House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 5746–5752; and 2 private bills, H.R. 5753–5754, were introduced. **Pages H4957–58**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4958**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on Thursday, June 29th, as follows:

H.R. 1317, to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify which disclosures of information are protected from prohibited personnel practices; to require a statement in nondisclosure policies, forms, and agreements to the effect that such policies, forms, and agreements are consistent with certain disclosure protections, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–544, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5450, to provide for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–545, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 2990, to improve ratings quality by fostering competition, transparency, and accountability in the credit rating agency industry, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–546).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5232, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to initiate and complete an evaluation of lands and waters located in Northeastern Pennsylvania for their potential acquisition and inclusion in a future Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–547);

H.R. 4275, to amend Public Law 106–348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States (H. Rept. 109–548);

H.R. 3085, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–549);

H. Res. 906, providing for consideration of H.R. 2990, to improve ratings quality by fostering competition, transparency, and accountability in the credit rating agency industry (H. Rept. 109–550);

H. Res. 907, providing for consideration of H.R. 4411, to prevent the use of certain payment instruments, credit cards, and fund transfers for unlawful Internet gambling (H. Rept. 109–551); and

H.R. 4777, to amend title 18, United States Code, to expand and modernize the prohibition against interstate gambling, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–552, Pt. 1) **Page H4957**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Baker to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4919**

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

Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project: H.R. 122, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; **Pages H4920–21**

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho: H.R. 2563, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 366 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 358; **Pages H4921–22, S4930–31**

Madera Water Supply and Groundwater Enhancement Project Act: H.R. 3897, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply and Groundwater Enhancement Project; **Pages H4922–23**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project". **Page H4923**

Providing for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah: H.R. 3462, amended, to provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah; **Pages H4923–24**

Paint Bank and Wytheville National Fish Hatcheries Conveyance Act: H.R. 5061, to direct

the Secretary of the Interior to convey Paint Bank National Fish Hatchery and Wytheville National Fish Hatchery to the State of Virginia, by a (2/3) yea-and-nay vote of 366 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 359; **Pages H4924–25, H4931**

Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Study Act: H.R. 5232, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to initiate and complete an evaluation of lands and waters located in Northeastern Pennsylvania for their potential acquisition and inclusion in a future Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge; **Pages H4925–26**

Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Veterans Affairs: H. Con. Res. 427, to permit the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and **Pages H4926–28**

Directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transfer to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement all functions of the Customs Patrol Officers unit operating on the Tohono O'odham Indian reservation: H.R. 5589, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to transfer to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement all functions of the Customs Patrol Officers unit operating on the Tohono O'odham Indian reservation. **Pages H4928–30**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:58 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4930**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H4919.

Senate Referral: S. 2125 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H4955**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4958–62.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4930–31 and H4931. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MIDDLE EAST RELIGIOUS MINORITIES PLIGHT

Committee on International Relations: On June 30, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on The Plight of Religious Minorities: Can Religious Pluralism Survive? Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde; John V. Hanford III, Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State; Nina Shea, Vice Chair, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

CREDIT RATING AGENCY DUOPOLY RELIEF ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2990, Credit Rating Agency Duopoly Relief Act of 2006, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report 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 the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baker, Kanjorski and Frank of Massachusetts.

UNLAWFUL INTERNET GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 4411, Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006, equally divided among and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services and the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Financial Services and the Judiciary now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute depicted in the Rules Committee Print dated July 5, 2006, shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order