

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 1705–1723; 1 private bill, H.R. 1724; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 40; H. Con. Res. 101–102; and H.Res. 273; 276–280, were introduced. **Pages H3183–84**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3184–86**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 477, to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen education, prevention, and treatment programs relating to stroke, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–75);

H.R. 1132, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–76);

H.R. 727, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–77);

H. Res. 274, providing for consideration of H.R. 1538, to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the management of medical care, personnel actions, and quality of life issues for members of the Armed Forces who are receiving medical care in an outpatient status, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–78); and

H. Res. 275, providing for consideration of H. Con. Reg. 99, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012 (H. Rept. 110–79).

**Pages H3182–83**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Berkley to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3083**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at noon. **Page H3084**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Roy Smith, Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. **Page H3084**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, March 26th:

*Supporting the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day:* H. Res. 266, to support the goals and ideals of Pro-

fessional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 193. **Pages H3098–99**

**Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007:** The House passed H.R. 1401, to improve the security of railroads, public transportation, and over-the-road buses in the United States, by a recorded vote of 299 yeas to 124 noes, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 201. **Pages H3099–H3149**

Agreed to the King (NY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 304 yeas to 121 noes, Roll No. 200. Subsequently, Representative Thompson (MS) reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H3146–49**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H3111**

On a demand for a separate vote on certain amendments agreed to in the Committee of the Whole:

By a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 197 noes, with 5 voting “present”, Roll No. 198, agreed to the Thompson (MS) Manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–74) that makes technical and clerical changes to H.R. 1401, clarifies the relationship between the Department of Homeland Security and Transportation in carrying out certain portions of the bill, and modifies the whistleblower protections for federal employees and contractors to make them more similar to those granted in H.R. 985 (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 199 noes, with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 194) and

**Pages H3123–28, H3138–39, H3141–45**

By a yeas-and-nays vote of 234 yeas to 184 nays, with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 199, agreed to the Cohen amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–74) that establishes a program to coordinate with state and local governments to minimize the need for transportation of toxic inhalation hazardous materials by rail (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by a recorded vote of 237 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 195). **Pages H3129–31, H3139–40, H3145–46**

Earlier, agreed to amendments in the Committee of the Whole:

Arcuri amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–74) that requires the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation, to conduct an assessment of the safety and security vulnerabilities of placing high voltage direct current electric transmission lines along active railroad rights-of-way; **Pages H3128–29**

Castle amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–74) that requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to study foreign rail security practices that are not currently used in the U.S. and submit a report on recommendations for implementing such practices; and **Pages H3131–32**

Lynch amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–74) that provides that no later than 1 year after the Secretary issues the detailed worker training guidance required under Section 109, the Secretary must submit a report to Congress on the progress of providers of covered transportation in meeting the Section's worker training requirements. **Pages H3137–38**

Rejected in the Committee of the Whole:

Flake amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 110–74) that sought to strike section 203, "Transportation Security Administration Breeding Program Increase" which authorizes an increase in the number of domestically bred canines under the Transportation Security Administration's Puppy Program; **Pages H3134–35**

Sessions amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–74) that sought to prohibit funds in this act, except those noted in Section 108, from being used by Amtrak for any of the Top 10 worst revenue losing long-distance routes as noted by its September 2006 monthly performance report, unless the Secretary deems a route or a portion of a route as critical to homeland security (by a recorded vote of 130 ayes to 299 noes, Roll No. 196); and **Pages H3132–34, H3140–41**

Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 10–74) that sought to strike the section of the bill that provides a new Homeland Security grant program, "Over-The-Road Bus Security Assistance" (by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 332 noes, Roll No. 197). **Pages H3135–37, H3141**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Pages H3149–50**

H. Res. 270, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 191, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 190. **Pages H3089–98**

**Joint Economic Committee—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Hinchey, Hill, Loretta Sanchez, Cummings, and Doggett. **Page H3153**

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

***Katrina Housing Tax Relief Act of 2007:*** H.R. 1562, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and expand certain rules with respect to housing in the GO Zones; **Pages H3150–53**

***National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization Act of 2007:*** H.R. 1132, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers; **Pages H3153–57**

***Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act of 2007:*** H.R. 727, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care; and **Pages H3157–61**

***Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act:*** H.R. 477, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to strengthen education, prevention, and treatment programs relating to stroke. **Pages H3161–64**

**Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2007:** The House began consideration of H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians. Further consideration is expected to continue Wednesday, March 28th. **Pages H3164–67**

H. Res. 269, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 192, after agreeing to order the previous question. **Pages H3087–89, H3098**

**Joint Economic Committee—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Brady (TX), English (PA), and Paul. **Page H3170**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3167.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 474 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and S. 1002 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor. **Page H3182**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3096–97,

H3097–98, H3098, H3098–99, H3139, H3139–40, H3140, H3141, H3145, H3145–46, H3148, and H3149. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **RURAL AMERICA CREDIT AVAILABILITY**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review credit availability in rural America. Testimony was heard from Glen L. Keppy, Associate Administrator, Farm Service Agency, USDA; Nancy C. Pellet, Chairman of the Board and CEO, Farm Credit Administration; and public witnesses.

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on State and Local Grants, and on Bureau of Prisons. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Regina B. Schofield, Director, Office of Justice Programs; Carl R. Peed, Director, Community Oriented Policing Services; and Mary Beth Buchanan, Acting Director, Office of Violence Against Women; John F. Clark, Director United Marshals Service; Harley Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons; and Stacia Hylton, Trustee, Office of the Federal Detention Trustee.

### **FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the SEC. Testimony was heard from Christopher Cox, Chairman, SEC

### **HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Priorities in Enforcing Immigration Laws and Temporary Worker Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Emilio Gonzalez, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; and Jim Taylor, Deputy Inspector General.

### **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Park Service. Testimony was heard

from Mary Bomar, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

### **LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Will continue tomorrow.

### **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Government Printing Office: Budget/Printing Technology in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GPO: William Turri, Acting Public Printer; Michael Wash, Chief Technology Officer; and Robert Tapella, Chief of Staff.

### **STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on International Organizations and International Peacekeeping Programs. Testimony was heard from Kristen Silverberg, Assistant Secretary, International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

### **TRANSPORTATION, HUD AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Housing Needs of Special Populations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Orlando Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing; and Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary, Housing and Federal Housing Commissioner.

### **ARMY GROUND FORCE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army ground force acquisition programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: James I. Finley, Deputy Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; and LTG John M. Curran, USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; and Paul L. Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.