

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 5710–5744; 1 private bill, H.R. 5745; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 440–444; and H. Res. 900–905 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5417, to amend the Clayton Act with respect to competitive and nondiscriminatory access to the Internet, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–541);

H.R. 4019, to amend title 4 of the United States Code to clarify the treatment of self-employment for purposes of the limitation on State taxation of retirement income, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–542); and

H.R. 2730, to establish a grant program to fund eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–543). **Page H4914**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. W. Douglas Tanner, Jr., President, The Faith and Politics Institute, Washington, D.C.

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Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007: The House passed H.R. 5672, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 393 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 349. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, June 27th.

Pages H4799–H4808

Agreed to:

Andrew amendment to prohibit funds from being used to implement the revision to Office of Management and Budget Circular A–76 made on May 29, 2003. **Page H4800**

Rejected:

Poe amendment (No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record of June 26th) that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the Secretary of State to implement a plan under section 7209 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C. 1185 note) that permits travel into the United States from foreign countries using any document other than a passport to denote citizenship and identity (by a recorded vote of 90 yeas to 318 noes, Roll No. 347); and **Pages H4800–02, H4805**

Hefley amendment that sought to reduce the overall funding of the bill by \$590 million or 1 percent (by a recorded vote of 94 yeas to 316 noes, Roll No. 348). **Pages H4804, H4805–06**

Point of Order sustained against:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to fund State or local anti-drug task forces that do not collect, and make publicly available, data as to the racial distribution of convictions as a result of their operation. **Pages H4802–04**

Later, agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4830**

H. Res. 890, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Tuesday, June 27th, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 224 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 319, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Fourth of July District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 440, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 220 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 353. **Pages H4827, H4829–30**

Domestic Energy Production through Offshore Exploration and Equitable Treatment of State Holdings Act of 2006: The House passed H.R. 4761, to provide for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 232 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 356. **Pages H4830–75, H4890–92**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. **Page H4845**

Agreed to:

Pombo amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–540) modified, to make a number of technical corrections and to address jurisdictional issues with the Committee on Science and the Committee on Education and the Workforce regarding section 23 of the bill by eliminating a kindergarten through grade 12 education component and by providing an authorization for a Department of Energy research, development and scholarship program; **Pages H4860–68**

Inlee amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–540) increases the amount made available by

the Secretary for renewable ocean energy generation from \$6 million to \$20 million; and **Pages H4868–70**

Davis of Virginia amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–540) authorizes \$150 million of OCS receipts to be available to the Secretary of the Treasury for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2016 to make payments subject to appropriations to fund in part capital and preventive maintenance projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). **Pages H4870–71**

Rejected:

Markey amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–540) that sought to strike provisions in the bill lifting the 25-year moratorium on oil and gas drilling in environmentally-sensitive areas offshore and leaves provisions designed to provide oil companies with incentives to renegotiate existing leases that fail to include market-based price caps for the suspension of royalty-free drilling and begin production on active leases that are not producing (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 354); and

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Bilirakis amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–540) that sought to prohibit leasing (either oil and gas or natural gas) within 125 miles of a state's coastline unless the state requests leasing (by a recorded vote of 65 ayes to 353 noes, Roll No. 355).

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Later, agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4893**

H. Res. 897, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 352.

Pages H4808–17, H4828–29

Supporting intelligence and law enforcement programs to track terrorists and terrorist finances conducted consistent with Federal law and with appropriate Congressional consultation and specifically condemning the disclosure and publication of classified information that impairs the international fight against terrorism and needlessly exposes Americans to the threat of further terror attacks by revealing a crucial method by which terrorists are traced through their finances: The House agreed to H. Res. 895, to support intelligence and law enforcement programs to track terrorists and terrorist finances conducted consistent with Federal law and with appropriate Congressional consultation and specifically condemning the disclosure and publication of classified information that impairs the international fight against terrorism and needlessly exposes Americans to the threat of further terror attacks by revealing a crucial method by which terrorists are traced

through their finances, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 357.

Pages H4875–90, H4892–93

H. Res. 896, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 351, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 350. **Pages H4817–28**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative McKeon wherein he resigned from the Committee on Armed Services, effective today.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 902, electing the following Member to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives: Mr. Bilbray to the Committees on Armed Services, Government Reform, and Veterans' Affairs.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, July 3, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 440, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that resolution. **Page H4893**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 12. **Page H4893**

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Financial Services have until noon on July 7, 2006 to file a report on H.R. 2990. **Page H4893**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4797 and 4899.

Senate Referrals: S. 811, S. 2321, S. 2766, S. 2767, S. 2768 and S. 2769 were held at the desk and S.J. Res. 40 was referred to the Committee on House Administration. **Page H4913**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4805, H4805–06, H4807–08, H4827–28, H4828, H4829, H4829–30, H4890, H4891, H4891–92, and H4892–93. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 10:19 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 440, stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2006, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

Committee Meetings

RENEWABLE FUELS MARKET

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Agriculture's Role in the Renewable Fuels Market. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; and public witnesses.

REPORTS OF WMD IN IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on reports of weapons of mass destruction findings in Iraq. Testimony was heard from LTG Michael D. Maples, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; Terence Taylor, former Commissioner, U.N. Special Commission on Iraq; and public witnesses.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MISSIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on assessing United States Special Operations Command's missions and roles. Testimony was heard from GEN Wayne A. Downing, USA (Ret.); and public witnesses.

U.S. COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on Growth, Opportunity, Competition—America Goes to Work. Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Pandemic Influenza Preparedness in the Financial Services Sector." Testimony was heard from D. Scott Parsons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Critical Infrastructure Protection and Compliance Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3329, Civilian Prisoner-of-War Medal Act of 2005; H.R. 5607, Federal Wildland Firefighter Classification Act; H.R. 4962, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Pitcher Street in Utica, New York, as the "Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building"; H.R. 5626, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 802 South Carrier Parkway in Grand Prairie, Texas, as the "Alexander McRae Dechman Post Office Building"; H. Res. 189, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day ought to be established to

bring awareness to the issue of missing persons; H. Res. 721, Supporting the goals and ideals of a Salvadoran-American Day (El Dia del Salvadoreno) in recognition of all Salvadoran-Americans for their hard work, dedication, and contribution to the stability and well-being of the United States; and H.R. 5711, To permit the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia to establish a program of voluntary separation incentive payments for nonjudicial employees of the District of Columbia courts.

WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "What Price Free Speech?: Whistleblowers and the Ceballos Decision." Testimony was heard from Richard Ceballos, Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County, California; and public witnesses.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2006

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity held a hearing on H.R. 5695, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Michael A.L. Balboni, Senator, New York State; and public witnesses.

SOMALIA CRISIS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a joint hearing on Somalia: Expanding Crisis in the Horn of Africa. Testimony was heard from Jendayi E. Frazer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Ted Dagne, Specialist in African Affairs, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

NORTH KOREAN BRINKMANSHIP

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on North Korean Brinkmanship: Is U.S. Policy Up to the Challenge? Testimony was heard from Christopher Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN CITIZEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported H.R. 5323, Proud to Be an American Citizen Act.

JUDICIARY TRANSPARENCY AND ETHICS ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2006

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 5219, Judiciary Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; and public witnesses.