

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1953–1979; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 141–142 and H. Res. 146, were introduced. **Pages H2677–79**

Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

H.R. 819, to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the “Donald J. Pease Federal Building” (H. Rept. 107–75);

H. Res. 147, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 107–76); and

H.R. 1407, to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit air carriers to meet and discuss their schedules in order to reduce flight delays, amended (H. Rept. 107–77, Pt. 1). **Page H2677**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by His Holiness Kerik II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of all Armenians, Echmiadzin, Armenia. **Page H2573**

Welcoming His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians to the United States: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 139 welcoming His Holiness Karekin II, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, on his visit to the United States and commemorating the 1700th anniversary of the acceptance of Christianity in Armenia. **Pages H2654–56**

Leave No Child Behind Act: The House passed H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind by a recorded vote of 384 ayes to 45 noes, Roll No. 145. The House considered the bill on May 17 and May 23. **Pages H2577–H2645**

Rejected the Owens motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment to provide funding for school repair, renovation, and construction by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 144. **Pages H2630–34**

Agreed To:

Meek amendment No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that amends the Osborne mentoring Program to allow both adults and high school students to participate as mentors; **Pages H2580–81**

Rogers of Michigan amendment No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that encourages the Secretary of Education to promote education savings accounts in states with qualified tuition programs;

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Norwood amendment No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that allows the discipline of children with disabilities who carry weapons, possess or use drugs, or commit an aggravated assault or battery (agreed

to by a recorded vote of 246 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 138); **Pages H2582–86, H2609–10**

Tiahr amendment No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that guarantees parents and guardians access to review their children’s instructional material, requires informed consent prior to a school seeking various kinds of information including political affiliation, mental illness, sex behavior or attitudes, family appraisals, and religious practices or beliefs, and requires informed consent prior to any medical or mental health examination, testing, treatment, or immunization, except in the case of a medical emergency; **Pages H2586–88**

Akin amendment No. 17 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that requires that academic tests be based on objective, measurable and widely accepted professional testing and assessment standards and shall not assess the personal opinions, attitudes, or beliefs of the student being tested; **Pages H2603–05**

Stearns amendment No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that requires State educational agencies to provide an annual report on the schools identified for improvement (agreed to by a recorded vote of 361 ayes to 67 noes, Roll No. 139); **Pages H2605, H2610**

Traficant amendment No. 19 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that expresses the sense of the Congress that American-made steel should be used in all construction activities and that entities should purchase only American-made equipment and products (agreed to by a recorded vote of 415 ayes to 9 noes, Roll No. 140); **Pages H2605–07, H2610–11**

Brady amendment No. 20 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that establishes the Paul Coverdell Teacher Liability Protection Act to provide teachers, principals and other school professionals the tools they need to undertake reasonable actions to maintain order, discipline, and an appropriate educational environment (agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 141); **Pages H2611–15, H2628**

Mink amendment No. 21 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that requires a mentoring program for teachers who have been in the profession for less than three years and are teaching in schools identified for improvement; **Pages H2615–16**

Wamp amendment No. 22 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that increases funding from \$25 million to \$50 million for the Character Education Program;

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Hilleary amendment No. 24 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that establishes the “Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act” to require equal access to public school facilities to the Boy Scouts or any other youth group with similar membership or leadership criteria that wishes to conduct a meeting during a school’s designated open forum period; **Pages H2617–20**

Velázquez amendment No. 25 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that permits matching grant requirements

to include in-kind contributions to ease the ability of disadvantaged communities to apply for 21st Century Learning Center grants; **Page H2620**

Kirk amendment No. 26 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that expresses the sense of Congress that the Impact Aid Program should be fully funded to meet the needs of school districts affected by Federal presence and ensure that federally connected children, including military dependents, will continue to receive a quality education (agreed to by a recorded vote of 425 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 142); and

Pages H2620–22, H2628–29

Hoeffel amendment No. 27 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that allows funding for leave time and other associated costs for teachers to attend technology classes related to the state and local technology for success grants. **Pages H2622–23**

Rejected:

Hoekstra amendment No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that sought to increase the authority of local educational agencies to transfer funds between programs from 50 percent to 75 percent upon state approval (rejected by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 137); **Pages H2577–80, H2608–09**

Arney amendment No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that sought to authorize private school choice for students who have attended low performing schools for 3 years, permit the use of innovative education grants funding for school choice, and allow choice for students who are victims of crime or who are attending unsafe schools (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 135); **Pages H2588–96, H2607–08**

Arney amendment No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that sought to authorize five research projects to determine the effectiveness of school choice in improving the academic achievement of disadvantaged students and the overall quality of public schools and local educational agencies (rejected by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 136); and **Pages H2596–H2603, H2608**

Cox amendment No. 28 printed in H. Rept. 107–69 that limits the aggregate increase in authorization of appropriations for fiscal year 2002 to 11.5 percent over the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2001 (rejected by a recorded vote of 101 ayes to 326 noes, Roll No. 143). **Pages H2623–27, H2629–30**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H2645**

H. Res. 143, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on May 10.

Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1836, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002 and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Arney, Thomas, and Rangel. **Pages H2646–54**

Rejected the Stark motion to instruct conferees to produce a conference report in which the revenue losses and debt service costs do not grow as a percentage of gross domestic product on either a long or short term basis; shall not include phase-ins longer than 5 years, delayed effective dates, or sunsets; include provisions on marriage penalty relief; increasing per-child tax credit; estate tax relief; pension reform legislation; and permanent extension of the research credit; adjust the current law alternative minimum tax so that it does not disallow the benefits of the tax reductions in the bill; shall be designed so that its revenue loss and associated debt service costs for each fiscal year do not exceed the projected non-Social Security/non-Medicare surplus for such fiscal year; and provides benefits to every family with children that has income or payroll tax liability with inflation adjustments so that the benefits do not erode over time by a ye-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 146. **Pages H2646–54**

Presidential Message—Prohibiting the Importation of Diamonds From Liberia: Read a message from the President wherein he announced that he has issued an Executive Order that prohibits the importation into the United States of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated in Liberia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–75). **Page H2656**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H2573 and H2645.

Referrals: S. Con. Res. 41 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H2673**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye-and-nay vote and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2607–08, H2608, H2608–09, H2609–10, H2610, H2610–11, H2628, H2628–29, H2629, H2634, H2644–45, and H2654. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FREE TRADE PROPOSALS—IMPACT ON U.S. AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the Administration's proposals for the Free Trade Area of the Americas and their impact on United States Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture; Donald L. Evans, Secretary of Commerce; Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research held