

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 5373–5376; 5378–5382; 1 private bill, H.R. 5377; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 467, were introduced. **Page H6250**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5091, to increase the amount of student loan forgiveness available to qualified teachers, with an emphasis on special education teachers, amended (H. Rept. 107–655). **Page H6250**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Terry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6231**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Most Reverend John R. Gaydos, Bishop of Jefferson City, Missouri. **Page H6231**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, September 11 by a recorded vote of 342 ayes to 42 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 386. **Pages H6231, H6232–33**

Security Assistance Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1646, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and agreed to a conference. Agreed to the motion to go to conference by a yeand-nay vote of 382 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 385. Appointed as conferees from the Committee on International Relations for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Smith of New Jersey, Ros-Lehtinen, Lantos, and Berman. And from the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of sections 234, 236, 709, 710, and 844 and section 404 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: chairman Sensenbrenner, Smith of Texas, and Conyers. **Pages H6231–32, H6233**

Back to School Tax Relief Act: The House agreed to H. Res. 521, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 5193, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to certain taxpayers for elementary and secondary education ex-

penses by a yeand-nay vote of 208 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 387. **Pages H6233–40**

Presidential Message National—Emergency re the Terrorist Threat: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect after September 14, 2002—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–261). **Pages H6240–41**

Legislative Program:—The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of Sept. 16. **Pages H6240–41**

Meeting Hour—Friday, Sept. 13: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 13. **Page H6241**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, Sept. 17: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, Sept. 13, 2002, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17 for morning-hour debate. **Page H6241**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, Sept. 18. **Page H6241**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeand-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6232, H6232–33, H6239–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTHY FORESTS INITIATIVE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry held a hearing on the Administration's Healthy Forests Initiative. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment, USDA; and Rebecca Watson, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations for fiscal year 2003.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Economic Outlook. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing entitled "Implementation of the Workforce Investment Act: Promising Practices in Workforce Development." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "The Erosion of Communities and Home Values by Leaking Underground Storage Tanks." Testimony was heard from Representative Kanjorski; Todd Eachus, Representative, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

CONFLICT WITH IRAQ

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Conflict With Iraq—An Israeli Perspective." Testimony was heard from Benjamin Netanyahu, former Prime Minister of Israel.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on Privacy Concerns Raised by the Collection and Use of Genetic Information by Employers and Insurers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 282, amended, to authorize the Pyramid of Remembrance Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to soldiers who have lost their lives during peacekeeping operations, humanitarian efforts, training, terrorist

attacks, or covert operations; H.R. 464, Kate Mullany National Historic Site Act; H.R. 635, amended, Steel Industry National Historic Park Act; H.R. 1811, PILT and Refuge Revenue Sharing Permanent Funding Act; H.R. 1946, Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System Act of 2001; H.R. 2386, Outfitter Policy Act of 2001; H.R. 2408, Yankton Sioux Tribe and Santee Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Act; H.R. 2826, amended, to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; H.R. 3148, amended, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide equitable treatment of Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans; H.R. 3630, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida and the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park; H.R. 3747, Bainbridge Island Japanese-American Memorial Study Act of 2002; H.R. 3765, John L. Burton Trail Act; H.R. 3802, to amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act; H.R. 3896, to repeal the reservation of mineral rights made by the United States when certain lands in Livingston Parish, Louisiana were conveyed by Public Law 102-562; H.R. 4141, amended, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Protection and Enhancement Act of 2002; H.R. 4692, to amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Establishment of the Andersonville National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes", to provide for the addition of certain donated lands to the Andersonville National Historic Site; H.R. 4734, amended, Alaska Federal Lands Management Demonstration Project Act; H.R. 4830, Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 4844, amended, Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2002; H.R. 4853, amended, to provide that land which is owned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Tribe may be mortgaged, leased, or transferred by the Tribe without further approval by the United States; H.R. 4874, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any Federal interest in lands adjacent to Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in the State of Idaho resulting from possible omission of lands from an 1880 survey; H.R. 4910, amended, to

authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas; H.R. 4919, amended, Tonto and Coconino National Forests Land Exchange Act; H.R. 4944, amended, Cedar Creek Battlefield and Belle Grove Plantation National Historical Park Act; H.R. 4966, amended, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act; H.R. 4968, amended, Federal-Utah State Trust Lands Consolidation Act; H.R. 5032, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest, California, to authorize the use of the proceeds from such conveyances for National Forest purposes; H.R. 5097, amended, to adjust the boundaries of the Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve located in St. Croix, Virginia Islands; H.R. 5099, to extend the periods of authorization for the Secretary of the Interior to implement capital construction projects associated with the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins; H.R. 5108, to authorize leases for terms not to exceed 99 years on lands held in trust for the Yurok Tribe and the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians; H.R. 5109, amended, to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey a parcel of land at the facility of the Southwestern Power Administration in Tupelo, Oklahoma; H.R. 5125, amended, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2002; H.R. 5180, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain real property in the Dixie National Forest in the State of Utah; S. 434, Yankton Sioux Tribe and Santee Sioux Equitable Compensation Act; S. 491, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to the provisions of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project; S. 691, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California; S. 941, amended, Rancho Corral de Tierra Golden Gate National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Act of 2001; S. 1227, Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Study Act; S. 1240, Timpanogos Interagency Land Exchange Act; S. 1907, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the city of Haines, Oregon; and S. 1946, Old Spanish Trail Recognition Act of 2002.

PROPOSED HOUSE RULES CHANGES

Committee on Rules: Held a hearing on proposed changes to House rules. Testimony was heard from Representatives Weldon of Pennsylvania, Rohrabacher, Weldon of Florida, Frank and Norton.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Delta Regional Authority and Southeast Crescent Authority: Progress and Prospects for Regional Development Authorities. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hayes and McIntyre; Pete Johnson, Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority; and public witnesses.

HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs homeless veterans programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Anthony J. Principi, Secretary; and John Kuhn, Chief, New Jersey Homeless Services; Raymond Boland, Secretary, Department of Veterans' Affairs, State of Wisconsin; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

PATIENT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4889, Patient Safety Improvement Act of 2002.

Joint Meetings

9/11 INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION

Joint Hearing: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence held joint closed hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, September 17.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4546, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal

year for the Armed Forces, focusing on airland, emerging threats, personnel, and strategic provisions.

SECURING AMERICA'S FUTURE ENERGY ACT

Conferees met to resolve the difference between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4, to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.