

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 3089–3098, and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 71, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on Oct. 15: H.R. 1714, to facilitate the use of electronic records and signatures in interstate or foreign commerce, amended (H. Rept. 106–341, Pt. 2);

Filed on Oct 15: H.R. 2300, to allow a State to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of all its students, amended (H. Rept. 106–386);

H.R. 1753, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources (H. Rept. 106–377, Pt. 2);

H.R. 2260, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to promote pain management and palliative care without permitting assisted suicide and euthanasia, amended (H. Rept. 106–378 Pt. 2);

H.R. 915, to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges, amended (H. Rept. 106–387);

H.R. 2821, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to provide for appointment of 2 additional members of the North American Wetlands Conservation Council (H. Rept. 106–388);

H.R. 1528, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992 (H. Rept. 106–389);

H.R. 2496, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994, amended (H. Rept. 106–390);

S. 382, to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota (H. Rept. 106–391);

H.R. 2389, to restore stability and predictability to the annual payments made to States and counties containing National Forest System lands and public domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management for use by the counties for the benefit of public schools, roads, amended (H. Rept. 106–392 Pt. 1);

H.R. 3070, to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to work, to extend health care coverage for such beneficiaries, and to make additional miscellaneous amendments relating to Social Security, amended (H. Rept. 106–393 Pt. 1);

H.R. 2, to send more dollars to the classroom, amended (H. Rept. 106–394 Pt. 1);

H. Res. 333, agreeing to the conference requested by the Senate on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3064) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–395); and

H. Res. 334, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 71, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–396).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:43 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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**Journal Vote:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Thursday, October 14, by a yea and nay vote of 357 yeas to 49 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 505.

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

**Pennsylvania Battlefields Protection:** Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 659, to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania and to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Chippewa Cree Tribe Water Rights:** H.R. 795, amended, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation;

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**Wetlands Conservation Council Membership:** H.R. 2821, amended, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to provide for appointment of 2 additional members of the North American Wetlands Conservation Council;

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**Pension Plan Parity:** H.R. 462, to clarify that governmental pension plans of the possessions of the United States shall be treated in the same manner as State pension plans for purposes of the limitation on the State income taxation of pension income;

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**Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area Protection:** H.R. 2140, to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National

Recreation Area in the State of Georgia (passed by a ye and nay vote of 394 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 506);

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**Definition of Child re the Adoption of Siblings:** H.R. 2886, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an adopted alien who is less than 18 years of age may be considered a child under such Act if adopted with or after a sibling who is a child under such Act (passed by a ye and nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 507); and

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**Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford:** H. Con. Res. 196, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 508).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:08 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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**Motion to Instruct Conferees—Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary Appropriations:** The House completed debate on the Coburn motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 to agree to provisions that—(1) reduce nonessential spending in programs within the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and other related agencies; (2) reduce spending on international organizations, in particular, in order to honor the commitment of the Congress to protect Social Security; and (3) do not increase overall spending to a level that exceeds the higher of the House bill or the Senate amendment was offered and debated. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1999.

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**Motion to Instruct Conferees—Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary Appropriations:** Representative Upton notified the House of his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 to agree to the provisions contained in section 102 of the Senate amendment (relating to repeal of automated entry-exit control system).

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**Nuclear Regulatory Commission:** Message wherein he transmitted his annual report on the Nuclear

Regulatory Commission for fiscal year 1998—referred to the Committee on Commerce; and

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**Veto Message—Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations:** Message wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 2606, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and explains his reasons therefor—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–145).

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**Online Child Protection Commission:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Mr. John Bastian of Illinois, Mr. William L. Schrader of Virginia, Mr. Stephen Balkam of Washington, D.C., Mr. J. Robert Flores of Virginia, and Mr. William Parker of Virginia to the Commission on Online Child Protection.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate on October 15 and today appear on pages H10121, H10123, and H10142.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H10174–80.

**Referrals:** S. 548, S. 762, and S. 938 were referred to the Committee on Resources.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10151, H10152, H10152–53, and H10153. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 71, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, in the House. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides for one hour of debate and one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young of Florida.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS, FY 2000 MOTION TO GO TO CONFERENCE

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that the House disagrees to the Senate