

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 3519–3539; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 77–78; H. Con. Res., 329–331 and H. Res. 452–455, were introduced. **Pages H11650–51**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H11651–52**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows today: H.R. 2751, to provide new human capital flexibilities with respect to the GAO, amended (H. Rept. 108–380);

Conference report on H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 108–381);

H. Res. 449, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 108–382);

H. Res. 450, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 78, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004 (H. Rept. 108–383); and

H. Res. 451, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 108–384). **Pages H11649–50**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rabbi Dr. Ari Korenblit of Temple Sholom in Brooklyn, New York. **Page H11518**

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

**Captive Wildlife Safety Act:** Debated on Tuesday, November 18, H.R. 1006, amended, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 634; **Pages H11550–51**

**Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of motorsports:** Debated on Tuesday, November 18, H. Con. Res. 320, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of motorsports, by a ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 635; **Pages H11551–52**

**National Museum of African-American History and Culture Act:** Debated on Tuesday, November 18, H.R. 3491, to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of African Amer-

ican History and Culture, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 636; **Page H11552**

**Sense of Congress regarding the leadership of the Unified Buddhist Church in Vietnam:** H. Res. 427, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the courageous leadership of the Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam and the urgent need for religious freedom and related human rights in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 639; **Pages H11520–24, H11573–74**

**Honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide from April 1975 through January 1979:** H. Con. Res. 83, honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 640; **Pages H11524–27, H11573–74**

**Honoring Seeds of Peace:** H. Con. Res. 288, directing the Secretary of Transportation to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 641; **Pages H11527–29, H11593**

**Commending Afghan women:** H. Res. 393, amended, commending Afghan women for their participation in Afghan government and civil society, encouraging the inclusion of Afghan women in the political and economic life of Afghanistan, and advocating the protection of Afghan women’s human rights in the Afghanistan Constitution, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 642; **Pages H11529–33, H11593–94**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read, “a resolution commending Afghan women for their participation in Afghan government and civil society, encouraging the inclusion of Afghan women in the political and economic life of Afghanistan, and advocating the protection of the human rights of all Afghans, particularly women, in the Afghanistan Constitution”. **Page H11594**

**Mutual Funds Integrity and Fee Transparency Act of 2003:** H.R. 2420, amended, to improve transparency relating to the fees and costs that mutual

fund investors incur and to improve corporate governance of mutual funds, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 638;

**Pages H11533–47, H11572–73**

*Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003:* H.R. 1813, amended, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture;

**Pages H11547–50**

*Overseas Private Investment Corporation Amendments Act of 2003:* S. 1824, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to reauthorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation—clearing the measure for the President;

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*Recognizing the 5th Anniversary of the signing of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998:* H. Res. 423, amended, recognizing the 5th anniversary of the signing of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 and urging a renewed commitment to eliminating violations of the internationally recognized right to freedom of religion and protecting fundamental human rights, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 1 nays, Roll No. 643;

**Pages H11557–61, H11594–95**

*Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act:* H.R. 3140, amended, to provide for availability of contact lens prescriptions to patients, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 12 nay, Roll No. 644;

**Pages H11561–65, H11595**

*Amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act:* H.R. 2218, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of noncorrective contact lens as medical devices;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read “a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices”

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*Pediatric Research Equity Act of 2003:* S. 650, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize the Food and Drug Administration to require certain research into drugs used in pediatric patients—clearing the measure for the President;

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*Supporting the goals of National Epilepsy Awareness Month:* S. Con. Res. 48, supporting the goals and ideals of “National Epilepsy Awareness Month” and urging support for epilepsy research and service programs;

**Pages H11580–82**

*Basic Pilot Program Extension and Expansion Act of 2003:* S. 1685, to extend and expand the

basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H11582–86**

*Providing for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas:* S. 1720, to provide for Federal court proceedings in Plano, Texas—clearing the measure for the President;

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*Environmental Policy and Conflict Resolution Advancement Act of 2003:* H.R. 421, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution; and

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*Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003:* S. 117, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Suspensions Postponed:** The following measures were debated under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, November 20:

*Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness Act Amendments of 2003:* S. 686, amended, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers; and

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*Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act of 2003:* S. 286, to revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998;

**Pages H11577–80**

**Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Berkley motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 203 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 637.

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Later the House debated the Hooley of Oregon motion to instruct conferees on the bill. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until a later date.

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Representative Inslee also announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct on the bill. **Page H11598**

**Two Floods and You Are Out of the Taxpayers' Pocket Act of 2003—Order of Business:** The House agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider H.R. 253, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made; that the bill shall be considered as read; that in lieu of the

amendment recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute and numbered one printed in the Congressional Record of November 19, shall be considered as adopted; that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of general debate, (2) a further amendment in the nature of a substitute, and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instruction; and further that the amendment placed at the desk be considered as read for the purposes of this unanimous consent request.

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**Transportation and Treasury Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** Representative Hastings of Florida announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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**Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the Kildee motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until a later date.

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**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H11518, H11567.

**Senate Referral:** S. 189 and S. 1156 were ordered held at the desk.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H11652–56.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on U.S. National Security Strategy. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations; and Samuel L. Berger, former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

### CYBERSECURITY AND CONSUMER DATA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity and Consumer Data: What’s at Risk for the Consumer?” Testimony was

heard from Orson Swindle, Commissioner, FTC; and public witnesses.

### INVESTMENT IN TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on hearing entitled “Digital Dividends and Other Proposals to Leverage Investment in Technology.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION EFFICIENCY ACT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census approved for full Committee action H.R. 3478, National Archives and Records Administration Efficiency Act of 2003.

### CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION ACT

*Committee on House Administration:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003.

### AFGHANISTAN: DEMOCRATIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a joint hearing on Afghanistan: Democratization and Human Rights on the Eve of the Constitutional *Loya Jirga*. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Ambassador-at-Large John V. Hanford III, Office of International Religious Freedom; and Christina B. Rocca, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South Asia Affairs; and public witnesses.

### ANTITRUST OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing entitled “Saving the Savings Clause: Congressional Intent, the *Trinko* Case, and the role of the Antitrust Laws in Promoting Competition in the Telecom Sector.” Testimony was heard from R. Hewitt Pate, Assistant Antitrust General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### MEDICAL INFORMATION SHARING—DOD AND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review progress being made by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs with the sharing of medical information and development of a seamless electronic medical record. Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information