

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House committees order reported 10 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. The Senate is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2007.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held today.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3073, 3074–3091; 1 private bill, H.R. 3092; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 186–188; and H. Res. 555–556, were introduced.

Pages H8120, H8121

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H8121–22

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2831, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–237);

H.R. 3074, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–238); and

H.R. 2693, to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–239).

Page H8119

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Martin B. Lavengood, Wesley En-

hanced Living at Evangelical Manor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Page H7997

Making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 3043, to make appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 19th.

Pages H8000–H8119

Agreed by unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 3043 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 547, no further amendment to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk.

Page H8000

Agreed to:

Holt amendment (No. 34 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that increases funding, by offset, for Children and Families Services Programs for activities authorized by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 by \$21 million;

Page H8005

Ferguson amendment that redirects \$10 million in funding under the Departmental Management heading in Title II;

Pages H8010–13

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 36 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17,

2007) that increases funding, by offset, for Safe Schools and Citizenship Education by \$46,500,000;

Pages H8013–14

Cooper amendment that increases funding, by offset, under the Higher Education heading by \$125 million for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Historically Black Graduate Institutions;

Pages H8045–48

Ferguson amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Special Education by \$50 million (by a recorded vote of 419 ayes to 11 noes, Roll No. 658);

Pages H8031–32, H8092–93

Dingell amendment that prohibits funds from being used to pay the basic pay of any individual serving as Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, Social Security Administration, whose appointment to such position has not been confirmed by a vote of the Senate pursuant to section 702(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 665);

Pages H8077–78, H8097–98

Gingrey amendment that prohibits funds from being used to establish or implement any requirement that individuals receive vaccination for human papillomavirus (HPV) as a condition of school admittance or matriculation;

Page H8106

Ehlers amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that adds a new section providing for \$15,665,760 in increased funding, by offset, for math and science education;

Pages H8106–07

Souder amendment that prohibits funds from being used by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to implement the final rule published on March 30, 2007, on page 15275 of volume 72, Federal Register;

Page H8111

Moore (WI) amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that prohibits funds from being used to carry out the evaluation of the Upward Bound program described in the absolute priority for Upward Bound Program participant selection and evaluation published by the Department of Education in the Federal Register on September 22, 2006;

Pages H8111–13

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 30 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) regarding funding for the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education; and

Pages H8115–16

Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment (No. 31 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) regarding funding for Education for the Disadvantaged.

Pages H8116–19

Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 44 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce funding for the Administration on Aging by \$21,400,000;

Pages H8008–09

Brady (TX) amendment (No. 52 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce funding for Safe Schools and Citizenship Education by \$72,674,000;

Pages H8029–31

Stearns amendment (that was debated on July 17th) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Health Resources and Services Administration by \$12.5 million and to increase funding, by offset, for Higher Education by \$12.5 million (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 647);

Pages H8037–38

Jindal amendment (that was debated on July 17th) that sought to redirect \$37,200,000 in funding within the Health Resources and Services Administration account (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 648);

Pages H8038–39

Barton (TX) amendment (that was debated on July 17th) that sought to strike the proviso on page 36, beginning at line 5, relating to funding for metropolitan or transitional areas under part A of title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 649);

Pages H8039–40

Graves amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Special Education by \$125 million (by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 650);

Pages H8000–01, H8040

Hensarling amendment (No. 41 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce funding for Children and Families Services Programs by \$8 million (by a recorded vote of 58 ayes to 370 noes, Roll No. 651);

Pages H8005–07, H8040–41

Hensarling amendment (No. 42 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce funding for Children and Families Services Programs by \$5 million (by a recorded vote of 80 ayes to 347 noes, Roll No. 652);

Pages H8007–08, H8041–42

Price (GA) amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Innovation and Improvement under title III by \$21 million (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 653);

Pages H8015–17, H8042

Garrett (NJ) amendment that sought to reduce funding for School Improvement Programs by \$33,907,000 (by a recorded vote of 74 ayes to 352 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 654);

Pages H8017–24, H8043

Foxx amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Special Education by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 655);

Pages H8024–27, H8043–44

Barrett (SC) amendment (No. 54 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought

to reduce funding under the Higher Education heading by \$40,590,000 for the Byrd Honors Scholarship Program; **Pages H8044–45**

Holt amendment (No. 33 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to add a new section relating to funding for math and science partnerships; **Pages H8049–50**

Hensarling amendment (No. 57 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for Twin Cities Public Television, St. Paul, MN; **Pages H8081–82**

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Burpee Museum, Rockford, Illinois, for educational programming and exhibits; **Pages H8082–83**

Flake amendment (No. 14 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, for development of a Portuguese and Lusophone Studies Program; **Pages H8083–85**

Flake amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Shedd Aquarium, Chicago, Illinois, for exhibits and community outreach; **Pages H8089–90**

Shadegg amendment (No. 49 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce funding for Innovation and Improvement under title III by \$10,695,000 (by a recorded vote of 116 ayes to 309 noes, Roll No. 656); **Pages H8027–28, H8091–92**

Westmoreland amendment (No. 50 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce funding for Innovation and Improvement under title III by \$23,533,000 (by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 331 noes, Roll No. 657); **Pages H8028–29, H8092**

Garrett (NJ) amendment that sought to reduce funding for Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research by \$2,279,000 (by a recorded vote of 95 ayes to 335 noes, Roll No. 659); **Pages H8032–35, H8093–94**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 65 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce funding for Student Financial Assistance by \$64,987,000 (by a recorded vote 79 ayes to 349 noes, Roll No. 660); **Pages H8035–36 H8094**

Shadegg amendment (No. 55 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to reduce funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service by \$255,625,000 (by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 334 noes, Roll No. 661); **Pages H8050–52, H8094–95**

Lamborn amendment (No. 56 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that relates to funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (by a recorded vote of 72 ayes to 357 noes, Roll No. 662); **Pages H8052–56 H8095–96**

Obey amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds for a list of sundry projects contained in the bill (by a recorded vote of 53 ayes to 369 noes, with 8 voting “present”, Roll No. 663); **Pages H8056–65 H8096**

Flake amendment (No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Exploratorium, San Francisco, California, for its Bay Area Science Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Improvement Initiative (by a recorded vote of 89 ayes to 341 noes, Roll No. 664); **Pages H8076–77, H8096–97**

Barton (TX) amendment that sought to prohibit funds made available in this Act for the National Institutes of Health from being used for activities under section 241(a) of the Public Health Service Act (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 666); **Pages H8079–81, H8098**

Hensarling amendment (No. 59 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the On Location Entertainment Industry Craft and Technician Training project, West Los Angeles College, Culver City, CA (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 667); **Pages H8085–86, H8098–99**

Flake amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the American Ballet Theatre, New York, New York, for educational activities (by a recorded vote of 118 ayes to 312 noes, Roll No. 668); **Pages H8086–87, H8099–H8100**

Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the South Carolina Aquarium, Charleston, South Carolina, for exhibits and curriculum (by a recorded vote of 70 ayes to 360 noes, Roll No. 669); **Pages H8087–88, H8100**

Flake amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Kansas Regional Prisons Museum, Lansing, Kansas, for educational and outreach programs (by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 317 noes, Roll No. 670); and **Pages H8088–89, H8100–01**

Flake amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for Jefferson’s Poplar Forest, Forest, Virginia, for expansion of exhibits and outreach (by a recorded vote of 68 ayes to 360 noes, Roll No. 671). **Pages H8090–91, H8101–02**

Withdrawn:

Whitfield amendment (No. 28 printed in the Congressional Record of July 17, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration by \$10 million; **Pages H8001–05**

Walsh (NY) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a proviso relating to English language proficiency scores; **Pages H8014–15**

Campbell (CA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used for a list of sundry projects contained in the bill; **Pages H8065–76**

Schmidt amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being made available to any provider of services under title X of the Public Health Service Act if it is made known to the Secretary of Health and Human Services that such provider has been found within the preceding 36-month period to have violated State law requirement notification or the reporting of child abuse, child molestation, sexual abuse, rape, or incest; **Pages H8078–79**

Hare amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn relating to Critical Access Hospitals; **Page H8104**

Pascrell amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn relating to funding for Traumatic Brain Injury programs; **Pages H8104–05**

Scott (VA) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to carry out the student drug testing pilot program of the Department of Education; **Pages H8105–06**

Conaway amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that stated the sense of the House that any reduction in the amount appropriated by this Act achieved as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction; and **Pages H8114–15**

Conaway amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds made available for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program from being used while there continues in effect a Federal prohibition on the exploration, leasing, development, or production of oil or natural gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or the Outer Continental Shelf. **Page H8115**

Proceedings Postponed:

Davis (KY) amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used to pay a bonus or other per-

formance-based cash award to any employee of the Social Security Administration or the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services who holds a position to which such employee was appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or a Senior Executive Service position; **Pages H8103–04**

Gingrey amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of July 16, 2007) that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the Social Security Administration to administer Social Security benefit payments under any agreement between the United States and Mexico establishing totalization arrangements between the two countries; **Pages H8107–09**

Souder amendment that seeks to prohibit funds from being used by the National Labor Relations Board to recognize as the exclusive bargaining representative of employees any labor organization that has not been certified as such by the National Labor Relations Board pursuant to section 9(c) of the National Labor Relations Act; and **Pages H8109–11**

Camp (MI) amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement any policy prohibiting a Medicare beneficiary from electing, during a coverage election period, to receive health care benefits under title XVIII of the Social Security Act through enrollment in a Medicare Advantage plan. **Pages H8113–14**

H. Res. 547, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, July 17th.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Julio Redecker and the victims of the Brazilian plane crash of July 17, 2007. **Page H8042**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Twenty-five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8038–44, H8091–H8102. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:03 a.m. on Thursday, July 19th.

Committee Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Continued consideration of H.R. 2419, Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.

Will continue tomorrow.

IRAQ—TRENDS AND RECENT SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Iraq: Trends and Recent Security Developments. Testimony was heard from former Secretary of Defense William Perry; and public witnesses.