

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3177–3194; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 289 and H. Res. 379–380, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2714, to reauthorize the State Justice Institute (H. Rept. 108–285); and

H.R. 1829, to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a five-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations (H. Rept. 108–286).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Harold R. Mayberry, Senior Pastor, First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Oakland, California.

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Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act—Appointed as Conferees: The Speaker announced that Representatives Chabot and Lofgren were added as conferees on S. 3, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003.

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Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004: The House passed H.J. Res. 69, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004 by a ye and nay vote of 407 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 520.

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Considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached on Wednesday, September 24.

Do-Not-Call Registry: The House passed H.R. 3161, to ratify the authority of the Federal Trade Commission to establish a do-not-call registry by a ye and nay vote of 412 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 521.

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Considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached on Wednesday, September 24.

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Kind motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare

Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, which was debated on Wednesday, September 24, by a ye and nay vote of 199 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 522.

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Later the House debated the Sandlin motion to instruct conferees on the bill. Further consideration on the motion was postponed until a later date.

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National Defense Authorization Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the Crowley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, which was debated on Wednesday, September 24, by a ye and nay vote of 356 yeas to 67 nays, Roll No. 523.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Pallone motion to instruct on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until a later date.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, September 25, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, September 29, and further that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, October 1.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8936.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ—U.S. POLICY AND OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on United States policy and operations in Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary; Gen. John Abizaid, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command and Gen. John M. Keane, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army; and Ambassador L. Bremer III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq and Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3076, amended,