

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R. 5162–5184; and; 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 502–505, and H. Res. 806, 808–809 were introduced. **Pages H7863–64**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H7864**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: S. 878, to authorize an additional permanent judgeship in the District of Idaho, amended (H. Rept. 108–708); and

H. Res. 807, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–709). **Pages H7862–63**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Bobby C. Dagnel, Pastor, First Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. **Page H7737**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Putnam wherein he resigned from the Committees on Agriculture, Government Reform, and Budget. **Page H7737**

**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 806, electing Representative Cantor to the Committee on Government Reform and Representative Putnam to the Committee on Rules. **Page H7737**

**Continuing Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2005:** The House agreed to H.J. Res. 107, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2005, by a recorded vote of 389 ayes to 32 noes, Roll No. 479. **Pages H7740–41, H7778–86**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the resolution back to the House promptly with amendments, by a yea and nay vote of 200 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 478. **Pages H7783–85**

H. Res. 802, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by voice vote. **Page H7783**

**District of Columbia Personal Protection Act:** The House passed H.R. 3193, amended, to restore second amendment rights in the District of Columbia, by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 171 noes and one voting “present”, Roll No. 477. **Pages H7741–44, H7758–77**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 108–707 was considered as adopted. **Page H7758**

H. Res. 803, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H7758–76**

**Committee Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s removal of Representative Boehlert from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the appointment of Representative Blunt to that committee to fill the existing vacancy. **Page H7749**

**American Jobs Creation Act of 2004:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to 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, and agreed to a conference. **Page H7749**

Rejected the Neal motion to instruct conferees on the bill, by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 476. **Pages H7749–57, H7776**

Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Ways & Means, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thomas, Crane, McCrery, Rangel, and Levin. **Page H7777**

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of title VII of the House bill, and subtitle B of title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodlatte, Boehner, and Stenholm. **Page H7777**

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 489, 490, 616, 701, and 719 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Boehner, Sam Johnson (TX), and George Miller (CA). **Page H7777**

From the Committee on Energy & Commerce, for consideration of sec. 662 and subtitle A of title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Barton (TX), Burr, and Waxman. **Page H7777**

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 422, 442, 1111, 1151, and 1161 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Sensenbrenner, Smith (TX) and Conyers. **Page H7777**

For consideration of the House bill and Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representative DeLay. **Page H7777**

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

**Veterans Medical Facilities Management Act of 2004:** H.R. 4768, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain major medical

facility leases, to authorize that Secretary to transfer real property subject to certain limitations;

**Pages H7790–96**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain major medical facility leases, to authorize that Secretary to transfer real property subject to certain limitations, otherwise to improve management of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Pages H7790–96**

**Commending the Festival of Children Foundation:** H. Res. 759, amended, commending the Festival of Children Foundation for its outstanding efforts on behalf of children and expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the designation of a “Child Awareness Month”;

**Pages H7802–04**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: commending the Festival of Children Foundation for its outstanding efforts on behalf of children.

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**Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of William “Count” Basie:** H. Res. 778, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of William “Count” Basie;

**Pages H7804–06**

**Amending the Federal Water Pollution Control Act:** H.R. 4731, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program;

**Pages H7811–12**

**Authorizing the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out activities in support of the VERITAS project:** H.R. 5105, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out construction and related activities in support of the collaborative VERITAS project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona;

**Pages H7812–13**

**F.H. Newell Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3124, to designate the facility of the United States Geological Survey and the United States Bureau of Reclamation located at 230 Collins Road, Boise, Idaho, as the “F.H. Newell Building”; and

**Pages H7813–14**

**Garza-Vela United States Courthouse Designation Act:** H.R. 1402, amended, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the “Garza-Vela United States Courthouse”.

**Pages H7814–18**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to designate the United States courthouse located at the corner of Seventh Street and East Jackson Street in Brownsville, Texas, as the “Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse”.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measures under

suspension of the rules. Consideration will be completed tomorrow, September 30.

**Reauthorizing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program:** H.R. 5149, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2005;

**Pages H7786–90**

**Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004:** H.R. 4231, amended, to provide for a pilot program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve recruitment and retention of nurses;

**Pages H7797–H7802**

**Honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington:** H. Con. Res. 501, honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, congratulating Blue Note records on its 65th anniversary and Down Beat Magazine on its 70th anniversary, and supporting the annual Duke Ellington Jazz Festival; and

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**Honoring the United Negro College Fund on the occasion of the Fund's 60th anniversary:** H. Res. 792, honoring the United Negro College Fund on the occasion of the Fund's 60th anniversary.

**Pages H7808–11**

**Commission on Systemic Interoperability—Appointment:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Mr. Thomas M. Priselac of Los Angeles, California, to the Commission on Systemic Interoperability.

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**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7757.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2742 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea and nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today. There were no quorum calls.

**Pages H7776, H7777, H7784–85, H7785–86**

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

## Committee Meetings

### FARM CREDIT SYSTEM REVIEW

**Committee on Agriculture:** Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review the Farm Credit System. Testimony was heard from Nancy C. Pellett, Chairman, Farm Credit Administration; and public witnesses.