

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 5556–5568; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 116–118; and H. Con. Res. 500–502, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 5400, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank (H. Rept. 107–720, Pt. 2);

H.J. Res. 114, to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq, amended (H. Rept. 107–721);

H.R. 5559, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (H. Rept. 107–722);

H.R. 5422, to prevent child abduction, amended (H. Rept. 107–723, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 574, providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 114, to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq (H. Rept. 107–724);

H.R. 4701, to designate certain conduct by sports agents relating to the signing of contracts with student athletes as unfair and deceptive acts or practices to be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission, amended (H. Rept. 107–725);

H.R. 5504, to provide for the improvement of the safety of child restraints in passenger motor vehicles, amended (H. Rept. 107–726);

H.R. 2037, to amend the Act establishing the Department of Commerce to protect manufacturers and sellers in the firearms and ammunition industry from restrictions on interstate or foreign commerce, amended (H. Rept. 107–727, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3580, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make improvements in the regulation of medical devices, amended (H. Rept. 107–728).

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

Page H7021

Recess: The House recessed at 9:32 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m.

Page H7021

Recess: The House recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Page H7028

Recess: The House recessed at 3:33 p.m. and reconvened at 4:03 p.m.

Page H7058

Security of Wastewater Treatment Works: H.R. 5169, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works.

Pages H7022–24

Mortgage Servicing Clarification: H.R. 163, amended, to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to exempt mortgage servicers from certain requirements of the Act with respect to federally related mortgage loans secured by a first lien;

Pages H7024–27

Truth in Lending Inflation Adjustment: H.R. 5507, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to adjust the exempt transactions amount for inflation;

Pages H7027–28

Protection of Privacy by Federal Agencies: H.R. 4561, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that agencies, in promulgating rules, take into consideration the impact of such rules on the privacy of individuals;

Pages H7030–33

National Community Role Models Week: H. Con. Res. 409, supporting the goals and ideals of National Community Role Models Week;

Pages H7033–34

Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office, Los Angeles, California: H.R. 2578, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the “Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building;”

Pages H7034–36

Francis Dayle “Chick” Hearn Post Office, Encino, California: H.R. 5340, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5805 White Oak Avenue in Encino, California, as the “Francis Dayle ‘Chick’ Hearn Post Office;”

Pages H7036–38

Support for the President’s 2002 National Drug Control Strategy: H. Res. 569, expressing support for the President’s 2002 National Drug Control Strategy to reduce illegal drug use in the United States;

Pages H7038–41

Accountability of Tax Dollars: H.R. 4685, amended, to amend title 31, United States Code, to expand the types of Federal agencies that are required to prepare audited financial statements;

Pages H7041–43

Statutory License for Webcasting: H.R. 5469, amended, to suspend for a period of 6 months the

determination of the Librarian of Congress of July 8, 2002, relating to rates and terms for the digital performance of sound recordings and ephemeral recordings. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the statutory license for webcasting.";

Pages H7043–48

Commemorative Quarters for the District of Columbia and Territories: H.R. 4005, to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to commemorate the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island;

Pages H7053–56

Catch-Up Contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan: H.R. 3340, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow certain catch-up contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan to be made by participants age 50 or over (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 372 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 442);

Pages H7056–58, H7130

Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections: H.R. 5385, amended, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws;

Pages H7058–H7102

War in Sudan: H.R. 5531, amended, to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan (agreed to by 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 359 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 443);

Pages H7102–08, H7130–31

Russian Democracy Act: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2121, to make available funds under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to expand democracy, good governance, and anti-corruption programs in the Russian Federation in order to promote and strengthen democratic government and civil society in that country and to support independent media society in that country and to support independent media—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H7109–12

Transatlantic Security and NATO Enhancement: H. Res. 468, amended, affirming the importance of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), supporting continued United States participation in NATO, and ensuring that the enlargement of NATO proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests (agreed to by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 9 nays with 1 voting present, Roll No. 444);

Pages H7112–17, H7131–32

Integration of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia into NATO: H. Con. Res. 116, recommending the

integration of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO);

Pages H7117–19

Integration of Slovakia into NATO: H. Res. 253, amended, recommending the integration of the Republic of Slovakia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Resolution recommending the integration of the Slovak Republic into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).";

Pages H7119–22

Veterans Compensation Cost of Living Adjustment: Agree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 4085, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H7122–24

Increase in Amounts Available to States that Determine Qualifications of Montgomery GI Bill Educational Institutions: H.R. 3731, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase amounts available to State approving agencies to ascertain the qualifications of educational institutions for furnishing courses of education to veterans and eligible persons under the Montgomery GI Bill and under other programs of education administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase amounts available to State approving agencies to ascertain the qualifications of educational institutions for furnishing courses of education to veterans and eligible persons under the Montgomery GI Bill and under other programs of education administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.";

Pages H7124–25

Honoring the Officers and Crew of the World War II Liberty Ship, S.S. Henry Bacon: H. Con. Res. 411, amended, recognizing the exploits of the officers and crew of the S.S. *Henry Bacon*, a United States Liberty ship that was sunk on February 23, 1945, in the waning days of World War II. Agreed to amend the title so as to read:

Pages H7125–27

Recognizing Commodore John Barry as the First Flag Officer of the United States Navy: H.J. Res. 6, amended, recognizing Commodore John Barry as the first flag officer of the United States Navy;

Pages H7127–28

Honoring the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation: H. Con. Res. 465, amended, recognizing, applauding, and supporting the efforts of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Georgia, to utilize

veteran aviators of the Armed Forces and former Army Aviation aircraft to inspire Americans and to ensure that our Nation's military legacy and heritage of service are never forgotten; **Pages H7128–29**

Contributions of the Trucking, Rail, and Passenger Transit Industries to the Economic Well Being of the United States: H. Res. 567, recognizing the importance of surface transportation infrastructure to interstate and international commerce and the traveling public and the contributions of the trucking, rail, and passenger transit industries to the economic well being of the United States. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Resolution recognizing the importance of surface transportation infrastructure to interstate and international commerce and the traveling public and the contributions of the trucking, rail, intercity bus, and passenger transit industries to the economic well being of the United States."; **Pages H7133–35**

Tony Hall Federal Building and Courthouse, Dayton, Ohio: H.R. 5335, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse;"; **Pages H7141–43**

Protection of the Privacy Rights of Home Schooled Children: H.R. 5331, to amend the General Education Provisions Act to clarify the definition of a student regarding family educational and privacy rights; **Pages H7143–44**

Joe Skeen Federal Building, Roswell, New Mexico: H.R. 5427, to designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building;"; **Pages H7148–50**

Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse, Santa Fe, New Mexico: H.R. 5083, to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Campos United States Courthouse;"; **Pages H7150–51**

Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse, Eugene, Oregon: H.R. 2672, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the "Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse;"; **Pages H7151–53**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 8.

Affirming One Nation Under God in the Pledge of Allegiance: S. 2690, amended, to reaffirm the ref-

erence to one Nation under God in the Pledge of Allegiance; **Pages H7028–29**

Child Abduction Prevention: H.R. 5422, amended, to prevent child abduction; **Pages H7048–53**

Appreciation for the Loyalty and Leadership of Prime Minister Blair: H. Res. 549, expressing appreciation for the Prime Minister of Great Britain for his loyal support and leadership in the war on terrorism and reaffirming the strong relationship between the people of the United States and Great Britain; **Pages H7136–41**

Black Lung Consolidation of Administrative Responsibility: H.R. 5542, amended, to consolidate all black lung benefit responsibility under a single official; **Pages H7144–46**

Citing Title IX as the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act: H.J. Res. 113, amended, recognizing the contributions of Patsy T. Mink; **Pages H7146–48**

Medical Device Amendments: H.R. 3580 amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make improvements in the regulation of medical devices; and **Pages H7153–64**

Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act: H.R. 5557, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services and Foreign Service in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services. **Pages H7164–67**

Supplemental Report: The Committee on Energy and Commerce received permission to file a supplemental report on H.R. 3580, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make improvements in the regulation of medical devices. **Page H7153**

Expansion of Renewal Communities: The House passed H.R. 3100, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for the expansion of areas designated as renewal communities based on 2000 census data. **Pages H7132–33**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H7021.

Referrals: S. 1210, was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, S. 1806, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, S. 2064, was referred to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Resources, and S. Con. Res. 139, was held at the desk. **Page H7169**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today

and appear on pages H7130, H7130–31, and H7131–32. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

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Committee Meetings

AUTHORIZING USE OF U.S. ARMED FORCES AGAINST IRAQ

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.J. Res. 114, Authorization for the use of Military Forces Against Iraq, providing 17 hours of debate in the House equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule provides that it shall be in order for the Majority Leader or his designee, after consultation with the Minority Leader, to move to extend debate on the joint resolution and that such motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the amendment to the preamble and the amendment to the text recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the joint resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read and shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against such amendments. The rule provides for one final hour of debate on the joint resolution, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations after the consideration of the amendments. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of H.J. Res. 114, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the joint resolution to a time designated by the Speaker, either on the same legislative day or on the next legislative day. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives Berman, Menendez, Davis of Florida, Spratt, Levin, Cardin, Price of North Carolina, Inslee, Allen of Maine, Snyder and Larson of Connecticut.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine perspectives on America's transit needs, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; Alberto Faustino Trevino, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Philip Merrill, of Maryland, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; Carolyn Y. Peoples, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Deborah Doyle McWhinney, of California, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; John M. Reich, of Virginia, to be Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Rafael Cuellar, of New Jersey, and Michael Scott, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, 2 p.m., S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine the current implementation of the Clean Water Act, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 2667, to amend the Peace Corps Act to promote global acceptance of the principles of international peace and nonviolent coexistence among peoples of diverse cultures and systems of government; H.R. 3656, to amend the International Organizations Immunities Act to provide for the applicability of that Act to the European Central Bank; H.R. 4073, to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts, and pending nominations and treaties, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission; and Tony Hammond, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 14, 2004, 9 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the current system of regulation of the herb ephedra and oversight of dietary supplements, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to resume joint hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–226.