

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3490–3505, and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 441–442, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows today:

H.R. 154, to exclude certain properties from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, amended, (H. Rept. 108–359);

H.R. 521, to establish the Steel Industry National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amended, (H. Rept. 108–360);

H.R. 1594, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the St. Croix National Heritage Area in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands, amended, (H. Rept. 108–361);

H.R. 1618, to establish the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area in the State of Georgia, amended, (H. Rept. 108–362);

H.R. 1648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District (H. Rept. 108–363);

H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project, (H. Rept. 108–364);

H.R. 1798, to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, amended, (H. Rept. 108–365);

H.R. 1862, to establish the Oil Region National Heritage Area, amended, (H. Rept. 108–366);

H.R. 2425, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Quinault Indian Nation under United States Claims Court Dockets 772–71, 773–71, 774–71, and 775–71, amended, (H. Rept. 108–367);

H.R. 2489, to provide for the distribution of judgment funds to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, amended, (H. Rept. 108–368);

S. 625, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct certain feasibility studies in the Tualatin River Basin in Oregon (H. Rept. 108–369);

H.R. 280, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area, amended, (H. Rept. 108–370);

H.R. 421, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (H. Rept. 108–371, Pt. 1);

S. 1233, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center (H. Rept. 108–372, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 1964, to establish the Highlands Stewardship Area in the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, amended, (H. Rept. 108–373, Pt. 1);

S. 523, to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans (H. Rept. 108–374, Pt. 1).

Conference report on H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people (H. Rept. 108–375);

H. Res. 443, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 6) to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people (H. Rept. 108–376); and

H. Res. 444, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2754) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–377).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:44 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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

Recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture: S.J. Res. 22, recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture for 50 years of outstanding service to the Nation through agricultural research by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 332 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 620—clearing the measure for the President;

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Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a loan repayment program: H.R. 1367, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a loan repayment program regarding the provision of veterinary services in shortage situations;

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Apalachicola National Forest Land Conveyance Act: H.R. 3217, to provide for the conveyance of several small parcels of National Forest System land

in the Apalachicola National Forest, Florida, to resolve boundary discrepancies involving the Mt. Trial Primitive Baptist Church of Wakulla County, Florida;

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Providing for the designation of a Department of Agriculture disaster liaison: H.R. 3157, amended, to provide for the designation of a Department of Agriculture disaster liaison to assist State and local employees of the Department in coordination with other disaster agencies in response to a federally declared disaster area as a result of a disaster;

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Resolving boundary conflicts around Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri: H.R. 2304, amended, to resolve boundary conflicts in the vicinity of the Mark Twain National Forest in Barry and Stone Counties, Missouri, that resulted from private landowner reliance on a subsequent Federal survey;

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George Henry White Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3353, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 Main Street in Tarboro, North Carolina, as the George Henry White Post Office Building;

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James E. Davis Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 1590, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 315 Empire Boulevard in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, as the James E. Davis Post Office Building—clearing the measure for the President;

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Hugh Gregg Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3185, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 38 Spring Street in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the Hugh Gregg Post Office Building;

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Commending the Inspectors General for their service to the Federal Government: S.J. Res. 18, commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 326 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 621 clearing the measure for the President;

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Honoring Mr. Sargent Shriver: H. Con. Res. 299, honoring Mr. Sargent Shriver for his dedication and service to the United States of America, for his service in the United States Navy, and for his lifetime of work as an ambassador for the poor and powerless citizens of the United States of America by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 325 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 622;

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John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2003: H.R. 3198, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts;

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Amending the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972: H.R. 3209, to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project;

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Williamson County Water Recycling Act of 2003: H.R. 1732, amended, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project;

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Correcting a technical error from Unit T–07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System: S. 1066, to correct a technical error from Unit T–07 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System—clearing the measure for the President;

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Carpinteria and Montecito Water Distribution Systems Conveyance Act of 2003: H.R. 1648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District;

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Congratulating John Gagliardi, football coach of St. John's University: H. Res. 438, congratulating John Gagliardi, football coach of St. John's University, on the occasion of his becoming the all-time winningest coach in collegiate football history.

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Honoring the Rice University Owls Baseball team: H. Res. 379, honoring the Rice University Owls baseball team for winning the NCAA baseball champions; and

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Suspensions Postponed: The following measures were debated under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Tuesday, November 18.

Walter F. Ebrnfelt, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3300, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15500 Pearl Road in Strongsville, Ohio, as the Walter F. Ebrnfelt, Jr. Post Office Building; and

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Directing the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county: H.R. 1274, amended, to direct the Administrator of General

Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:34 p.m. and reconvened at 2:48 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:04 p.m. and reconvened at 7 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18 for morning hour debate, by a recorded vote of 296 ayes to 25 noes, Roll No. 623.

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Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Berkley announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the medicare program and to strengthen and improve the medicare program.

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Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Kennedy of Rhode Island announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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Energy Policy Act of 2003: Agreed that the managers on the part of the House have until 6 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18 to file a conference report on H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H11161.

Senate Referrals: S. 1824 was ordered held at the desk.

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Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:51 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18.

Committee Meetings

CONFERENCE REPORT—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and against its consideration.

CONFERENCE REPORT—ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2003

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference re-

port to accompany H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2003, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Tauzin and Representative Barton of Texas.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine space acquisition policies and processes, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael W. Wynne, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, 4 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending nominations, time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1209, to provide for the acquisition of property in Washington County, Utah, for implementation of a desert tortoise habitat conservation plan, H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, S. 1467, to establish the Rio Grande Outstanding Natural Area in the State of Colorado, S. 1167, to resolve the boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri, and S. 1848, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend Pine Nursery Administration Site in the State of Oregon, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Steven J. Simmons, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Arnold I. Havens, of Virginia, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the role of professional organizations like accounting firms, law firms, and financial institutions in developing, marketing and implementing tax shelters, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine America after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, 9:30 a.m., SD-226

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No committee meetings are scheduled.