

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 52 public bills, H.R. 3037–3088; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 106, H. Con. Res. 196–200, and H. Res. 327–329 and 331–334, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–405); and

H. Res. 330, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–406).

Pages H10809–64, H10953

Increase Committee Subcommittees From 7 to 8: The House agreed to H. Res. 326, providing for an exception from the limitation of clause 6(d) of rule X for the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 634.

Pages H10790–93

Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by yeas and nays vote of 220 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 633.

Pages H10792–93

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Cramer wherein he resigned from the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Science.

Pages H10793–94

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 328, amended, electing Representative Cramer to the Committee on Appropriations. Earlier, vacated the original vote on the resolution and agreed to the Fazio amendment to strike language electing Representative Pryce to the Committee on the Budget.

Pages H10794, H10918

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

Adoption Promotion Act: H. Res. 327, providing for the consideration of H.R. 867, to promote the adoption of children in foster care, and the Senate amendment thereto (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 406 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 635);

Pages H10776–90, H10794

Boys and Girls Clubs: H.R. 1753, amended, to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000. Subsequently, S. 476, a similar Senate-passed bill, was passed in lieu after being amended

to contain the text of H.R. 1753, as amended. Agreed to lay H.R. 1753 on the table;

Pages H10794–H10800, H10873–74

Fifty States Commemorative Coin Program: S. 1228, to provide for a 10-year circulating commemorative coin program to commemorate each of the 50 States—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10800–03

Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1658, to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10803–04

Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan: Agreed to Senate amendments numbered 1 through 60, 62 and 63 and disagreed to Senate amendment 61 to H.R. 1604, to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan pursuant to dockets numbered 18–E, 58, 364, and 18–R before the Indian Claims Commission;

Pages H10804–05

National Peace Garden Memorial and Wild Horses at Cape Lookout National Seashore: S. 731, amended, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial;

Pages H10806–07

Designation of Common Telecommunications Carriers: S. 1354, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the designation of common carriers not subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission as eligible telecommunications carriers—clearing the measure for the President—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10807–09

Museum and Library Services Act: S. 1505, to make technical and conforming amendments to the Museum and Library Services Act—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10865–67

New Mexico Hispanic Cultural Center for Performing Arts: S. 1417, to provide for the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of a Center for Performing Arts within the complex known as the New Mexico Hispanic Cultural Center—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10867–68

Allowing Blue Cross of the District of Columbia and Maryland Affiliation: H.R. 3025, to amend the Federal charter for Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc.;

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Iraqi Regime Crimes Against Humanity: H. Con. Res. 137, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the urgent need for an

international criminal tribunal to try members of the Iraqi regime for crimes against humanity (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 396 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 637);
Pages H10870-73, H10916-17

ASEAN 30th Anniversary: H. Res. 282, congratulating the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary;
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American Commitment to Democracy for Vietnam: H. Res. 231, amended, urging the President to make clear to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the commitment of the American people in support of democracy and religious and economic freedom for the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;
Pages H10876-78

Cooperation Between the United States and Mongolia: H. Con. Res. 172, amended, expressing the sense of Congress in support of efforts to foster friendship and cooperation between the United States and Mongolia;
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Situation in Kenya: H. Con. Res. 130, amended, concerning the situation in Kenya;
Pages H10880-82

Military Intervention by Angola into the Congo: H. Res. 273, amended, condemning the military intervention by the Government of the Republic of Angola into the Republic of the Congo. Agreed to amend the title;
Pages H10882-84

Senior Citizen Home Equity Protection: H. Res. 329, agreed to the Senate amendment to the House amendments to S. 562, to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to prevent the funding of unnecessary or excessive costs for obtaining a home equity conversion mortgage, with an amendment;
Pages H10884-86

Enrollment Correction: H. Con. Res. 196, to correct the enrollment of S. 830, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products;
Pages H10886-89

Customs User Fees: H.R. 3034, to amend section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, relating to customs user fees, to allow the use of such fees to provide for customs inspection personnel in connection with the arrival of passengers in Florida;
Pages H10889-91

Children of Vietnamese Reeducation Camp Internees: H.R. 3037, to clarify that unmarried children of Vietnamese reeducation camp internees are eligible for refugee status under the Orderly Departure Program;
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Reimbursing Bosnian Troops for Out-of-Pocket Expenses: H.R. 2796, amended, to authorize the re-

imbursement of members of the Army deployed to Europe in support of operations in Bosnia for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the members during the period beginning on October 1, 1996, and ending on May 31, 1997;
Pages H10892-94

Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act: S. 738, amended, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak. Earlier, agreed to the Shuster technical amendment;
Pages H10894-H10903

Calling for Resignation of Sara E. Lister: H. Con. Res. 197, calling for the resignation or removal from office of Sara E. Lister, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs;
Pages H10903-09

Recess: The House recessed at 4:51 p.m. and reconvened at 5:25 p.m.
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Law Revision Counsel: The Speaker announced the appointment of John R. Miller as Law Revision Counsel for the House of Representatives, effective November 1, 1997.
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General Counsel: The Speaker announced the appointment of Geraldine R. Gennet as General Counsel of the United States House of Representatives effective August 1, 1997.
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Adjourn Sine Die: The House agreed to, S. Con. Res. 68, to adjourn sine die the 1st Session of the 105th Congress by a ye and nay vote of 205 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 638.
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Convening of 2nd Session: The House passed S.J. Res. 39, providing for the convening of the 2nd Session of the 105th Congress.
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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Portman wherein he resigned from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.
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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 331 electing Representative Miller of Florida to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.
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Committee to Notify the President: Pursuant to H. Res. 320, the Chair announced the appointment of Representative Armey and Representative Gephardt, as members on the part of the House, to the committee to notify the President that the House has completed its business and is ready to adjourn.
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Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary Appropriations: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year

ending September 30, 1998 by a yea and nay vote of 282 yeas to 110 nays, Roll No. 640.

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Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the Conference Report to the Committee of Conference by a yea and nay vote of 171 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 639.

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H. Res. 330, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 285 yeas to 113 nays, Roll No. 636.

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Further Continuing Appropriations: Considered by unanimous consent, the House passed H.J. Res. 106, making further continuing appropriations through November 26, 1997 for the fiscal year 1998.

Pages H10940–41

United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution: Considered by unanimous consent, the House passed H.R. 3042, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training.

Pages H10941–42

Presidential Veto Message—Military Construction Projects: Read a message from the President wherein he announces his veto of H.R. 2631, “An Act disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105–45,” and explains his reasons therefor referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–172).

Pages H10942–43

Representative Foglietta of Pennsylvania Introduced Measure: Agreed that Representative Johnson of Wisconsin may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H. Con. Res. 47, a bill originally introduced by Representative Foglietta for the purposes of adding co-sponsors and requesting reprints.

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Postponed Suspensions—Considered on September 29: Agreed by unanimous consent that the House be considered to have adopted a motion to suspend the rules and pass each of the following measures considered by the House on Monday, September 29, 1997: S. 1161, H.R. 2233, H.R. 2007, H.R. 1476, H.R. 1262, H.R. 2165, H.R. 2207, S. 819, S. 833, H.R. 548, H.R. 595, and H. Con. Res. 131, as amended today. Agreed that S. 1193, the counterpart of H.R. 2036 be considered as passed; and H.R. 2036 was laid on the table.

Pages H10943–46

Majority Members to Serve on Investigative Subcommittees: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein

he named Representatives Bateman, Bryant, Deal of Georgia, Hastings of Washington, McCrery, McKeon, Miller of Florida, Portman, Talent, and Thornberry to serve as needed on investigative subcommittees related to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

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Minority Members to Serve on Investigative Subcommittees: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he named Representatives Clyburn, Doyle, Edwards, Klink, Lewis of Georgia, Meek of Florida, Scott, Stupak, and Tanner as needed on investigative subcommittees related to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

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Unanimous Consent Consideration: Agreed that the following measures be considered as passed or adopted respectively: S. 1565, S. 1559, S. Con. Res. 70, S. 156, and H. Res. 322, as amended.

Pages H10948–50

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Banking and Financial Services be permitted to file a report on H.R. 217 no later than December 19, 1997.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10793, H10918, H10940, and H10943.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10792–93, H10793, H10915–16, H10916–17, H10917–18, H10939, and H10939–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 68, adjourned at 10:44 p.m. sine die.

Committee Meetings

EAST ASIAN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on East Asian Economic Conditions. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Held a hearing on the Tobacco Settlement: Views of the Administration and the State Attorneys General. Testimony was heard from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Gal Norton, Attorney General, State of Colorado; and Christine Gregorie, Attorney General, State of Washington.