

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 5203–5215; 1 private bill, H.R. 5216; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 404, were introduced. **Pages H7870–71**

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

H.R. 3986, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington, amended (H. Rept. 106–864);

H.R. 4441, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide a mandatory fuel surcharge for transportation provided by certain motor carriers, amended (H. Rept. 106–865);

H. Res. 581, providing for consideration of H.R. 3986, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington (H. Rept. 106–866);

H. Res. 582, providing for consideration of H.R. 4945, to amend the Small Business Act to strengthen existing protections for small business participation in the Federal procurement contracting process (H. Rept. 106–867);

Conference report on H.R. 4919, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries (H. Rept. 106–868); and

H.R. 4519, to amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 concerning the safety and security of children enrolled in childcare facilities located in public buildings under the control of the General Services Administration (H. Rept. 106–869, Pt. 1).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ryan of Wisconsin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7725**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H7740**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 12:31 p.m. **Page H7760**

**Defense and Security Assistance Act:** The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4919, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval

vessels to certain foreign countries. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Gilman, and Representatives Goodling and Gejdenson. **Page H7743**

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

**FHA Down Payment Simplification Extension:** H.R. 5193, amended to amend the National Housing Act to temporarily extend the applicability of the downpayment simplification provisions for the FHA single family housing mortgage insurance program; **Pages H7743–45**

**Homeowners Financing Protection:** H.R. 3834, amended, to amend the National Housing Act to temporarily extend the applicability of the downpayment simplification provisions for the FHA single family housing mortgage insurance program; **Pages H7745–47**

**Cataloging and Maintaining Military Memorials:** H. Con. Res. 345, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need for cataloging and maintaining public memorials commemorating military conflicts of the United States and the service of individuals in the Armed Forces; **Pages H7749–50**

**Emancipation of the Iranian Baba'i Community:** H. Con. Res. 257, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community; **Pages H7750–53**

**Rewards for Reports on Rwandan Humanitarian Law Violations:** S. 2460, to authorize the payment of rewards to individuals furnishing information relating to persons subject to indictment for serious violations of international humanitarian law in Rwanda—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H7753**

**Support for Overseas Cooperative Development:** H.R. 4673, to assist in the enhancement of the development and expansion of international economic assistance programs that utilize cooperatives and credit unions; **Pages H7753–55**

**Frank R. Lautenberg Post Office and Courthouse, Newark, New Jersey:** H.R. 4975, to designate the post office and courthouse located at 2 Federal Square, Newark, New Jersey, as the “Frank R. Lautenberg Post Office and Courthouse;” **Pages H7755–57**

**Gertrude A. Barber Post Office Building, Erie, Pennsylvania:** H.R. 4625, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2108

East 38th Street in Erie, Pennsylvania, as the “Gertrude A. Barber Post Office Building;”

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*Samuel P. Roberts Post Office Building, Carrollton, Georgia:* H.R. 4786, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Postal Way in Carrollton, Georgia, as the “Samuel P. Roberts Post Office Building;”

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*Judge Harry Augustus Cole Post Office Building Baltimore, Maryland:* H.R. 4450, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 900 East Fayette Street in Baltimore, Maryland, as the “Judge Harry Augustus Cole Post Office Building;”

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*Federal Employees Health Benefits Children’s Equity:* H.R. 2842, amended, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, concerning the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, to enable the Federal Government to enroll an employee and his or her family in the FEHB Program when a State court orders the employee to provide health insurance coverage for a child of the employee but the employee fails to provide the coverage. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H7760–62

*Intellectual Property Technical Amendments:* H.R. 4870, amended, to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws;

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*Eligibility of Certain Aliens for Permanent Residence:* H.R. 5062, to establish the eligibility of certain aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence for cancellation of removal under section 240A of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

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*Copyright Technical Corrections:* H.R. 5106, amended, to make technical corrections in copyright law;

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*Work Made For Hire and Copyright Corrections Act:* H.R. 5107, amended, to make certain corrections in copyright law;

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*Child Citizenship Act of 2000:* H.R. 2883, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the provisions governing acquisition of citizenship by children born outside of the United States. Agreed to amend the title;

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*Religious Workers Act:* H.R. 4068, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 3 years the special immigrant religious worker program;

Pages H7778–80

*Debt Relief and Retirement Security Reconciliation:* H.R. 5203, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to sections 103(a)(2), 103(b)(2), and 213(b)(2)(C) of the concurrent resolution on the

budget for fiscal year 2001 to reduce the public debt and to decrease the statutory limit on the public debt, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for retirement security (passed by a ye and nay vote of 401 yeas to 20 nays, Roll No. 479;

Pages H7780–98

*General Accounting Office Personnel Flexibilities:* H.R. 4642, amended, to make certain personnel flexibilities available with respect to the General Accounting Office;

Pages H7799–H7804

*2002 Winter Olympic Commemorative Coin:* H.R. 3679, amended, to provide for the minting of commemorative coins to support the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games and the programs of the United States Olympic Committee;

Pages H7804–06

*Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 2000:* H.R. 1349, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat the overutilization of prison health care services and control rising prisoner health care costs. Subsequently, the House passed S. 704, a similar Senate-passed bill after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 1349. H.R. 1349 was then laid on the table;

Pages H7806–11

*Higher Education Financial Assistance for Spouses and Children of Law Enforcement Officers:* S. 1638, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty clearing the measure for the President; and

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*Local Government Law Enforcement Block Grants:* H.R. 4999, amended, to control crime by providing law enforcement block grants;

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**Suspension Failed—Chandler Pumping Plant Water Exchange Feasibility Study:** The House failed to pass H.R. 3986, amended, to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington (with  $\frac{2}{3}$  required to pass, failed to pass by a ye and nay vote of 218 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 480).

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**Presidential Message—Payments to Cuba:** Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted his semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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**HHS, Education, and Related Agencies—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** By a ye and nay vote of 250 yeas to 170 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll

No. 481, the Coburn motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4577, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to recede to Section 517 of the Senate amendment that prohibits the use of funds to distribute postcoital emergency contraception (the morning-after pill) to minors on the premises or in the facilities of any elementary or secondary school. **Pages H7817–25**

**HHS, Education, and Related Agencies—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** Representative Obey informed the House of his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4577, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, to insist on disagreeing with provisions in the Senate amendment which denies the President's request for dedicated resources to reduce class sizes in the early grades and for local school construction and, instead, broadly expands the Title VI Education Block Grant with limited accountability in the use of the funds. **Page H7852**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7725.

**Referral:** S. 2247 was referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H7868**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7798, H7799, and H7825. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### WILDERNESS AREAS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing on H.R. 4646, to designate certain National Forest System lands within the boundaries of the State of Virginia as wilderness areas. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FUTURE OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing Future of Electronic Payments: Roadblocks and Emerging Practices. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IMPROVING INSURANCE FOR CONSUMERS

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials concluded hearings on Improving Insurance for Consumers—Increasing Uniformity and Efficiency in Insurance Regulation. Testimony

was heard from Richard J. Hillman, Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Markets Issues, GAO; J. Lee Covington, Director, Department of Insurance, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

### SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the Implementation of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, GAO; J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; Jay L. Rutherford, Director, Water Supply Division, Department of Environmental Conservation, State of Vermont; and public witnesses.

### NLRB: RECENT TRENDS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on the National Labor Relations Board: Recent Trends and Their Implications. Testimony was heard from Leonard R. Page, General Counsel, NLRB; and public witnesses.

### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Financial Management Issues at the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Gloria Jarmon, Director, Health, Education and Human Services, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; Lorraine Lewis, Inspector General, Department of Education; and a public witness.

### NEEDLESTICK SAFETY AND

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5178, Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act.

### IS DRUG USE UP OR DOWN?

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on Is Drug Use Up or Down? Testimony was heard from William Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Scientific Research, Department of Health and Human Services; Julie Samuels, Acting Director, National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Postal Service held an oversight hearing on the U.S.