

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 2621–2645; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58; H. Con. Res. 197–200, and H. Res. 207–208, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2620, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–159).

H.R. 2436, to provide secure energy supplies for the people of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 107–160, Pt. 1);

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2002 (H. Rept. 107–161);

H.R. 2587, to enhance energy conservation, provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, amended (H. Rept. 107–162, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 209, 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. 107–163).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Thomas A. Cappelloni, Holy Name of Jesus Parish of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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Treasury and General Government Appropriations, 2002: The House passed H.R. 2590, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, by a yeand-nay vote of 334 yeas to 94 nays, Roll No. 274.

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Agreed To:

Istook amendment that consolidates appropriations for various accounts within Title III, Executive Office of the President;

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Collins amendment that makes available \$14 million from the Federal Buildings Fund for a National Archives and Records Administration building in Georgia;

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Traficant amendment No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that prohibits funds to any person or entity that have been convicted of violating the Buy American Act;

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Frank amendment that prohibits payments to persons in positions which he or she has been nominated after the Senate has voted not to approve the nomination;

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Sanders amendment that prohibits the release of merchandise for which the United States Customs Service has a detention order on the basis that it was made by forced or indentured child labor;

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Flake substitute amendment to the Smith of New Jersey amendment No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record that prohibits funding to administer the Cuban Assets Control Regulations with respect to any travel or travel related transaction (agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 186 noes, Roll No. 270); and

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Smith of New Jersey amendment No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, amended, that prohibits funding to administration of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations with respect to any travel or travel related transaction (the Smith amendment as originally offered prohibited the funding only after the President had certified that the Cuban government had released political prisoners and returned to United States jurisdiction all persons residing in Cuba who are sought for crimes of air piracy, narcotics trafficking, or murder.

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Rejected:

Inslee amendment No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that sought to strike section 634 that consolidates the vice presidential residence utility costs at the Naval Observatory with other activities of the Department of the Navy (rejected by a recorded vote of 141 yeas to 285 noes, Roll No. 268);

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Hinchey amendment that sought to strike section 635 that allows the donation of food and beverages for official events at the vice presidential residence (rejected by a recorded vote of 151 yeas to 274 noes, Roll No. 269);

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Wynn amendment that sought to prohibit funding to initiate the process of contracting out, outsourcing, privatizing, or converting any Federal Government services in contravention of Public Law 105–270, Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998;

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Rangel amendment No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit funding to implement, administer, or enforce the economic embargo of Cuba except for provisions that relate to the denial of foreign tax credits or the implementation of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United

States (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 271); **Pages H4604–07, H4607–08**

Trafficant amendment that sought to prohibit bonus or incentive payments to senior officials of the Internal Revenue Service (rejected by a recorded vote of 24 ayes to 401 noes, Roll No. 272); and

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Filner amendment that sought to prohibit funding to implement the final report of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 273).

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Withdrawn:

Weldon of Florida amendment No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit the implementation of proposed IRS regulations that require banks to report the deposit interest paid to nonresident aliens; and

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Hastings of Florida amendment No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for the Federal Election Commission by \$600 million to assist state and local governments update their voting systems with offsets from an across the board reduction to all discretionary accounts.

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Point of Order Sustained Against:

Kucinich amendment No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24 that sought to establish a commission to oppose the privatization of Social Security.

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By voice vote, rejected the Obey motion that the Committee rise and report the bill back to the House with the recommendation that the enacting clause be stricken out.

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H. Res. 206, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 293 yeas to 129 nays, Roll No. 267.

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Suspension—ILSA Extension Act of 2001: The Chair postponed further proceedings on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1954, amended, to extend the authorities of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 until 2006, debated on Tuesday, July 24 until Thursday, July 26.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 207, electing Representative Larsen of Washington to the Committee on Armed Services.

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Consideration of Joint Resolution Disapproving the Extension of Normal Trade Relations Treatment to Vietnam: Agreed that it be in order at any time on July 25, 2001, or any day thereafter, to consider in the House H.J. Res. 55, disapproving the

extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam; that it be considered read; that all points of order be waived; that it be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means in opposition and a Member in support of the joint resolution, 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 the provisions of section 152 and 153 of the Trade Act of 1974 shall not otherwise apply to any joint resolution disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam for the remainder of the first session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages 4635–37.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4552–53, H4595, H4595–96, H4607, H4608, H4620–21, H4621, and H4622. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MEDICARE: THE NEED FOR REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Medicare: The Need for Reform. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: David M. Walker, Comptroller General; and William J. Scanlon, Director-Health Care Issues; Ruben Jose King-Shaw, Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2510, Defense Production Act Amendments of 2001; and H.R. 2589, Office of Multifamily Housing Assistance Restructuring Extension Act of 2001.

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Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 125, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the National Capital Planning Commission should adopt a plan that permanently returns Pennsylvania Avenue to the use of residents, commuters, and visitors to the Nation's capital and that protects the security of the people who live and work in the White House, and that the President should adopt and implement