

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 2507–2539; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 195, 197, and 198, were introduced. **Pages H4111–12**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2506, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–142);

H. Con. Res. 62, expressing the sense of Congress that the George Washington letter to Tuoro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, which is on display at the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Washington D.C., is one of the most significant early statements buttressing the nascent American constitutional guarantee of religious freedom, amended (H. Rept. 107–143); and

H. Res. 196, providing for consideration of H.R. 7, to provide incentives for charitable contributions by individuals and businesses, to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of government program delivery to individuals and families in need, and to enhance the ability of low-income Americans to gain financial security by building assets (H. Rept. 107–144). **Page H4111**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Culberson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4028**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rabbi Mitchell Wohlberg, Beth Tfiloh Congregation of Baltimore, Maryland. **Page H4028**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. **Page H4028**

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed over without prejudice, H.R. 392, for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson; passed H.R. 807, for the relief of Rabon Lowry of Pembroke, North Carolina; and passed S. 560, for the relief of Rita Mirembe Revel (a.k.a.. Margaret Rita Mirembe)—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H4028–29**

Consideration of Joint Resolution Disapproving the Extension of Normal Trade Relations Treatment to China: Agreed that it be in order at any time on July 18, 2001, or any day thereafter, to consider in the House H.J. Res. 50, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect

to the People's Republic of China; that it be considered read; that all points of order be waived; that it be debatable for 2 hours, equally divided and controlled, that pursuant to sections 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question be considered as ordered to final passage without intervening motion; and that these provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 shall not otherwise apply to any joint resolution disapproving the waiver authority with respect to the People's Republic of China for the remainder of the first session of the One hundred Seventh Congress. **Page H4034**

Presidential Message—National Emergency re Sierra Leone: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a 6 month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sierra Leone that was declared in Executive Order 13194 of January 18, 2001—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–102). **Page H4041**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4041**

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

Paul D. Coverdell Peace Corps Headquarters: S. 360, to honor Paul D. Coverdell—clearing the measure for the President (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 330 yeas to 61 nays with 11 voting “present,” Roll No. 229)—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H4029–34, H4041–42**

Successful Missile Defense Interceptor Test: H. Res. 195, commending the United States military and defense contractor personnel responsible for a successful In-flight ballistic missile defense interceptor test of July 14, 2001 (agreed to by yea-and-nay vote of 321 yeas to 77 nays with 6 voting “present.” **Pages H4036–41, H4042–43**

Prohibiting the Desecration of the Flag of the United States: The House passed H.J. Res. 36, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States by a yea-and-nay vote of 298 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 232. **Pages H4043–69**

Rejected the Watt of North Carolina amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to authorize the Congress, not inconsistent with the first amendment, to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag by a yea-and-nay vote of 100 yeas to 324 nays, Roll No. 231. **Pages H4063–68**

H. Res. 189, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H4035–36**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H4070**

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations, 2002: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. Consideration will resume on July 18. **Pages H4071–H4100**

Agreed To:

Cannon amendment that strikes reference limiting claims covered by the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to those in effect on June 1, 2000; **Page H4092**

Rejected:

Lucas amendment that sought to increase Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) funding by \$11.7 million to combat methamphetamine production and trafficking and decrease International Broadcasting Operations funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 233); **Pages H4091–92, H4097–98**

Hinchev amendment no. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16 that sought to increase funding for the Economic Development Administration funding by \$73 million for development grants and trade adjustment assistance and decrease prison construction funding accordingly (rejected by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 234); and **Pages H4092–94, H4098–99**

DeGette amendment that sought to strike Section 103 which prohibits Federal funding to pay for an abortion (rejected by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 235). **Pages H4094–97, H4099–H4100**

Withdrawn:

Brady amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding to the Justice and State departments by \$5 million to bolster efforts to negotiate extradition treaties to close safe havens for criminals. **Page H4087**

H. Res. 192, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H4069–70**

Further Consideration of Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations: Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 2500, Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Appropriations, no further amendment to the bill may be offered except pro forma amendments offered by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the

purpose of debate; and amendments printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2001, or any Record before that date. The Clerk shall be authorized to print in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2001 all amendments that are at the desk and not already printed. **Page H4097**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4114–15.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4041–42, H4042–43, H4068, H4068–69, H4097–98, H4098–99, and H4099–H4100. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DRAFT FARM BILL CONCEPT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Draft Farm Bill Concept. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES AND THE TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS; BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriation bills for fiscal year 2002: VA, HUD and Independent Agencies; and the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government.

The Committee also approved revised Suballocations of Budget Allocations for fiscal year 2002.

21ST CENTURY—IMPROVING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on "From Research to Practice: Improving America's Schools in the 21st Century." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RETIREMENT SECURITY ADVICE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on H. R. 2269, Retirement Security Advice Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Ann L. Combs, Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ADVANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began markup of the Energy Conservation and Advancement Act.