

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 4275, 4277–4279; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 302–303, and H. Res. 505–506, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3874, to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to make improvements to the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to extend the authority of that program through fiscal year 2003 amended (H. Rept. 105–633);

H.R. 8, to amend the Clean Air Act to deny entry into the United States of certain foreign motor vehicles that do not comply with State laws governing motor vehicles emissions, and for other purposes amended (H. Rept. 105–634);

H.R. 4274, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Doc. 105–635);

H.R. 4276, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Doc. 105–636);

H. Res. 504, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4193, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Doc. 105–637);

H.J. Res. 121, disapproving the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China (H. Rept. 105–638);

H.R. 4057, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, amended (H. Rept. 105–639); and

H.R. 3249, to provide for the rectification of certain retirement coverage errors affecting Federal employees, amended (H. Rept. 105–625 part 2).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Stearns to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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

Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Amendments: H.R. 3874, amended, to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to make improvements to the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children and to extend the authority of that program through fiscal year 2003 (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 383 yeas with one voting "nay", Roll No. 297). Agreed to amend the title;

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Sense of Congress Regarding Affordable Housing: H. Con. Res. 208, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding access to affordable housing and expansion of homeownership opportunities (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 390 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 298);

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War Risk Insurance Reauthorization Act: H.R. 4058, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation insurance program;

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Condolences to State and People of Florida: H. Con. Res. 298, expressing deepest condolences to the State and people of Florida for the losses suffered as a result of the wild land fires occurring in June and July 1998, expressing support to the State and people of Florida as they overcome the effects of the fires, and commending the heroic efforts of firefighters from across the Nation in battling the fires;

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Importance of Japanese American Relations: H. Res. 392, amended, relating to the importance of Japanese American relations and the urgent need for Japan to more effectively address its economic and financial problems and open its markets by eliminating informal barriers to trade and investment, thereby making a more effective contribution to leading the Asian region out of its current financial crisis, insuring against a global recession, and reinforcing regional stability and security (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 391 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 299);

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United States Commitment to Taiwan: H. Con. Res. 301, affirming the United States commitment to Taiwan (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 390 yeas with one voting "nay", Roll No. 300);

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Border Smog Reduction Act: H.R. 8, amended, to amend the Clean Air Act to deny entry into the United States of certain foreign motor vehicles that do not comply with State laws governing motor vehicles emissions; and

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Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act: H.R. 3249, amended, to provide for the rectification

of certain retirement coverage errors affecting Federal employees. **Pages H5901–11**

Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride: The House passed S. 2316, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a plan to ensure that all amounts accrued on the books of the United States Enrichment Corporation for the disposition of depleted uranium hexafluoride will be used to treat and recycle depleted uranium hexafluoride. **Pages H5915–16**

Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act: The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office. **Pages H5916–51**

Agreed To:

The Wicker amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute, debated on July 14, that prohibits the use of White House meals or accommodations for political fundraising (agreed to by a recorded vote of 391 ayes to 4 noes, Roll No. 301); **Page H5929**

The Stearns amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute, debated on July 14, that prohibits noncitizens from making contributions to candidates for Federal, state, or local elections (agreed to by a recorded vote of 267 ayes to 131 noes, Roll No. 302); **Pages H5929–30**

The Pickering amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, that prohibits willful blindness as a defense against a charge of violating the foreign contribution ban if the defendant should have known that the contribution came from a foreign national (agreed to by a recorded vote of 344 ayes to 56 noes, Roll No. 303); **Pages H5917–18, H5930–31**

The Smith of Michigan amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, that establishes a prison term for 10 years and a fine not to exceed \$1 million as penalties for violation of the foreign contribution ban; **Pages H5918–20**

The DeLay amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that expresses the Sense of Congress that Federal law clearly demonstrates that “controlling legal authority” prohibits the use of Federal property to raise campaign funds (agreed to by a recorded vote of 360 ayes to 36 noes, Roll No. 304); **Pages H5920–22, H5931–32**

The McInnis amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that prohibits acceptance or solicitation to obtain access to Air Force One, Marine One, Air Force Two, Marine Two, the White House or the Vice President’s residence and institutes a fine or imprisonment for violation for up to one year (agreed to by a recorded vote of 391 ayes to 7 noes, Roll No. 305); **Pages H5922–24, H5932**

The Hefley amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that requires the national parties to reimburse the Federal government for the use of Air Force One for political fundraising (agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 307); and **Pages H5925–27, H5933–34**

The Northup amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that prohibits campaigns from providing currency to individuals for the purpose of encouraging turnout on the date of election (agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 177 noes, Roll No. 307). **Pages H5927–28, H5934**

The Snowbarger amendment that establishes mandatory imprisonment for not fewer than 1 year and not more than 10 years for criminal conduct; and **Pages H5942–44**

The Whitfield amendment that bans the coordination of soft money for issue advocacy by presidential candidates receiving public financing. **Pages H5944–45**

Rejected the Paxon amendment to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to require an itemization of amounts spent by labor organizations for political activities and requires the availability of the reports via a public internet site or other publicly accessible computer network (rejected by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 306). **Pages H5924–25, H5932–33**

Pending:

The Goodlatte amendment that repeals the requirement for States to provide for voter registration by mail and includes provisions to reform voter registration; **Pages H5935–41**

The Wicker amendment that permits States to require photo identification before receiving a ballot for voting in an election for Federal office; **Pages H5941–42**

The Calvert amendment that limits the amount of congressional candidates contributions from individuals not residing in the district or State involved to 50 percent; and **Pages H5945–49**

The Linda Smith of Washington amendment that clarifies the term “express advocacy” and provides an exception for voting record and voting guide information. **Pages H5949–51**

The House is considering the bill pursuant to the unanimous consent order of July 17 and H. Res. 442 and H. Res. 458, the rules providing for consideration of the bill.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H5864.

Referrals: S. 638, S. 1069, S. 1132, S. 1403, S. 1510, S. 1695, and S. 1807 were referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 1418 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Science; and S. Con.

Res. 105 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. Page H5954

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5957.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes, and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5912, H5913, H5913–14, H5914, H5929, H5930, H5930–31, H5931, H5932, H5932–33, H5933–34, and H5934. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STATE OF CANCER RESEARCH

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on The State of Cancer Research. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Cancer Institute, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Edison Liu, M.D., Director, Division of Clinical Sciences; and Steven A. Rosenberg, M.D., Chief of Surgery; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 4193, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives section 306 (prohibiting matters within the jurisdiction of the Budget Committee in a measure not reported by it) or 401 (prohibiting consideration of budget-related legislation, as reported, that is not subject to appropriations) of the Budget Act against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted.

The rule waives clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI against the bill except as follows: page 88, line 10, through page 89, line 6 (NEA). The rule makes in order those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided between a proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order

against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule waives clause 2(e) of rule XXI prohibiting non-emergency amendments to be offered to a bill containing an emergency designation under the Budget Act) against amendment to the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D767)

H.R. 960, to validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California. Signed July 16, 1998. (P.L. 105–195)

H.R. 2202, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the bone marrow donor program. Signed July 16, 1998. (P.L. 105–196)

H.R. 2864, to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program under which employers may consult with State officials respecting compliance with occupational safety and health requirements. Signed July 16, 1998. (P.L. 105–197)

H.R. 2877, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Signed July 16, 1998. (P.L. 105–198)

H.R. 3035, to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies. Signed July 16, 1998. (P.L. 105–199)

H.R. 3130, to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements. Signed July 16, 1998. (P.L. 105–200)

H.J. Res. 113, approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in the Nation's Capitol. Signed July 16, 1998. (P.L. 105–201)

S. 731, to extend the legislative authority for construction of the National Peace Garden memorial. Signed July 16, 1998. (P.L. 105–202)