

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 53 public bills, H.R. 2843–2895; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 66; H. Con. Res. 252–258, and H. Res. 337, 341, were introduced. **Pages H7615–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7618**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2443, authorizing appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 108–233);

H.R. 49, to permanently extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 108–234);

H.R. 2861, 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, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–235);

H. Res. 338, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2861) 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, 2004, (H. Rept. 108–236);

H. Res. 339, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2859) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (H. Rept. 108–237); and

H. Res. 340. A resolution 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. 108–238). **Pages H7614–15**

Moment in Silence in Memory of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson: The Chair announced that on July 24, 1998, at 3:40 p.m., Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun. At 3:40 p.m. today, the Chair recognized the anniversary of this tragedy by observing a moment of silence in their memory. **Pages H7489, H7515–16**

United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement: The House passed H.R. 2738, to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement by a recorded vote of 270 ayes to 156 noes, Roll No. 436. **Pages H7459–89, H7514–16**

Agreed to engrossment and third reading by a yea-and-nay vote of 299 yeas and 129 nays, Roll No. 434. Agreed to table a motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 276 ayes to 152 noes, Roll No. 435. **Pages H7514–16**

House agreed to H. Res. 329, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on July 23.

United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement: The House passed H.R. 2739, to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement by a recorded vote of 272 ayes to 155 noes, Roll No. 432. **Pages H7489–13**

Agreed to engrossment and third reading by a yea-and-nay vote of 309 yeas and 114 nays, Roll No. 430. Agreed to table a motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 269 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 431. **Pages H9511–13**

On July 23, the House agreed to H. Res. 329, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

School Readiness Act: The House passed H.R. 2210, reauthorizing the Head Start Act to improve the school readiness of disadvantaged children by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 444. **Pages H7542–95**

Rejected the Grijalva motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education & the Workforce with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments that increase funding for the migrational and seasonal education program by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 443. **Pages H7592–94**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part A of H. Res 336 was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment by a voice vote. **Pages H7562–71**

Rejected:

Woolsey Part B amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–232 that sought to strike language dealing with non-discrimination provisions of religious corporations, association, education institution, or society, with respect to the employment of individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with the carrying on by such organizations (rejected by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 441); **Pages H7571–75, H7591**

George Miller of California Part B amendment in the nature of a substitute No. 2 printed in H. Rept 108–232 that sought to remove the block grant provisions (rejected by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 229 noes, Roll No 442.). **Pages H7575–91**

H. Res. 336, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Pharmaceutical Market Access Act: The House passed H.R. 2427, authorizing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to promulgate regulations for the reimportation of prescription drugs, by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 445.

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Rejected the Dingell motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce by voice vote.

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H. Res. 335, the rule providing for consideration of the bill by a voice vote after agreeing to a motion on ordering the previous question by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 10 noes, Roll No. 439.

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Presidential Message—National Emergency re Middle East Peace Process: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–108).

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Wu to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Ross motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act, that was debated on July 22, by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 446. Earlier, Representative Solis announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Motions to Adjourn: The House rejected the McDermott motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 33 ayes to 383 noes, Roll No. 433 and rejected a second motion by a recorded vote of 23 ayes to 392 noes and one "present", Roll No. 437. Later rejected the Slaughter motion by a yea-and-nay vote of 41 yeas to 370 nays, with one voting "present", Roll No. 438, and rejected a second motion by a recorded vote of 35 ayes to 393 noes, Roll No. 440.

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Late Reports: The Committee on Science received permission to file late reports.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:07 p.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7457.

Referral: S. 285 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Energy and Commerce; S. 650 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7618–20.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and 13 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7511–12, H7512–13, H7513, H7513–14, H7514–15, H7515, H7516, H7517–18, H7539–40, H7541, H7542, H7591, H7592, H7594, H7594–95, H7611, and H7612. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:05 a.m. on Friday, July 25.

Committee Meetings

TOBACCO QUOTA BUYOUT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Tobacco Quota Buyout. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fletcher and Kingston; and public witnesses.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM—REVIEW OPERATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review operations of the Food Stamp Program. Testimony was heard Eric M. Bost, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

CYBER TERRORISM

Committee on Armed Services; Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on hearing on Cyber Terrorism: The New Asymmetric Threat. Testimony was heard from Robert Lentz, Director, Information Assurance, Department of Defense; Robert F. Dacey, Director, Information Technology Team, GAO; and public witnesses.