

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 3 public bills, H.R. 2278–2280; 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 127–128 and H. Res. 200, were introduced. Page H5916

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:  
H.R. 1596, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges (H. Rept. 105–208);

H.R. 1855, to establish a moratorium on large fishing vessels in Atlantic herring and mackerel fisheries, amended (H. Rept. 105–209);

H.R. 29, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the “Ronald H. Brown Federal Building” (H. Rept. 105–210);

H.R. 824, to redesignate the Federal building located at 717 Madison Place, NW., in the District of Columbia, as the “Howard T. Markey National Courts Building” (H. Rept. 105–211);

H.R. 1851, to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 South Washington Street in Alexandria, Virginia, as the “Martin V. B. Bostetter, Jr. United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 105–212);

H. Res. 198, providing for consideration of H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–213); and

H. Res. 199, providing for consideration of H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–214).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Gutknecht to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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

**Herring and Mackerel Fishing Moratorium:** H.R. 1855, amended, to establish a moratorium on large fishing vessels in Atlantic herring and mackerel fisheries; Pages H5832–34

**New Mexico Trust Funds:** S. 430, to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis which distributions are made from those funds—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H5834–36

**Aggression by Canadian Fishermen:** H. Con. Res. 124, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding acts of illegal aggression by Canadian fishermen with respect to the Pacific Salmon Fishery; Pages H5836–38

**SAFE KIDS Campaign:** H. Con. Res. 98, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Safe Kids Buckle Up Car Seat Safety Check; Pages H5838–40

**Assault upon the Democratically Elected Government of Cambodia:** H. Res. 195, amended, concerning the crisis in Cambodia; Pages H5840–43

**Death on the High Seas Act:** H.R. 2005, amended, to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the “Death on the High Seas Act” to aviation incidents. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H5843–45

**Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and Republic of Korea:** H. Con. Res. 74, amended, concerning the situation between the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea; Pages H5845–47

**Republic of Congo:** H. Res. 175, amended, expressing concern over the outbreak of violence in the Republic of Congo and the resulting threat to scheduled elections and constitutional government in that country; Pages H5847–48

**Bankruptcy Judgeship Act:** H.R. 1596, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges; Pages H5848–54

**Employees at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, Columbia River Hydroelectric Facilities, and Missouri River Hydroelectric Facilities:** H.R. 1953, to clarify State authority to tax compensation paid to certain employees; Pages H5854–57

**Private Security Officer Quality Assurance Act:** H.R. 103, to expedite State reviews of criminal records of applicants for private security officer employment; and Pages H5857–60

**Elimination of Special Transition Rule For Certain Children:** H.R. 1109, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 to eliminate the special transition rule for issuance of a certificate of citizenship for certain children born outside the United States. Subsequently, S. 670, a similar Senate-passed bill, was passed, clearing the measure for the President; and H.R. 1109 was laid on the table. Pages H5864–65

**Suspensions—Votes Postponed:** The House completed debate on motions to suspend the rules and pass the following measures upon which votes were postponed:

**Violent Crimes by Repeat Offenders:** H. Con. Res. 75, expressing the sense of the Congress that States should work more aggressively to attack the problem of violent crimes committee by repeat offenders and criminals serving abbreviated sentences; and

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**Expanded War Crimes Act of 1997:** H.R. 1348, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, relating to war crimes.

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**Foreign Relations Authorization Act:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and requested a conference.

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Appointed as conferees for consideration of the House bill (except title XXI) and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gilman, Goodling, Leach, Hyde, Bereuter, Smith of New Jersey, Hamilton, Gejdenson, Lantos, and Berman; and for consideration of title XXI of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gilman, Hyde, Smith of New Jersey, Hamilton, and Gejdenson.

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**Legislative Branch Appropriations:** By a yea and nay vote of 214 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 335, the House passed H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

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By a yea and nay vote of 198 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 334, rejected the Gejdenson motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment to ensure that all funds in the bill to support the Reserve Fund providing for the hiring of additional committee staff and other related expenses pursuant to clause 5(a) of rule XI are deleted.

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Agreed To:

The Davis of Virginia amendment that allows the Chief Administrative Officer of the House to donate surplus computer equipment to public elementary and secondary schools of the District of Columbia; and

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The Roemer amendment that requires unexpended office funds in the Salaries and Expenses—Members' Representational Allowances account to be returned to the U.S. Treasury at the end of each fiscal year for deficit reduction.

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Rejected:

The Fazio amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Joint Committee on Taxation by \$283,000 for five additional staff members (rejected by a recorded vote of 199 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 332); and

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The Klug amendment that sought to reduce the Government Printing Office workyears by 350 (a recorded vote of 170 yeas to 242 noes, Roll No. 333).

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Agreed to H. Res. 197, the rule providing for consideration of the bill on July 25.

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**DOD Authorization Act Conference Modification:** The Chair announced the following modification to the conference appointment of July 25 to H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999: Representative McKeon is added to the panel from the Committee on National Security to follow Representative Bartlett; and the first proviso to the panel from the Committee on Resources is stricken.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report covering the policy on the Protection of the National Information Infrastructure Against Strategic Attack—referred to the Committee on National Security.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5829.

**Referrals:** S. 833, to designate the Federal building courthouse at Public Square and Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "Howard M. Metzenbaum United States Courthouse"; S. 1000, to designate the United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse"; and S. 1043, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Clark Avenue in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse" were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. S. Con. Res. 43, urging the United States Trade Representative immediately to take all appropriate action with regards to Mexico's imposition of antidumping duties on United States high fructose corn syrup was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5917–19.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings

of the House today and appear on pages H5892, H5892-93, H5894-95, and H5895. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ENERGY DEPARTMENT WASTE-SITE CLEAN-UP CONTRACTS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Implementation of Contract Reform: Problems with the Fixed-Price Contract to Clean Up Pit 9. Testimony was heard from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Randall F. Smith, Director, Office of Environmental Cleanup for Region 10, EPA; and Kathleen E. Trever, Coordinator-Manager, INEEL Oversight Program, Division of Environmental Quality, State of Idaho.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* The committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(I)(6) of rule XI (the 3-day requirement for availability of the report), clause 7 of rule XXI (the 3-day requirement for availability of printed hearings on appropriations bills), or section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of bills containing matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget which have not been reported by the Budget Committee). The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill which do not comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances). The rule provides for priority in recognition for those amendments that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record. The rule provides that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes on any amendment and that the chairman may reduce voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the voting time on the first in a series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Representatives Young of Florida, Smith of New Jersey, and Murtha.

### LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* The committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill and clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules which may only be offered by the Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report and except pro forma amendments offered for the purpose of debate, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments are waived. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule waives clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency amendments to be offered to a bill containing an emergency designation under the Budget Act) against amendments to the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Porter, Hyde, Goodling, Istook, Manzullo, Riggs, Obey, and Lowey.

### COMPUTER SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1903, Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1997.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D790)

S.J. Res. 29, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to design and construct a permanent addition to the