

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3197–3212 and; 2 resolutions, H. Res. 381–382 were introduced. **Pages H9032–33**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1260, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs (H. Rept. 108–287); and

Conference report on S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion (H. Rept. 108–288). **Pages H8991–96, H9032**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Chocola to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H8955**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H8960**

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

Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act: H.R. 2086, amended, to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy; **Pages H8962–72**

Congratulating the New York Yankees on their 100th Anniversary: H. Res. 306, congratulating the New York Yankees on the occasion of their 100th anniversary; **Pages H8972–77**

Bob Hope Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3011, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 135 East Olive Avenue in Burbank, California, as the “Bob Hope Post Office Building”; **Pages H8977–79**

Honoring Bob Hope: H. Res 357, honoring the life and legacy of Bob Hope by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 526; **Pages H8979–81, H8990–91**

Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2075, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the “Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building”; **Pages H8981–82**

Arthur ‘Pappy’ Kennedy Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1882, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Florida, as the “Arthur ‘Pappy’ Kennedy Post Office”; **Pages H8982–83**

Amending the Higher Education Act of 1965: S. 570, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to the qualifications of foreign schools—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H8983–84**

Honoring Johnny Cash: H. Con. Res. 282, amended, honoring the life of Johnny Cash; and **Pages H8985–88**

Declaring Emporia, Kansas as the Founding City of the Veterans Day Holiday: H. Con. Res. 159, declaring Emporia, Kansas, to be the founding city of the Veterans Day holiday and recognizing the contributions of Alvin J. King and Representative Ed Rees to the enactment into law of the observance of Veterans Day. **Pages H8988–89**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:38 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 p.m. **Page H8989**

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Sandlin motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003, which was debated on Thursday, September 25, by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 524. **Pages H8989–90**

Later Representative Case announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Page H8996**

Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Pallone motion to instruct on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act which was debated on Thursday, September 25, by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 525. **Page H8990**

Later Representative Davis of Alabama announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill. **Pages H8996–97**

Energy Policy Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Inslee announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2003. **Page H8997**

Extending Certain Expiring Provisions: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3146, to extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs, and for other purposes—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H9008–9011**

Presidential Message—Memorandum of Understanding: Message wherein he transmitted a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department

of State and the Department of Homeland Security Concerning Implementation of Section 428 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002—referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Select Committee on Homeland Security and ordered to be printed. (H. Doc. 108–131). **Pages H9020–25**

Senate Messages: Messages from the Senate appear today on pages H8955 and H9001.

Senate Referrals: S. 1591 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, S. 1244 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, S. 1301 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and S. 1375 and S. 1451 were ordered held at the desk. **Page H9031**

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST—IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Supplemental Request for Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; Dov S. Zakheim, Under Secretary (Comptroller); and Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST—IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Supplemental Request for Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary; and Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, AID.

RESOLUTION—TRANSMIT TO HOUSE—OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM STRATEGIC LESSONS LEARNED REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Adversely reported H. Res. 364, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of adoption of this resolution the report prepared for the Joint Chiefs of Staff entitled "Operation Iraqi Freedom Strategic Lessons Learned" and documents in his possession on the reconstruction and security of post-war Iraq.

NUCLEAR TERRORISM PREVENTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled

"Nuclear Terrorism Prevention: A Review of the Federal Government's Progress Toward Installing Radiation Detection Monitors at U.S. Ports and Borders." Testimony was heard from Jay Ahearn, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Paul Longworth, Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Gene Aloise, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and Thomas G. Day, Vice President, Engineering, U.S. Postal Service.

RUSSIA'S TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY AND U.S.-RUSSIA RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on Russia's Transition to Democracy and U.S.-Russia Relations: Unfinished Business. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 48, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1629, Upper Missouri River Breaks Boundary Clarification Act; H.R. 2424, National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2003; and H.R. 2966, Right-to-Ride Livestock on Federal Lands Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rehberg and Cummings; Chad Calvert, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

RURAL VETERANS ACCESS TO CARE ACT; VETERANS TIMELY ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE ACT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2379, Rural Veterans Access to Care Act of 2003; and H.R. 3094, Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Osborne and Porter; Robert H. Boswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.