

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 2397–2414; 1 private bill, H.R. 2415; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 214, and H. Res. 264, 266–268 were introduced. **Pages H5173–74**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5174–75**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 265, providing for consideration of H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration (H. Rept. 108–146); and

H.R. 2122, to enhance research, development, procurement, and use of biomedical countermeasures to respond to public health threats affecting national security (H. Rept. 108–147). **Page H5173**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boozman to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5091**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Rev. Phillip Kaim of the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois. **Page H5097**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:25 p.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5097**

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

**Prevention of Sexual Assault in the United States and Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month:** S.J. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month; **Pages H5100–02**

**Involuntary Bankruptcy Improvement Act:** H.R. 1529, to amend title 11 of the United States Code with respect to the dismissal of certain involuntary cases; **Pages H5103–04**

**Standards Development Organization Advancement Act:** H.R. 1086, amended, to encourage the development and promulgation of voluntary consensus standards by providing relief under the anti-trust laws to standards development organizations with respect to conduct engaged in for the purpose of developing voluntary consensus standards; **Pages H5104–06**

**Urging the WTO to End the European Union's Discriminatory Trade Practices Against Agri-**

**culture Biotechnology:** H. Res. 252, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives supporting the United States in its efforts within the World Trade Organization (WTO) to end the European Union's protectionist and discriminatory trade practices of the past five years regarding agriculture biotechnology (agreed to by  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 339 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 256); **Pages H5106–16, H5153**

**Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building, Paia, Maui, Hawaii:** H.R. 2030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Paia, Maui, Hawaii, as the "Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building"; and **Pages H5120–27**

**Cesar Chavez Post Office, Chicago, Illinois:** H.R. 925, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1859 South Ashland Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Cesar Chavez Post Office". **Pages H5127–29**

**Proceedings Postponed—Recognizing the Significant Accomplishment of Sequencing the Human Genome and Celebrating Human Genome Month and DNA Day:** The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 110, recognizing the sequencing of the human genome as one of the most significant scientific accomplishments of the past one hundred years and expressing support for the goals and ideals of Human Genome Month and DNA Day. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, June 11. **Pages H5116–20**

**Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act:** The House passed H.R. 2143, to prevent the use of certain bank instruments for unlawful Internet gambling, by yeas-and-nays vote of 319 yeas to 104 nays, Roll No. 255. **Pages H5136–53**

Agreed to:

Kelly amendment no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–145 that adds a new section stating that no provision shall be construed as changing or affecting any law relating to gambling within the United States; **Page H5146**

Rejected:

Jackson-Lee amendment no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–145 that sought to remove the ban on the use of credit cards for internet gambling; and **Pages H5146–48**

Sensenbrenner amendment no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–145 that sought to remove exceptions for

lawful transactions with a business licensed or authorized by a State including Horse racing, dog racing, Jai Alai, and state run lotteries (rejected by recorded vote of 186 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 254).

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H. Res. 263, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by recorded vote of 259 ayes to 158 noes, Roll No. 253. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 252.

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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**Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Levin, Kaptur, and Brown of Ohio to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

*Periodic Report on the National Emergency re the Accumulation of Weapon-Usable Fissile Material in the Territory of the Russian Federation:* Message wherein he transmitted a 6 month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–83); and

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*Continuation of the National Emergency re the Accumulation of a Large Volume of Weapons-Usable Fissile Material in the Territory of the Russian Federation:* Message wherein he transmitted a notice stating that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation and maintain in force these emergency authorities to respond to this threat—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–84).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5091.

**Referral:** H. Con. Res. 49 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5134–35, H5135–36, H5151–52, H5152–53, and H5153. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT; READY TO TEACH ACT

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 438, Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2003; and H.R. 2211, Ready to Teach Act.

### NATURAL GAS SUPPLY AND DEMAND ISSUES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Held a hearing entitled “Natural Gas Supply and Demand Issues.” Testimony was heard from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Donald L. Mason, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

### FINANCING EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP PROGRAMS: AN OVERVIEW

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on Financing Employee Ownership Programs: An Overview. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity continued hearings on “The Section 8 Housing Assistance Program: Promoting Decent Affordable Housing for Families and Individuals Who Rent.” Testimony was heard from R.E. Duncan, Chairman, Topeka Housing Authority, Kansas; Tino Hernandez, Chairman, New York City Housing Authority, New York; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—QUALITY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION AT USDA AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing on “Fixing the Financials—Featuring USDA and Education.” Testimony was heard from Edward McPherson, Chief Financial Officer, USDA; Jack Martin, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education; and the following officials of the GAO: McCoy Williams, and Linda Calbon, both Directors of Financial Management and Assurance.