

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3799–3812; 1 private bill, H.R. 3813; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 477 were introduced. **Pages H7532–33**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Committee on Appropriations report on the Revised Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1997 (H. Rept. 104–672);

H.R. 3249, to authorize appropriations for a mining institute to develop domestic technological capabilities for the recovery of minerals from the nation's seabed, amended (H. Rept. 194–673);

S. 1459, to provide for uniform management of livestock grazing on Federal land, amended (H. Rept. 104–674 Part 1); and

H.R. 3586, to amend title 5, United States Code, to strengthen veterans' preference, to increase employment opportunities for veterans, amended (H. Rept. 104–675). **Page H7532**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Taylor of North Carolina to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7477**

Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act: The House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2428, as amended, to encourage the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals by giving the Model Good Samaritan Food Donation Act the full force and effect of law. **Pages H7477–80**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:12 a.m. **Page H7480**

Defense of Marriage Act: By a recorded vote of 342 ayes to 67 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 316, the House passed H.R. 3396, to define and protect the institution of marriage. **Pages H7480–H7506**

By a yea-and-nay vote of 164 yeas to 249 nays, Roll No. 315, rejected the Berman motion to recommit the bill back to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the bill back forthwith with an amendment that sought to require a study of the differences in benefits, rights, and privileges available to persons in a marriage and to persons in a domestic partnership. **Pages H7503–05**

Sustained the point of order against the Jackson-Lee motion to recommit the bill back to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the bill back forthwith with an amendment that sought to add sections to the bill prohibiting em-

ployment discrimination based upon sexual orientation. **Pages H7501–03**

Rejected:

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to strike the provision which defines for Federal purposes marriage and spouse as a legal union between a man and woman, as husband and wife; and **Pages H7481–97**

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to suspend the Federal definition of marriage when a state through its normal democratic process determines a definition different than that which is provided in the measure (rejected by a recorded vote of 103 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 314). **Pages H7498–H7501**

Agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the Gunderson motion that the Committee rise and strike the enacting clause. **Pages H7497–98**

Legislative Program: The Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of July 15. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Tuesday. **Pages H7506–07**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, for morning hour debates. **Page H7507**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of July 17. **Page H7507**

Congressional Family Picnic: House Agreed to H. Con. Res. 198, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the first annual Congressional Family Picnic. **Page H7507**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7533.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H7480.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7501, H7505, and H7505–06. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia approved for full Committee