

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 5120–5144; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 391–393, were introduced. **Pages H7364–65**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows.

S. 624, to authorize construction of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System in the State of Montana, amended (H. Rept. 106–823);

H.R. 1124, to authorize construction of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System in the State of Montana, amended (H. Rept. 106–824);

H.R. 3632, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, amended (H. Rept. 106–825);

H.R. 3745, to authorize the addition of certain parcels to the Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa, amended (H. Rept. 106–826);

H.R. 2163, to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the “Ted Weiss United States Courthouse,” amended (H. Rept. 106–827);

S. 1794, to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the “Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse” (H. Rept. 106–828);

H.R. 2984, to direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey to the Loup Basin Reclamation District, the Sargent River Irrigation District, and the Farwell Irrigation District, Nebraska, property comprising the assets of the Middle Loup Division of the Missouri River Basin Project, Nebraska, amended (H. Rept. 106–829);

H.R. 1460, to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coshatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to decrease the requisite blood quantum required for membership in the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe (H. Rept. 106–830);

H.R. 1751, to establish the Carrizo Plain National Conservation Area in the State of California, amended (H. Rept. 106–831);

H.R. 2674, providing for conveyance of the Palmetto Bend project to the State of Texas, amended (H. Rept. 106–832);

H.R. 3388, to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe basin, amended (H. Rept. 106–833, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 1161, to revise the banking and bankruptcy insolvency laws with respect to the termination and netting of financial contracts, amended (H. Rept. 106–834, Pt. 1). **Page H7264**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Chaplain James T. Akers of Madison, Kansas. **Page H7283**

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Reauthorization: The House passed H.R. 4115, to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum by a yea and nay vote of 415 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 454. **Pages H7285–94**

Agreed to the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Pages H7292–93**

H. Res. 570, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Page H7293**

Child Support Distribution Act of 2000: The House passed H.R. 4678, to provide more child support money to families leaving welfare, to simplify the rules governing the assignment and distribution of child support collected by States on behalf of children, to improve the collection of child support, and to promote marriage by a yea and nay vote of 405 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 457. **Pages H7297–H7321**

Rejected the Scott motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment that removes the civil rights exemption given to religious institutions when hiring employees by a recorded vote of 175 yeas to 249 noes, Roll No. 456. **Pages H7319–21**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H7303**

Rejected the Scott amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 106–798 that prohibits sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization in a program assisted by the grant by a recorded vote of 163 yeas to 257 noes with 1 voting “present,” Roll No. 455. **Pages H7296–H7318, H7318–19**

H. Res. 566, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Agreed to modify the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 106–798 that was considered as adopted pursuant to the rule. **Pages H7294–97**

Death Tax Elimination Act of 2000—Veto Override: The House failed to override the President’s veto of H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phaseout the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea and nay vote of 274 yeas to 157 nays, Roll No. 458. Subsequently, the President’s veto message and the bill were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **Pages H7284–85, H7322–35**

Suspension—Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2000: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4844, to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries by a ye and nay vote of 391 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 459. Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent to consider the bill under suspension of the rules. **Pages H7335–46**

Meeting Hour—Monday, September 11: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 p.m. on Monday. **Page H7346**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, September 12: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, September 11, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12 for morning-hour debates. **Page H7346**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business on Wednesday, September 13. **Page H7346**

Meeting Hour—Thursday, September 14: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, September 13, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 14. **Page H7347**

Joint Meeting to Receive the Prime Minister of the Republic of India: Agreed that it be in order at any time on Thursday, September 14 to the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of the Republic of India. **Page H7347**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H7283.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7293–94, H7318–19, H7320–21, H7321, H7335, and H7345–46. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Policy approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 5010, District of Columbia and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar Program Act; and H.R. 3679, 2002 Winter Olympic Commemorative Coin Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 5010. Testimony was heard from

the following Delegates: Faleomavaega, American Samoa; Norton, District of Columbia; Underwood, Guam; and Christensen, Virgin Islands; and Kenneth McClintock-Hernandez, Senator, Legislature, Puerto Rico.

TELEHEALTH

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing entitled: "Telehealth: A Cutting Edge Medical Tool for the 21st Century." Testimony was heard from Robert Berenson, M.D., Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

"FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES"

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled: "Foreign Government Ownership of American Telecommunications Companies." Testimony was heard from Senator Hollings; Representative Dunn; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Kevin V. DiGregory, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Larry R. Parkinson, General Counsel, FBI; William E. Kennard, Chairman, FCC; Ambassador Richard Fisher, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 3378, amended, Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 1999; H.R. 4673, Support for Overseas Cooperative Development Act; S. 484, Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000; H. Res. 547, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the peace process in Northern Ireland; H. Con. Res. 242, to urge the Nobel Commission to award the year 2000 Nobel Prize for Peace to former United States Senator George J. Mitchell for his dedication to fostering peace in Northern Ireland; H.J. Res. 100, calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act; H.R. 1064, amended, Serbia and Montenegro Democracy Act of 1999; H. Res. 451, amended, calling for lasting peace, stability and justice in Kosova; H. Con. Res. 257, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community; and S. 2460, to authorize the payment of rewards to individuals furnishing information relating to persons