

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 2072–2105; 1 private bill, H.R. 2106; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 108 and H. Res. 177, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1818, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001, amended (H. Rept. 105–155);

H. Res. 178, providing for consideration of H.R. 2016, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H.Rept. 105–156);

H. Con. Res. 75, expressing the sense of the Congress that States should work more aggressively to attack the problem of violent crimes committed by repeat offenders and criminals serving abbreviated sentences (H. Rept. 105–157);

H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers, amended (H. Rept. 105–158);

H.R. 1898, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to penalize the rape of minors in Federal prisons (H. Rept. 105–159);

H. Res. 154, expressing the sense of the House that the Nation's children are its most valuable assets and that their protection should be the Nation's highest priority (H.Rept. 105–160);

H.R. 103, to expedite State reviews of criminal records of applicants for private security officer employment (H. Rept. 105–161 Part I); and

H.R. 1840, to provide a law enforcement exception to the prohibition on the advertising of certain electronic devices (H. Rept. 105–162).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Reverend Lloyd W. Johnson, Jr. of Pekin, Illinois.

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Independence Day District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 108, providing for an adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period.

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Earlier, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 242, agreed to H. Res. 176, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution.

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Taxpayer Relief Act: By a recorded vote of 253 yeas to 179 noes, Roll No. 245, the House passed H.R. 2014, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to

subsections (b)(2) and (d) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

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By a recorded vote of 164 yeas to 268 noes, Roll No. 244, rejected the Peterson of Minnesota motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Budget with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments that strike subsection (c) of section 1 and titles I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, and XV; redesignate title X, relating to revenues; and establishes additional provisions relating to capital gains reductions, estate and gift taxes, family farms and businesses, child tax credit, and tax reductions related to educational expenses.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in the June 24 Congressional Record and numbered 2 was considered as adopted. The amendment modifies the child tax credit; revises the estimated tax safe harbor, requires a study on the impact of repealing the alternative minimum tax depreciation adjustment as it relates to certain corporate taxable income, modifies the deposit rules with respect to commercial air passenger excise taxes, deletes provisions relating to a reduction in tax benefits for ethanol and renewable source methanol, changes the budgetary treatment of certain expiring provisions, and amends the title.

Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to increase HOPE scholarship credits; extend an income tax exclusion for employer provided educational assistance; authorize interest free bonds and loans for schools with students from poor families; provide tax credits for children of families who earn less than \$60,000 per year; provide capital gains exclusions for the sale of a principal residence, allow a deductible capital gain loss when selling a residence, provide a special rate for the sale of farms, business assets, and real estate; create an additional exemption for estates that include a family owned business; extend expiring provisions of various tax credits; expand empowerment zones and enterprise zones; provide various tax credits and incentives including the deduction of remediation costs incurred with toxic waste cleanup and a welfare to work credit (rejected by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 235 noes, Roll No. 243).

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On June 25, the House agreed to H. Res. 174, the rule that provided for consideration of both H.R. 2014, Taxpayer Relief Act and H.R. 2015, Balanced Budget Act.

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Late Report—Appropriations: Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight Tuesday, July 1 to file a report on a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Page H4816

Late Report—Banking and Financial Services: Committee on Banking and Financial Services received permission to have until midnight Thursday, July 3 to file a report on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers. Page H4817

Elections in Albania: Considered under unanimous consent, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 105, expressing the sense of the Congress relating to the elections in Albania scheduled for June 29, 1997. Pages H4816–17

Legislative Program: The Chief Deputy Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of July 7. Pages H4817–18

Extension of Remarks: It was made in order that for today all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the Record entitled "Extension of Remarks". Page H4818

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 9. Page H4818

Resignations—Appointments: It was made in order that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, July 8, 1997, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. Page H4818

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Morella or Representative Davis of Virginia to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 8, 1997. Page H4818

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency Re Libya: Message wherein he transmits his report concerning the National Emergency with respect to Libya—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–101); and Pages H4818–19

Public Broadcasting and Public Telecommunications Entities: Message wherein he transmits the FY 1996 Annual Report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Inventory of the Federal

Funds distributed to Public Telecommunications entities by Federal Departments and Agencies—referred to the Committee on Commerce. Page H4819

Senate Messages: Messages received today from the Senate appear on pages H4649 and H4819.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4660–61, H4812–13, H4815, and H4815–16. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 108, adjourned at 7:27 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8.

Committee Meetings

DAIRY INDEMNITY PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry approved for full Committee action H.R. 1789, to reauthorize the dairy indemnity program.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from Bruce R. Weber, Associate Administrator, Farm Service Agency, USDA; and a public witness.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Interior appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL MONEY PRODUCTION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held an oversight hearing on Federal Money Production. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Michael E. Motley, Associate Director, Government Business Operations; and Theodore C. Barreaux, Counselor to the Comptroller General; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Mary Ellen Withrow, Treasurer; Philip N. Diehl, Director, U.S. Mint; Larry Rolufs, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and George Munoz, Assistant Secretary, Management.

HOMELESS HOUSING CONSOLIDATION AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 217, Homeless Housing Consolidation and Flexibility Act. Testimony was heard from Jacquie Lawing, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban