

**Bill Summary & Status for the 108th Congress**

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**H.R.2691**

**Title:** Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Rep Taylor, Charles H.](#) [NC-11] (introduced 7/10/2003)    Cosponsors (None)

**Related Bills:** [H.RES.319](#), [H.RES.418](#), [S.1391](#)

**Latest Major Action:** Became Public Law No: 108-108 [[Text](#), [PDF](#)]

**House Reports:** [108-195](#); Latest Conference Report: [108-330](#) (in Congressional Record [H9898-9959](#))

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**STATUS:** *(color indicates Senate actions)*

**7/10/2003 10:59am:**

The House Committee on Appropriations reported an original measure, H. Rept. [108-195](#), by Mr. Taylor (NC).

**7/10/2003 10:59am:**

Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 100.

**7/15/2003 7:33pm:**

Rules Committee Resolution [H. Res. 319](#) Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of [H.R. 2691](#) with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. Measure will be read by paragraph. Bill is open to amendments.

**7/16/2003 5:00pm:**

Rule [H. Res. 319](#) passed House.

**7/16/2003 5:26pm:**

Considered under the provisions of rule [H. Res. 319](#). (consideration: CR [H6950-6984](#); text of Title I as reported in House: CR [H6962-6963](#), [H6964-6973](#); text of Title II as reported in House: CR [H6973](#), [H6983-6984](#))

**7/16/2003 5:26pm:**

House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to [H. Res. 319](#) and Rule XXIII.

**7/16/2003 5:26pm:**

The Speaker designated the Honorable Steven C. LaTourette to act as Chairman of the Committee.

**7/16/2003 6:36pm:**

Mr. Pombo raised a point of order against the content of the measure. Mr. Pombo stated that section 139 of the bill sought to change existing law and constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. The Chair sustained the point of order.

**7/16/2003 6:38pm:**

Mr. Pombo raised a point of order against the content of the measure. Mr. Pombo stated that section 137 of the bill sought to impose new duties and as such, constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. The Chair sustained the point of order.

**7/16/2003 7:44pm:**

Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving [H.R. 2691](#) as unfinished business.

**7/17/2003 10:18am:**

Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR [H7025-7047](#); text of Title II as reported in House: CR [H7026-7027](#), [H7028-7030](#); text of Title III as reported in House: CR [H7031-7033](#), [H7036-7037](#))

**7/17/2003 10:18am:**

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

**7/17/2003 12:31pm:**

Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving [H.R. 2691](#) as unfinished business.

**7/17/2003 12:38pm:**

Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR [H7048-7058](#))

**7/17/2003 12:39pm:**

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

**7/17/2003 2:29pm:**

Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving [H.R. 2691](#) as unfinished business.

**7/17/2003 5:33pm:**

Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR [H7062-7083](#), CR 7/18/2003 [H7087-7105](#))

**7/17/2003 5:33pm:**

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

**7/17/2003 11:32pm:**

The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report [H.R. 2691](#).

**7/17/2003 11:32pm:**

The previous question was ordered without objection.

**7/17/2003 11:33pm:**

The House adopted the amendments en gross as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

**7/17/2003 11:50pm:**

On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 268 - 152 ([Roll no. 389](#)).

**7/17/2003 11:50pm:**

Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**7/21/2003:**

Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 217.

**9/17/2003:**

Measure laid before Senate. (consideration: CR [S11605-11610](#), [S11624-11630](#))

**9/18/2003:**

Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR [S11712-11720](#))

**9/22/2003:**

Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR [S11731-11736](#), [S11738-11739](#))

**9/23/2003:**

Considered by Senate. (consideration: CR [S11780-11781](#), [S11784-11826](#))

**9/23/2003:**

Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR 9/25/2003 [S12004-12022](#))

**9/23/2003:**

Senate insists on its amendment, asks for a conference, appoints conferees Burns; Stevens; Cochran; Domenici; Bennett; Gregg; Campbell; Brownback; Dorgan; Byrd; Leahy; Hollings; Reid; Feinstein; Mikulski.

**9/30/2003:**

Message on Senate action sent to the House.

**10/1/2003 12:19pm:**

Mr. Taylor (NC) moved that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference.

**10/1/2003 12:20pm:**

On motion that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference Agreed to without objection.

**10/1/2003 12:21pm:**

Mr. Dicks moved that the House instruct conferees.

**10/1/2003 12:24pm:**

The previous question was ordered without objection.

**10/1/2003 3:59pm:**

On motion that the House instruct conferees Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 259 - 165, 1 Present ([Roll no. 527](#)).

(consideration: CR [H9061](#), [H9071-9072](#))

**10/1/2003 3:59pm:**

Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**10/1/2003 4:15pm:**

The Speaker appointed conferees: Taylor (NC), Regula, Kolbe, Nethercutt, Wamp, Peterson (PA), Sherwood, Crenshaw, Young (FL), Dicks, Murtha, Moran (VA), Hinchey, Olver, and Obey.

**10/28/2003 6:11pm:**

Conference report H. Rept. [108-330](#) filed. (text of conference report: CR [H9898-9959](#))

**10/28/2003 8:30pm:**

Rules Committee Resolution [H. Res. 418](#) Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of the conference report to [H.R. 2691](#) with 1 hour of general debate.

**10/29/2003 12:35pm:**

Rule [H. Res. 418](#) passed House.

**10/30/2003 7:04pm:**

Mr. Taylor (NC) brought up conference report H. Rept. [108-330](#) for consideration under the provisions of [H. Res. 418](#).

(consideration: CR 10/31/2003 [H10190-10205](#))

**10/30/2003 8:05pm:**

The previous question was ordered without objection.

**10/30/2003 8:05pm:**

Mr. Hinchey moved to recommit to the conference committee.

**10/30/2003 8:05pm:**

The previous question on the motion to recommit to conference committee was ordered without objection.

**10/30/2003 8:27pm:**

On motion to recommit to conference committee Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 190 - 229 ([Roll no. 594](#)).

**10/30/2003 8:37pm:**

On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 216 - 205 ([Roll no. 595](#)). (consideration:

CR [H10204-10205](#))

**10/30/2003 8:37pm:**

Motions to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**10/30/2003:**

Conference papers: message on House action held at the desk in Senate.

**11/3/2003:**

Conference report considered in Senate. (consideration: CR [S13784-13791](#))

**11/3/2003:**

Message on Senate action sent to the House.

**11/3/2003:**

Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 87 - 2. [Record Vote Number: 433](#).

**11/3/2003:**

Cleared for White House.

**11/5/2003:**

Presented to President.

**11/10/2003:**

Signed by President.

**11/10/2003:**

Became Public Law No: 108-108.