

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3157–3176; and; 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 69; H. Con. Res. 288, and H. Res. 378 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, (H. Rept. 108–283).

H. Res. 377, providing for the recommittal of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2115) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, (H. Rept. 108–284). **Pages H8500–8784, H8904**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8493**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. David Shibley, President, Global Advance in Dallas, Texas. **Page H8493**

Department of Defense Appropriation Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by a yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 513. **Pages H8784–93**

Earlier agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider the conference report, that all points of order against it be waived, and that it be considered as read. **Page H8784**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by a yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 515. **Pages H8793–8802**

Rejected the Sabo motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions by a yea-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 514. **Pages H8801–02**

Agreed to H. Res. 374, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by a voice vote. **Pages H8495–8500**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September

30, 2004 by a yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 56 nays, Roll No. 517. **Pages H8802–15**

Rejected the Moran of Virginia motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 516. **Pages H8814–15**

Agreed by unanimous consent on Tuesday, September 23, that it be in order at any time to consider the conference report, that all points of order against it waived, and that it be considered as read.

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

Extending certain expiring provisions: H.R. 3146, amended, to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs, and for other purposes; **Pages H8815–19**

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2003: H.R. 3087, amended, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. **Pages H8819–30**

Water Resources Development Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 2557, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, by a recorded vote of 412 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 519. **Pages H8833–78**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and was agreed to by unanimous consent. **Page H8840**

Agreed to:

Duncan amendment that makes technical and conforming changes to project-related provisions and authorizes or modifies additional projects (agreed to by voice vote). **Pages H8866–71**

Duncan amendment offered by unanimous consent and agreed to by unanimous consent that strikes the last sentence of section 3090 dealing with the Roanoke River Upper Basin, Virginia, that states that the Secretary shall award contracts based on invitation-for-bid procedures. **Page H8878**

Rejected:

Rohrabacher amendment that sought to modify the bill language to permit ports to collect tonnage

fees for local harbor purposes (rejected by a recorded vote of 65 ayes to 359 noes, Roll No. 518).

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Withdrawn:

Kind amendment, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have required the Army Corps of Engineers to mitigate habitats lost from the construction of Corps projects.

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H. Res. 375, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

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Motion to go to Conference—Energy and Water Development Appropriations: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Hobson, Frelinghuysen, Latham, Wamp, Emerson, Doolittle, Peterson (PA), Simpson, Young (FL), Visclosky, Edwards, Pastor, Clyburn, Berry, and Obey.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Pallone announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act.

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Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Kind motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

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Representative Sandlin announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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National Defense Authorization Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Crowley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

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Order of Business—H.J. Res. 69: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order to consider in the House H.J. Res. 69, joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the joint resolution be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

Order of Business—H.R. 3161: The House agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House H.R. 3161, to ratify the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to establish a do-not-call registry; that the bill shall be considered as read for amendment; the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Energy and Commerce; and (2) one motion to recommit.

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H8493, H8878–79, H8887.

Senate Referral: S. 1404 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW CROP INSURANCE—PROGRAM CROPS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review crop insurance for program crops. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST—IRAQ

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Supplemental Request for Iraq. Testimony was heard from Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq and Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority; and Lt. Gen. John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, U.S. Command, Department of Defense.

REPORT OF PANEL—AIR FORCE ACADEMY—SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on the final report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Testimony was heard from Tillie Fowler, Chair, and members of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the U.S. Air Force Academy.