

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 45 public bills, H.R. 4228–4272; 1 private bill, H.R. 4273; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 224–228, and H. Res. 544–545, 547–550, were introduced. **Pages H11525–27**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on S. 1004, to authorize appropriations for the United States Coast Guard (H. Rept. 104–854);

H. Res. 546, providing for consideration of certain resolutions in preparation for the adjournment of the second session sine die (H. Rept. 104–855);

H.R. 4067, to provide for representation of the Northern Mariana Islands by a nonvoting Delegate in the House of Representatives, amended (H. Rept. 104–856);

Year 2000 Computer Software Conversion: Summary of Oversight Findings and Recommendations (H. Rept. 104–857); and

Crude Oil Undervaluation: The Ineffective Response of the Minerals Management Service (H. Rept. 104–858). **Pages H11485–H11524, H11525**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Inglis of South Carolina to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H11397**

Order of Business: Pursuant to H. Res. 525, the rule providing for expedited procedures for the remainder of the 2nd Session of the 104th Congress:

Representative Mica announced the consideration today of H. Con. Res. 218; **Page H11408**

Representative Linder announced the consideration today of H.R. 4000, H.R. 4041, H.R. 3219, S. 1004, S. 1505, H.R. 2729, and S. 1972; **Page H11466**

Representative Longley announced the consideration today of S. 1918; and **Page H11467**

Representative Goodling announced the consideration today of H.R. 4139. **Page H11476**

FAA Authorization: By a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 446, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 3539, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration.

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H. Res. 540, the rule waiving points of order against consideration of the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 445. **Pages H11452–55**

Suspensions: The House voted to suspend the rules and take the following actions:

Health Centers Consolidation: Passed S. 1044, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize provisions relating to health centers; **Pages H11402–08**

Historical Records Commission: Passed S. 1577, to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001. **Pages H11408–09**

Walhalla National Fish Hatchery: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 3546, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Walhalla National Fish Hatchery to the State of South Carolina—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H11410**

Indian Health Care Improvement: Agreed to H. Res. 544, providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3378, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to extend the demonstration program for direct billing of Medicare, Medicaid, and other third party payors. **Pages H11416–18**

Fishery Conservation: Passed S. 39, to amend the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve fisheries management—clearing the measure for the President (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 448); **Pages H11418–45, H11468–69**

Supreme Court Security: Passed H.R. 4164, to provide for the extension of certain authority for the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police; **Pages H11445–46**

Dispute Resolution: Passed H.R. 4194, to reauthorize alternative means of dispute resolution in the Federal administrative process; **Pages H11446–52**

Dos Palos, California Land Conveyance: Passed H.R. 4041, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of unused agricultural land in Dos Palos, California, to the Dos Palos Ag Boosters for use as a farm school; **Pages H11469–70**

Restoring POW/MIA Provisions: Passed H.R. 4000, amended, to amend title 10, United States Code, to restore the provisions of chapter 76 of that title (relating to missing persons) as in effect before the amendments made by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas, Roll No. 449); **Pages H11470–76, H11540–41**

Older Americans Act Relating to Indians: Passed S. 1972, to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve the provisions relating to Indians;

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Bass Conservation: Passed H.R. 4139, to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act.

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Pipeline Transportation: Passed S. 1505, to reduce risk to public safety and the environment associated with pipeline transportation of natural gas and hazardous liquids (passed by a ye and nay vote of 276 yeas to 125 nays, Roll No. 450)—clearing the measure for the President;

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Suspension Failed:

National Underground Railroad Center: House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4073, to authorize the National Park Service to coordinate programs with, provide technical assistance to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio (failed to pass by a ye-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 447, two-thirds required to pass).

Pages H11410–16, H11468

Unanimous-Consent Consideration: By unanimous consent, the House agreed to consider the following measures:

Supreme Court Security: House passed S. 2100, to provide for the extension of certain authority for the Marshall of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police. Subsequently H. 4164, a similar House-passed bill was laid on the table—clearing the measure for the President;

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Coast Guard Authorization: Agreed to the conference report on S. 1004, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for the Coast Guard;

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Operation Sail: Passed S.J. Res. 64, to commend Operation Sail for its advancement of brotherhood among nations, its continuing commemoration of the history of the United States, and its nurturing of young cadets through training in seamanship.

Pages H11546–47

Civil Service Reform: Passed H.R. 3841, to amend the civil service laws of the United States. Agreed to the Mica amendment in the nature of a substitute that strikes section 201 dealing with seniority and performance in a reduction-in-force;

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L. Clure Morton United States Post Office Courthouse: Passed S. 1931, to provide that the United States Post Office and Courthouse building located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, Tennessee, shall

be known and designated as the “L. Clure Morton United States Post Office Courthouse”;

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Ted Weiss United States Courthouse: Passed H.R. 4042, to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the “Ted Weiss United States Courthouse”;

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William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse: Passed H.R. 4119, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the “William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse”;

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Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse: Passed H.R. 4133, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior and Huron Roads, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse”;

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Robert Kurtz Rodibaugh Bankruptcy Courthouse: Passed H.R. 3576, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the “Robert Kurtz Rodibaugh United States Courthouse”. Agreed to the committee amendment, and agreed to amend the title. Earlier, vacated the proceedings on the passage of the bill on September 26; and

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial: Passed H.J. Res. 70, A joint resolution authorizing the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to establish a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr. in the District of Columbia or its environs.

Pages H11572–73

Senate Bill Returned: House agreed to H. Res. 545, returning to the Senate, S. 1311, to establish a National Fitness and Sports Foundation to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Railroad Retirement Board: Message wherein he transmits his annual report of the Railroad Retirement Board—referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means;

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Federal Labor Relations Authority: Message wherein he transmits his annual report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority—referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; and

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Legislative Proposal: Message wherein he transmits his proposed legislation on the Family Friendly Workplace Act of 1996—referred to the Committee

on Economic and Educational Opportunities and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-270). **Page H11469**

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed the following bills:

Sent to the Senate, amended: H.R. 1031 and H.R. 1087.

Passed over without prejudice: H.R. 4025.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Richardson wherein he resigns as a member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H11567**

Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Harman to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Legislative Program: Pursuant to H.Res. 525, the rule providing for expedited procedures for the remainder of the 2nd Session of the 104th Congress, Representative Wolf announced measures for consideration under suspension of the rules for Saturday, September 28: H.R. 4233, Metric Conversion; S. 1918, Normal Trade Relations; H.R. 3219, Native American Housing, and H.R. 4088, Stanislaus County, California Land Conveyance. **Page H11573**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H11397-98.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and are found on pages H11454-55, H11466, H11468, H11468-69, H11540-41, and H11541. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met and approved pending Subcommittee business.

POLITICAL MURDERS IN HAITI

Committee on International Relations: Concluded hearings on Administration Actions and Political Murders in Haiti: Part II. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kennedy of Massachusetts, Foglietta and Conyers; the following officials of the Department of State: Eric J. Boswell, Assistant Secretary, Diplomatic Security; Joseph Sullivan, Special Haiti Coordinator; and Ambassador William L. Swing, U.S. Ambassador to Haiti.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE PLANS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement and Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a joint hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense plans, programs, and policies. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; and Gen. William Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and public witnesses.

CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of certain resolutions for the adjournment sine die of the second session of the 104th Congress. These include: (1) a joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements for any appropriations bill, subject to one-hour of consideration in the House; (2) a joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the first session of the 105th Congress and a day for counting the electoral votes for President and Vice President, subject to one-hour of debate in the House; (3) the self-executed adoption of a House resolution authorizing the commencement of organizing caucuses for the 105th Congress on or after November 15, 1996; (4) the self-executed adoption of a House resolution providing for the printing of a revised edition of the House Rules and Manual for the 105th Congress; (5) authorizing the filing of committee investigative reports after the adjournment sine die of the second session; (6) authorizing the filing and printing of committee activity reports; (7) authorizing the Speaker and Minority Leader to accept resignations and make certain appointments following the adjournment sine die of the 104th Congress; (8) authorizing committee and subcommittee chairmen and ranking minority members to revise and extend their remarks in the Record summarizing the work of their committees; and (9) authorizing all House Members to revise and extend their remarks in the Record on matters that occur prior to the sine die adjournment of the second session.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES AND RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: S. 1931, to provide that the U.S. Post Office building that is to be located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, TN, shall be known and designated as the "L. Clure Morton Post Office and Courthouse"; H.R. 4042, to designate the