

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 2751–2764; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 245–246, and H. Res. 320–322, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H7019–20

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, (H. Rept. 108–212);

H.R. 2433, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans who participated in certain Department of Defense chemical and biological warfare testing to be provided health care for illness without requirement for proof of service-connection, amended (H. Rept. 108–213).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Deborah Logan, Pastor, Christian Faith Fellowship Church of Zion, Illinois.

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

Washoe Indian Tribe Land Conveyance Act: H.R. 74, 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.

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Lander and Eureka Counties Land Conveyances: H.R. 272, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries.

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McLoughlin House National Historic Site Act: Agree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 733, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House in Oregon City, Oregon, for inclusion in Fort Vancouver Historic Site—clearing the measure for the President;

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Trust Land for Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico: S. 246, to provide that certain Bureau of Land Management land shall be held in trust for the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico—clearing the measure for the President;

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Honoring the Late Former Mayor of Atlanta, Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr.: H. Res. 303, honoring Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr., former Mayor of the City of Atlanta, and extending the condolences of the House of Representatives on his death;

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Supporting National Men's Health Week: H. Con. Res. 208, supporting National Men's Health Week;

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Supporting Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 6, supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month, (agreed to by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 374);

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Importance of International Efforts to Abolish Slavery in Sudan: H. Res. 194, amended, regarding the importance of international efforts to abolish slavery and other human rights abuses in the Sudan; and

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Supporting the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa: H. Con. Res. 80, expressing the sense of Congress relating to efforts of the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa to facilitate the establishment and development of transfrontier conservation efforts in southern Africa.

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Millennium Challenge Account, Peace Corps Expansion, and Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 1950, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal years 2004 and 2005 and to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005, by a recorded vote of 382 yeas to 42 noes, Roll No. 369. The bill was also considered on July 15.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A bill to establish the Millennium Challenge Account to provide increased support for certain developing countries; to authorize the expansion of the Peace Corps; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; and to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005."

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On the demand for a separate vote on the Hyde amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–206, as amended, and agreed to in the Committee on the

Whole on July 15; the House agreed to the amendment by a yea-and-nay vote of 368 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 368. **Pages H6892–H6902**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H6903**

H. Res. 316, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 15.

National Defense Authorization Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H6904–08, H6949**

Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Armed Services: Chairman Hunter and Representatives Weldon of Pennsylvania, Hefley, Saxton, McHugh, Everett, Bartlett of Maryland, McKeon, Thornberry, Hostettler, Jones of North Carolina, Ryun of Kansas, Gibbons, Hayes, Wilson of New Mexico, Calvert, Skelton, Spratt, Ortiz, Evans, Taylor of Mississippi, Abercrombie, Meehan, Reyes, Snyder, Turner of Texas, Loretta Sanchez, and Cooper. **Page H6907**

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Chairman Goss and Representatives Hoekstra and Harman. From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of secs. 1057 and 2822 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Goodlatte and Representatives Lucas of Oklahoma and Stenholm. From the Committee on Education and the Workforce for consideration of secs. 544, 553, 563, 567, 907, 1046, 1501, 1502, and 1504–1506 of the House bill, and secs. 233, 351, 352, 368, 701, 1034, and 1036 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference; Representatives Castle, Kline, and George Miller of California. **Page H6907**

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 601, 3113, 3201, and 3517 of the House bill, and secs. 601, 701, 852, 3151, and 3201 of the Senate amendment: Chairman Tauzin and Representatives Barton of Texas and Dingell. From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of secs. 814 and 907 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Oxley and Representatives King of New York, and Maloney. From the Committee on Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 315, 323, 551, 805, 822, 824, 828, 829, 1031, 1046, 1050, 1057, Title XI, Title XIV, secs. 2825 and 2826 of the House bill, and secs. 326, 801, 811, 813, 822,

831–833, 841, 852, 853, 1013, 1035, 1102–1104, and 2824–2826 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Tom Davis of Virginia and Representatives Shays, Jo Ann Davis of Virginia, Putnam, Turner of Ohio, Waxman, Van Hollen, and Davis of Illinois. From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sec. 1456 of the House bill and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Cox and Representatives Shadegg and Thompson of Mississippi. From the Committee on House Administration, for consideration of sec. 564 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Ney and Representatives Mica and Larson of Connecticut. **Pages H6907–08**

From the Committee on International Relations, for consideration of secs. 1047, 1201, 1202, 1209, Title XIII, secs. 3601, 3611, 3631, 3632, and 3634–3636 of the House bill, and secs. 323, 343, 921, 1201, 1202, 1204, 1205, 1207, 1208, Title XIII, and sec. 3141 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Bereuter and Lantos. From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 661–665 and 851–853 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Smith of Texas, and Conyers. From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of secs. 311, 317–319, 601, and 1057 of the House bill and secs. 322, 330, and 601 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Pombo and Representatives Gilchrest, Rehberg, Rahall, and Udall of New Mexico. **Page H6908**

From the Committee on Science for consideration of secs. 852 and 911 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference; Chairman Boehlert and Representatives Smith of Michigan, and Hall of Texas. From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sec. 866 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Manzullo and Representatives Kelly and Velázquez. From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 312, 601, 907, 1049, 1051, and 2824 of the House bill, and secs. 324, 601, and 2821 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Young of Alaska and Representatives Petri and Carson of Oklahoma. From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of sec. 565 of the House bill, and secs. 644 and 707 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Smith of New Jersey and Representatives Bilirakis and Filner. From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of sec. 701 of the Senate amendment, and modifications

committed to conference: Chairman Thomas and Representatives McCrery and Stark. **Page H6908**

Agreed to the Spratt motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the provisions contained in section 3111 of the House bill. **Pages H6904–07**

By a yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 375, agreed to close portions of the conference when classified national security material is being discussed. **Page H6949**

Project BioShield Act: The House passed H.R. 2122, to enhance research, development, procurement, and use of biomedical countermeasures to respond to public health threats affecting national security by a yea-and-nay of 421 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 373. **Pages H6908–6941, H6947–48**

The bill was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of July 15, and pursuant to that order, in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committee on Government Reform and the Select Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute placed at the desk on July 15 was considered as adopted. **Pages H6908–41**

Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Pages H6941–84**

Agreed To:

Mario Diaz-Balart amendment that makes funds available for implementing the Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park Project contingent upon a joint report dealing with the water quality standards of the water entering the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and Everglades National Park; **Pages H6974–76**

Proceedings Postponed:

Slaughter amendment No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record that seeks to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts by \$10 million and increase funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities by \$5 million with offsets from the National Park Service, Departmental Management, and National Forest System was offered. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H6976–83**

Points of Order Sustained Against:

Obey en bloc amendment that sought to increase funding for conservation programs with offsets from reducing the tax reduction by 3.21 percent to taxpayers with gross income of \$1 million; **Page H6963**

Section 139, Concerning Funds for Incidental Expenses by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; **Page H6973**

Section 137, Expedited Procedures for Indian Trust Accounting; **Pages H6973–74**

H. Res. 319, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 372. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 371. **Pages H6941–47**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act Motions to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the DeLauro motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces by recorded vote of 206 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 370. The motion was debated on July 15; **Pages H6903–04**

The House completed debate on the Michaud motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308 that was noted on July 15. Further proceedings were postponed on the motion. Earlier, Representative Bell announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Pages H6984–90**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6871.

Referral: S. 764 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H7011**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7020–21.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6902, H6902–03, H6903–04, H6946–47, H6947, H6948, H6948–49, and H6949. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies; and Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.