

amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purposes of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses, after receiving testimony from Senator Lincoln; Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; John T. Spotila, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Eleanor D. Acheson, Assistant Attorney General

for the Office of Policy Development, Department of Justice; Robert Smith, Spero-Smith Investment Advisers, Inc., Beachwood, Ohio, on behalf of the National Small Business United; Jack Gold, Center Industrial and Maintenance Supply Company, Edison, New Jersey, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; and Gary E. Warren, Baltimore County Fire Department, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 3099–3110; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 72 and H. Con. Res. 199–201, were introduced. Pages H10339–40

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
Supplemental report on H.R. 2, to send more dollars to the classroom and for certain other purposes (H. Rept. 106–394 Pt. 2);

H.R. 1887, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty, amended (H. Rept. 106–397);

Conference report 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 (H. Rept. 106–398);

H.R. 754, to establish a toll free number under the Federal Trade Commission to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made, amended (H. Rept. 106–399);

H. Res. 278, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the importance of education, early detection and treatment, and other efforts in the fight against breast cancer (H. Rept. 106–400);

H. Res. 335, waiving points of order against the conference report 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 (H. Rept. 106–401); and

H. Res. 336, providing for consideration of H.R. 2, to send more dollars to the classroom and for certain other purposes (H. Rept. 106–402).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Raphael Gold of Savannah, Georgia.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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Journal Vote: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, October 18, by a yea and nay vote of 337 yeas to 56 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 509.

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Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed over without prejudice S. 452, for the relief of Belinda McGregor.

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Further Continuing Appropriations: The House passed H.J. Res. 71, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, by a yea and nay vote of 421 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 510.

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H. Res. 334, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

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

Honoring Hank Aaron: H. Res. 279, amended, congratulating Henry "Hank" Aaron on the 25th anniversary of breaking the Major League Baseball career home run record established by Babe Ruth and recognizing him as one of the greatest baseball players of all time;

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Banking and Housing Agency Accountability Preservation Act: H.R. 3046, amended, to preserve limited Federal agency reporting requirements on

banking and housing matters to facilitate congressional oversight and public accountability;

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Women's Business Center Sustainability Act: H.R. 1497, amended, to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the women's business center program;

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Work Incentives Improvement Act: H.R. 1180, amended, to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 412 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 513); and

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Punishing the Depiction of Animal Cruelty: H.R. 1887, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish the depiction of animal cruelty (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 372 yeas to 42 nays, Roll No. 514).

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Suspension Failed—Providing for Spending Offsets: The House failed to pass H.R. 3085, amended, to provide discretionary spending offsets for fiscal year 2000 by a yeas and nays vote of 0 yeas to 419 nays, with 5 voting "present", Roll No. 511.

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Motion to Discharge—Financial Freedom Act: The House agreed to table the motion to discharge from the Committee on Ways and Means, H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care by a recorded vote of 215 yeas to 203 noes, Roll No. 512.

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Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Colombia: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his message concerning the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–146).

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Supplemental Report: The Committee on Education and the Workforce received permission to file a supplemental report on H.R. 2, The Students Results Act.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: The House agreed to 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. Pursuant to the resolution, the House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to the conference.

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Motion to Instruct—Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations: The House completed debate on the Upton 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). Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

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Conference Report Filed—Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations: Under clause 8 of rule 20 and clause 7(c) of rule 22, the filing of H. Rept. 106–398, conference report on H.R. 2670, vitiated the motions to instruct conferees offered by Representatives Coburn and Upton. The Coburn motion was debated on October 18, 1999, and further proceedings were postponed.

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Online Child Protection Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. James Schmidt of California, Mr. George Vrandenburg of Virginia, and Mr. Larry Shapiro of California to the Online Child Protection Commission.

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H10276.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H10340–70.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas and nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10189–90, H10198, H10231, H10232, H10273–74, and H10274. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE FUELS AND CHEMICALS ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops held a hearing on H.R. 2827, National Sustainable Fuels and Chemicals Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from