

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4077–4088; 1 private bill, H.R. 4089; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 479 were introduced. Pages H4834–35

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3853, to promote drug-free workplace programs, amended (H. Rept. 105–584);

H. Res. 477, providing for consideration of H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–585); and

H. Res. 478, providing for consideration of H.R. 4060, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–586). Page H4834

Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, by a yea and nay vote of 225 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 243. Pages H4727–39

Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions to agree to provisions relating to tax-favored financing for public school construction consistent, to the maximum extent possible within the scope of conference, with the approach taken in H.R. 3320, the Public School Modernization Act of 1998 by a yea and nay vote of 196 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 242. Pages H4738–39

H. Res. 471, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report was agreed to on June 17.

Select Committee on U.S. Concerns with China: The House agreed to H. Res. 463, to establish the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, by a yea and nay vote of 409 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 245. Pages H4748–72

H. Res. 476, the rule that provided for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 226 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 244. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in

the nature of a substitute now printed in the resolution, H. Rept. 105–582 was considered as adopted. Pages H4739–48

Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act: The House resumed debate on H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office. The bill was previously debated on May 22 and June 17. Pages H4782–H4824

Agreed to H. Res. 458, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 221 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 247. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 221 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 246. Pages H4772–82

H. Res. 442, the rule that is providing for consideration of specified amendments in the nature of a substitute was agreed to on May 21.

Pending Amendments:

The Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute was offered and debated that seeks to ban soft money that influences Federal elections; redefine “express advocacy” as it applies to independent groups and party organizations to include radio and television advertisements within 60 days of an election; permit only hard money to be used for “express advocacy”; require electronic filing and FEC reports to be posted on the internet; increase individual campaign contribution limits; prohibit political party coordinated expenditures to candidates who spend more than \$50,000 of their personal funds; and codify the Beck Supreme Court ruling that employees can not be required to pay union dues for political activities; and Pages H4783–H4824

The Thomas amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute was offered and debated that seeks to add a section requiring the nonseverability of the provisions of the Act. A recorded vote on the amendment was postponed. Page H4797

Late Report—Committee on Appropriations: The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on Friday, June 19 to file a report on a bill making Appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies. Page H4807

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Dreier, Barton of Texas, Ballenger, Manzullo, Bilbray, Sanford, Hamilton, Filner, Delahunt, and Reyes to the Mexico-United States

Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Representative Kolbe, Chairman, and Representative Gilman, Vice Chairman who were appointed on April 27.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4835–39.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4738–39, H4739, H4747–48, H4772, H4781–82, and H4782. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SELECTIVE AGRICULTURAL EMBARGOES ACT; RECREATIONAL CABIN FEES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3654, Selective Agricultural Embargoes Act of 1998.

The Committee also held a hearing on H.R. 3765, to gradually increase the fees paid by current holders of Forest Service special use permits that authorize the construction and occupancy of private recreation houses or cabins. Testimony was heard from Gloria Manning, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Legislative Appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 1999 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Marion Barry, Jr., Mayor; and Linda W. Cropp, Chairman, Council; and Andrew F. Brimmer, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior approved for full Committee action the Interior appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

VA–HUD–INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies began mark up of the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

BUDGET PROCESS REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Task Force on Budget Process held a hearing on Members' Proposals to Reform the Budget Process. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cox of California, Barton of Texas, Stenholm, Sabo and Castle.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Electronic Commerce: Investing On-line. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WIPO COPYRIGHT TREATIES IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2281, WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES—LEGISLATIVE OPTIONS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Making the Federal Government Accountable: Legislative Options to Improve Financial Management Practices. Testimony was heard from Representatives Army and Neumann; Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, GAO; and a public witness.

DRUG CULTURE—SHATTERING MYTHS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on "Shattering the Myths of the Drug Culture—Celebrity Role Models Just Say No." Testimony was heard from Representatives Watts of Oklahoma and Ryun; and public witnesses.

INDIA-PAKISTAN NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on India-Pakistan Nuclear Proliferation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Karl F. Inderfurth, Assistant Secretary, South Asian Affairs; and Robert J. Einhorn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Nonproliferation; and David Aaron, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce.

CLASS ACTION JURISDICTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R.