

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 4198–4219; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 92–94, H. Con. Res. 300, and H. Res. 464–466, were introduced.

**Pages H1956–58**

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

H.R. 371, to expedite the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units in Laos, amended (H. Rept. 106–563);

H.R. 3767, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under section 217 of such Act, amended (H. Rept. 106–564),

H.R. 3615 to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to ensure improved access to the signals of local television stations by multichannel video providers to all households which desire such service in unserved and underserved rural areas by December 31, 2006, amended (H. Rept. 106–508, Part II).

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**American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act:** The House passed H.R. 1776, to expand homeownership in the United States by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 8 noes, Roll No. 110.

**Pages H1857–H1941**

**Agreed To:**

Lazio manager's amendment, No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 106–562, that makes various revisions and technical changes that include law enforcement officers and firefighters in homeownership assistance provisions and expand Federal housing assistance eligibility to native Hawaiians by extending to them the same programs available to American Indians and Alaska natives;

**Pages H1889–H1902**

Weygand amendment, No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 106–562, that increases the home improvement loan limit from \$25,000 to \$32,000;

**Pages H1909–11**

Shays amendment, No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 106–562, as modified, that increases funding for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids program by \$15 million;

**Pages H1914–17**

Paul amendment, No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 106–562, that prohibits the use of Community Development Block Grant funding for the acquisition of church property unless the consent of the governing body of the church is obtained;

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Traficant amendment, No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 106–562, that makes available \$35 million for a grant to the City of Youngstown, Ohio for a con-

vocation and community center (agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 108);

**Pages H1917–19, H1939–40**

Souder amendment, No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 106–562, as modified, that allows religious organizations to compete for grants on the same basis as other private organizations (agreed to by a recorded vote of 299 ayes to 124 noes, Roll No. 109); and

**Pages H1909–35, H1940**

Gary Miller of California amendment, No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 106–562, as modified, that makes available Public Housing Drug Elimination Program Grants to authorities that have already eliminated most drug and crime problems but need to maintain or expand police services to sustain the low incidence of problems.

**Pages H1936–37**

**Rejected:**

Coburn amendment, No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 106–562, that sought to strike sections that allow the use of Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program funding for reduced downpayment requirements for loans for teachers and uniformed municipal employees and homeownership for municipal employees;

**Pages H1902–05**

Rush amendment, No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 106–562, that sought to include nurses as those eligible to receive homeownership assistance;

**Pages H1905–07**

Coburn amendment, No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 106–562, that sought to expand home ownership assistance to those employed by a tax exempt authority, Federal government, small business, those with a financial interest in a small business, individuals who qualify for a child care tax credit, and members of an organization under the jurisdiction of the NLRB (rejected by a recorded vote of 72 ayes to 355 noes, Roll No. 106); and

**Pages H1907–08, H1938–39**

Waters amendment, No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 106–562, that sought to strike the increase to the median household income eligibility (rejected by a recorded vote of 60 ayes to 367 noes, Roll No. 107);

**Pages H1911–14, H1939**

**Withdrawn:**

Andrews amendment, No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 106–562 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to require accredited home energy rating system providers for FHA energy efficiency certifications;

**Pages H1908–09**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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H. Res. 460, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

Pages H1855–57

**Meeting Hour—Monday, April 10:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10. Page H1942

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of April 12.

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**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Late Reports:** Agreed that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have until midnight tonight to file reports on H.R. 809, amended, H.R. 3069, amended, and H.R. 3171, amended.

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**Presidential Message—National Endowment for the Arts:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his annual report of the National Endowment for the Arts; referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Page H1942

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1938, H1939, H1939–40, H1940, and H1941. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE ENHANCEMENT ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing on H.R. 3453, Emergency Food Assistance Enhancement Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Hall of Ohio; Shirley Watkins, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA; Gary Gay, Director, Commodity Options, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Bureau of the Census; and NOAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Kenneth Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census; and D. James Baker, Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, and Administrator, NOAA.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. Testimony was heard from James Bodner, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; and John Holum, Senior Advisor, Arms Control and International Security, Department of State.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Natural Resources, Energy, and other programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Armed Forces Retirement Home; National on Disability; Elementary and Secondary Education; and Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs. Testimony was heard from David F. Lacy, CEO/Chairman of the Board, Armed Forces Retirement Home; and the following officials of the Department of Education: Michael Cohen, Assistant Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education; and Arthur Love, Acting Director, Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs.

### VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on FEMA; and on NASA. Testimony was heard from James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA; and the following officials of NASA: Dan S. Goldin, Administrator; Malcom Peterson, Associate Chief Financial Officer; Joseph H. Rothenberg, Associate Administrator, Space Flight; Edward J. Weiler, Associate Administrator, Space Science; Ghassem Asrar, Associate Administrator, Earth Science; and Samuel L. Venneri, Associate Administrator, Aero-Space Technology.

### THIRD PARTY BILLING COMPANY FRAUD: ASSESSING MEDICARE THREAT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Third Party Billing Company Fraud: Assessing the Threat Posed to Medicare. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Robert Hast, Acting Assistant Comptroller General, Office of Special Investigations; and Leslie Aronovitz, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues; the