

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3506–3518; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 325–328, and H. Res. 445–448, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H11392–93, H11515**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows today:

H.R. 2584, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship (H. Rept. 108–378);

H.R. 2907, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership, amended, (Rept. 108–379).

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

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Approval of the Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 361 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 626.

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Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act of 2003: The House agreed to call from the private calendar and pass H.R. 1658, Private Bill; to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway.

Pages H11369–70

Energy and Water Development Appropriations—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 631.

Pages H11396–H11405, 11432–33

H. Res. 444, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 625.

Pages H11370–72, H11377

Agriculture Appropriations—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference.

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Agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yeas-and-nays vote of 237 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 624.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Young (FL), Regula, Lewis (CA), Wolf, Walsh, Hobson, Bonilla, Kingston, Frelinghuysen, Nethercutt, Latham, Goode, LaHood, Obey, Murtha, Mollohan, Kaptur, Serrano, DeLauro, Hinchey, Farr, Boyd, and Fattah.

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Energy Policy Act of 2003—Conference Report: The House agreed to the 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, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 246 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 630.

Pages H11405–32

H. Res. 443, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 248 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 629, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 225 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 628.

Pages H11379–88

Intelligence Authorization—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and agreed to a conference.

Pages H11434–40

Agreed to the Harman motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 633.

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Appointed as conferees: From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goss, Bereuter, Boehlert, Gibbons, LaHood, Cunningham, Hoekstra, Burr, Everett, Gallegly, Collins, Harman, Hastings (FL), Reyes, Boswell, Peterson (MN), Cramer, Eshoo, Holt, and Ruppertsberger;

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From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities, Representatives Hunter, Weldon (PA), and Skelton.

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

Walter F. Ebrnfelt, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act: Debated on Monday, November 17, 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. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Post Office Building by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 627; **Pages H11378–79**

Directing the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county: Debated on Monday, November 17, H.R. 1274, amended, to direct the Administrator of General Services to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing Federal courthouse in that county by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 632. **Page H11433**

Sense of the House that John Wooden should be honored: H. Res. 411, amended, expressing the sense of the House that John Wooden should be honored for his contributions to sports and education; **Pages H11440–43**

Congratulating the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men’s tennis team: H. Res. 391, congratulating the University of Illinois Fighting Illini men’s tennis team for its successful season; **Pages H11443–44**

Amending the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966: H.R. 1204, amended, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to establish requirements for the award of concessions in the National Wildlife Refuge System, to provide for maintenance and repair of properties located in the System by concessionaires authorized to use such properties; **Pages H11446–48**

National Aviation Heritage Area Act: H.R. 280, amended, to establish the National Aviation Heritage Area; **Pages H11448–59**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “a bill to establish certain National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes”. **Page H11459**

Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003: H.R. 1651, amended, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California; **Pages H11459–60**

Northern Arizona National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003: H.R. 2907, amended, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership; **Pages H11460–66**

Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park Addition Act of 2003: S. 254, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11466–68**

Increasing the waiver requirements for certain grants provided to territories of the United States: H.R. 1189, to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; **Pages H11468–69**

Urging the President to present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II: H. Con. Res. 313, to urge the President, on behalf of the United States, to present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, in recognition of his significant, enduring, and historic contributions to the causes of freedom, human dignity, and peace and to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of His Holiness’s inauguration of his ministry as Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pastor of the Catholic Church; **Pages H11469–77**

New Bridge Landing Post Office Redesignation Act: H.R. 2130, amended, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 650 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge, New Jersey, as the New Bridge Landing Post Office; **Pages H11477–78**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 121 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge, New Jersey, as the ‘New Bridge Landing Post Office’”. **Page H11478**

Senator James B. Pearson Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 1718, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the “Senator James B. Pearson Post Office”—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11478–79**

Ronald Reagan Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 710 Wick Lane in Billings, Montana, as the Ronald Reagan Post Office Building—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H11479–80**

Expressing the sense of Congress that Althea Gibson should be recognized for her achievements and commitment: H. Con. Res. 69, expressing the sense of Congress that Althea Gibson should be recognized for her ground breaking achievements in athletics and her commitment to ending racial discrimination and prejudice within the world of sports; **Pages H11480–81**

Awarding the Congressional Gold Medals posthumously on behalf of Rev. Joseph A. DeLaine, Harry and Eliza Briggs, and Levi Pearson: H.R. 3287, to award congressional gold medals posthumously on behalf of Reverend Joseph A. DeLaine,

Harry and Eliza Briggs, and Levi Pearson in recognition of their contributions to the Nation as pioneers in the effort to desegregate public schools that led directly to the landmark desegregation case of *Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al.*;

Pages H11484–87

Suspensions Postponed: The following measures were debated under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, November 19:

Captive Wildlife Safety Act: H.R. 1006, amended, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wildlife species;

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Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance of motorsports: H. Con. Res. 320, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of motorsports;

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National Museum of African-American History and Culture Act: H.R. 3491, to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of African American History and Culture;

Pages H11487–93

Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House debated the Berkley 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.

Pages H11493–H11500

Representative Hooley of Oregon announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the Kennedy of Rhode Island 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.

Pages H11500–03

Representative Kildee announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Presidential Message: Received a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2003 National Money Laundering Strategy—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and Financial Services (H. Doc. 108–143).

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H11361.

Senate Referrals: S. 1743 was referred to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Judiciary.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of 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.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1271)

H.R. 1442, to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Signed on November 17, 2003. (Public Law 108–126).

H.R. 3288, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to make technical corrections with respect to the definition of qualifying State. Signed on November 17, 2003. (Public Law 108–127).

S. 677, to revise the boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area in the State of Colorado. Signed on November 17, 2003. (Public Law 108–128).

S. 924, to authorize the exchange of lands between an Alaska Native Village Corporation and the Department of the Interior. Signed on November 17, 2003. (Public Law 108–129).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine current Army issues, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending military nominations, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the threat of agroterrorism, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine S.741, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with regard to new animal