

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 5336–5350; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 812, were introduced. **Pages H2501–02**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2502–03**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 810, providing for further consideration of H.R. 5122, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2007 (H. Rept. 109–460); and

H. Res. 811, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee (H. Rept. 109–491). **Page H2499**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Campbell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2341**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Ross Thomson, Bammel Church of Christ, Houston, Texas. **Page H2341**

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

**H-Prize Act of 2006:** H.R. 5143, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy, by a yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 6 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 131. **Pages H2346–54, H2366–67**

Agreed by unanimous consent that during consideration of H.R. 5122, pursuant to H. Res. 806, general debate shall not exceed two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority Member of the Committee on Armed Services. **Pages H2360–66**

**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007:** The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 5122, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2007. **Pages H2360–H2453 H2466–72**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. **Page H2381**

Agreed to:

Hunter Manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–459) adds a section requiring the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on means to improve retention of members of the special operations

forces. Strikes and replaces Section 662 requiring the Secretary of Defense to conduct a pilot project for disabled persons accessible golf carts at military golf courses. It also adds section conveying Army Reserve Center land in Allison Park, PA, to the local school district and incorporates a technical correction to the TRICARE effective dates in section 704 and 709 of the bill; **Pages H2446–47**

Andrews amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–459) requires the Secretary of Defense to perform an epidemiological study to determine whether any human populations have been affected by these dumps; **Pages H2447–48**

Tanner amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–459) expresses a Sense of Congress that the Army should continue to evaluate and consider the potential benefits of converting to six-month deployments for members of the Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserves in connection with service in Iraq and Afghanistan, including potential impacts on the reduced deployment periods on soldier morale, recruiting and retention, readiness, and military operations. It also requires the Secretary of the Army to submit a report to Congress containing: (1) The results of any studies conducted on soldiers and families regarding reduced deployment periods in Iraq and Afghanistan; (2) The Army’s potential plans for the implementation of such reduced deployment periods; and (3) A discussion of the potential benefits and drawbacks associated with implementation of such reduced deployment times; **Page H2453**

Franks of Arizona amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–459) as modified, makes certain findings concerning humanitarian support for Iraqi children in urgent need of medical care. It also authorizes, within the amount provided in section 301 for Operation and Maintenance, \$1 million for DoD support of the Peace Through Health Care Initiative, and reduces by \$1 million the amount provided for Budget Activity 4; **Pages H2467–68**

Simmons amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–459) prevents DoD from revoking expired security clearances from defense contractors until an investigation moratorium and backlog is eliminated. Does not change the security clearance investigation process or prevent the department from revoking security clearances for national security purposes; and **Pages H2468–70**

Gutknecht amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–459) expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Army should promptly correct the pay inequity in its assignment incentive pay system. Depending on method of call to active duty, some Guardsmen and Reservists serving in the same unit in Iraq and Afghanistan will be eligible for assignment incentive pay (\$1,000 extra per month) after reaching 730 days on active duty, while others

will not. The Army must submit to Congress within 30 days after enactment a report specifying how many soldiers, both active and reserve, were affected by this pay disparity and proposed remedies or courses of action to correct the inequity.

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Rejected:

Andrews amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–459) which sought to lift the current ban on privately funded abortions at U.S. military facilities overseas (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 136).

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Postponed proceedings:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–459) that clarifies the factors that must be taken into consideration when recalling a reservist to service to include the frequency of assignment over the duration of a reservist's career was offered and debated. The Chair postponed further proceedings on the amendment.

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H. Res. 806, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 351 yeas to 70 nays, Roll No. 133, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H2360–66, H2368

**Tax Relief Act of 2005—Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, by a recorded vote 244 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 135, after ordering the previous question.

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Rejected the Rangel motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions to the managers on the part of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 134.

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H. Res. 805, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 132, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H2354–60, H2367–68

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measure will resume tomorrow, May 11th:

*Encouraging all eligible Medicare beneficiaries who have not yet elected enroll in the new Medicare Part D benefit to review the available options and to determine whether enrollment in a Medicare prescription drug plan best meets their current and future needs for prescription drug coverage:* H.R. 802, Encouraging all eligible Medicare beneficiaries who have not yet elected enroll in the new Medicare Part D benefit to review the available options and to determine whether enrollment in a Medicare prescription drug plan best meets their current and future needs for prescription drug coverage.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2366–67, H2367–68, H2368, H2465, H2465–66 and H2466–67. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS FY 2007—MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS; AND INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007: the Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies.

### SENIOR INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 2006

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Select Education approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5293, Senior Independence Act of 2006.

### FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amend, a measure to amend the automobile fuel economy provisions of title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to set fuel economy standards for passenger automobiles based on one or more vehicle attributes.

### GASOLINE SUPPLY AND PRICE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Held a hearing entitled "Gasoline Supply, Price and Specifications." Testimony was heard from Howard K. Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; William Wehrum, Acting-Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### PUBLIC HOUSING MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled "Public Housing Management: Do the Public Housing Authorities Have the Flexibility They Need to Meet the Changing Demands of the 21st Century?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### PREVENTING KATRINA FRAUD

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability held a hearing entitled "After Katrina: The Role of the Department of Justice Katrina Fraud Task Force and Agency Inspectors General in Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse." Testimony was heard from Alice Fisher, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and Chair, Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force; Matt Jadacki,