Pages H11609–12**

Honoring the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities: H. Con. Res. 225, to honor the 50th anniversary of the dawn of the Space Age, and the ensuing 50 years of productive and peaceful space activities; and

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Honoring the 60th anniversary of the aeronautics research accomplishments embodied in “the breaking of the sound barrier”: H. Res. 736, to honor the 60th anniversary of the aeronautics research accomplishments embodied in “the breaking of the sound barrier.” **Pages H11614–16**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, October 17th:

Recognizing the importance of America’s Waterway Watch program: H. Res. 549, to recognize the importance of America’s Waterway Watch program and

Pages H11607–09

Commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007: H. Con. Res. 222, to commend NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007. **Pages H11616–19**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H11552.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 36 was held at the desk. **Page H11552**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine ye-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11573, H11574, H11574–75, H11575, H11575–76, H11585–86, H11586, H11587, H11601–02, and H11602–03. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE COMBAT ZONE BENEFITS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on incentives, benefits, and medical care for federal civilian employees deployed to combat zone. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Harry Thomas, Director General; and Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Asia and Near East Bureau, U.S. Agency for International Development; Kirk Miller, Associate Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service, USDA; Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and Larry McDonald, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Technical Assistance, Department of the Treasury.

BREAST CANCER STAMP/PAUL WELLSTONE HEALTH AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1236, To make permanent the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp to support breast cancer research; and H.R. 1424, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007.

REAUTHORIZATION OF MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity continued hearings on reauthorization of McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Testimony was heard from Mark Johnston, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Needs, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Zev Yaroslavsky, member, Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County; Mercedes Marquez, General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department, City of Los Angeles; and public witnesses.

AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security, and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Aviation Security: Are