

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 4584–4602; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 451–452, and H. Res. 677–680, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4363, to facilitate self-help housing home-ownership opportunities, amended (H. Rept. 108–546);

H. Res. 640, a resolution of inquiry requesting that the Secretary of Defense transmit to the House of Representatives before the expiration of the 14-day period beginning on the date of the adoption of this resolution any picture, photograph, video, communication, or report produced in conjunction with any completed Department of Defense investigation conducted by Major General Antonio M. Taguba relating to allegations of torture or allegations of violations of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq or any completed Department of Defense investigation relating to the abuse or alleged abuse of a prisoner of war or detainee by any civilian contractor working in Iraq who is employed on behalf of the Department of Defense, amended, adversely (H. Rept. 108–547);

H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad, amended (H. Rept. 108–548, Pt. 1).

H. Res. 681, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4520) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad (H. Rept. 108–549).

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

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Les Burlinson, Southeast Director, Hockey Ministries International in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, June 15 by a voice vote.

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U.S. Refinery Revitalization Act of 2004: The House passed H.R. 4517, to provide incentives to increase refinery capacity in the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 246.

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H. Res. 671, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Tuesday, June 15 by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 237.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:38 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005—Rule: The House agreed to H. Res. 675, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 197 noes, Roll No. 244, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 243.

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Suspension Failed: The House failed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, June 15:

Gasoline Price Reduction Act of 2004: H.R. 4545, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce the proliferation of boutique fuels, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 247.

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Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005: The House began consideration of H.R. 4568, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, June 17.

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Agreed to:

Slaughter en bloc amendment (as modified by unanimous consent to make a technical correction) that reduces funding for motor vehicle lease, purchase or service costs at the Department of the Interior, and increases funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities (by a recorded vote of 241 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 248);

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Hunter amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the salaries and expenses of any employee for the expenditure of user fees for the costs of biological monitoring for a species that is included in a list published under the Endangered Species Act of

1973, or that is a candidate for inclusion in such a list; and **Pages H4243–44**

Chabot amendment (No. 2, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that prohibits the use of funds to plan, design, study or construct forest development roads in Tongrass National Forest in Alaska for the purpose of harvesting timber by private entities or individuals (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 253); (agreed by unanimous consent to limit debate time on the amendment to 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled). **Pages H4249–52, H4264–65**

Rejected:

Tancredo amendment (No. 5, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that sought to increase funding for the U.S. Forest Service National Forest System account for law enforcement (by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 249);

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Hooley of Oregon amendment that sought to increase funding for Wildland Fire Management (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 250);

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Sanders amendment that provides funding for the energy smart schools program (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 251);

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Rahall amendment (No. 1, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that prohibits the use of funds to adversely affect the physical integrity of Indian Sacred Sites on federal lands, as such terms are defined in a May 24, 1996 Executive Order (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 252);

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Udall of New Mexico amendment (No. 3, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15) that prohibits the use of funds to finalize or implement proposed revisions to Forest Service rules relating to National Forest System Planning for Land and Resource Management Plans, as described in the proposed rule published in the Federal Register on Dec. 6, 2002 (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 254); and

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Flake amendment (No. 8, printed in the Congressional Record of June 15, offered under a unanimous consent agreement) that increases funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program (by a recorded vote of 94 ayes to 332 noes, Roll No. 255).

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Withdrawn:

Hensarling amendment, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have limited funding for managing and maintaining Department of the Interior websites; and

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Hinchey amendment, that was offered and subsequently withdrawn without prejudice to reconsider-

ation at a later time, that would have prohibited the use of funds to kill or assist other persons in killing bison in the Yellowstone National Park herd.

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Point of Order sustained against:

Provision of the bill relating to the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002;

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Section 319 of the bill concerning the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974; and

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Kaptur amendment that sought to allow the Secretary of Energy to annually acquire and store as part of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve 300,000,000 gallons of ethanol and 100,000,000 gallons of biodiesel fuel.

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H. Res. 674, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 428 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 245.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Reyes wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, effective immediately.

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Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 678, electing Representative Herseth to the Committees on Resources and Veterans' Affairs.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the Continuation of the National Emergency with respect to the accumulation of a large volume of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–194).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4175.

Senate Referral: S. 2238 was held at the desk and S. 2362 was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4287–89.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4204, H4204–05, H4205, H4206, H4206–07, H4238–39, H4240, H4263–64, H4264, H4265, H4265–66 and H4266. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:46 a.m. on Thursday, June 17.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:46 a.m. on Thursday, June 17.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW IRAQI AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Iraqi Agriculture: From Oil for Food to the Future of Iraqi Production Agriculture and Trade. Testimony was heard from William J. Garvelink, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; H. Lee Schatz, Special Counsel for Iraq Reconstruction, Office of the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AND ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Defense and Energy and Water Development.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative approved for full Committee action the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Army Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN Peter J. Schoemaker, USA, Chief of Staff; and Geoffrey G. Prosch, Acting Assistant Secretary (Installations and Environment).

IRAQ—STATUS OF U.S. FORCES AFTER JUNE 30TH

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the status of U.S. forces in Iraq after June 30, 2004. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary (International Security Affairs); and LTG Walter L. Sharp, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone, Coordinator for Iraq Transition, Department of State.

U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the report of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Roger W. Robinson, Jr., Chairman; and Carolyn Bartholomew, Commissioner.

COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled “H.R. 4283, College Access and Opportunity Act: Are Students at Proprietary Institutions Treated Equitably under Current Law?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NUCLEAR WASTE FUND—RECLASSIFY FEES PAID

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3981, To reclassify fees paid into the Nuclear Waste Fund as offsetting collections.

OVERWEIGHT CHILDREN—HEALTH CONCERNS ABOUT DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Parents Be Aware: Health Concerns about Dietary Supplements for Overweight Children.” Testimony was heard from Howard Beales, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Howell Wechsler, Acting Director, Division of Adolescent and School Health, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FHA SINGLE FAMILY LOAN LIMIT ADJUSTMENT ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 4110, FHA Single Family Loan Limit Adjustment Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from John C. Weicher, Assistant Secretary, Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of the Treasury.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Samuel W. Bodman, Deputy Secretary; William J. Fox, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; R. Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control; Nancy J. Jardini, Chief, Criminal Investigation, IRS; and Dennis S. Schindel, Acting Inspector General.

OVERSIGHT—PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTANTS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled “Private Sector