

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 68 public bills, H.R. 3699–3766; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 88; H. Con. Res. 256–258, and H. Res. 424–428, were introduced.

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

H.R. 1749, to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, amended (H. Rept. 106–500);

S. 613, to encourage Indian economic development and to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes (H. Rept. 106–501);

H.R. 2484, to provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Community may be leased or transferred by the Community without further approval by the United States (H. Rept. 106–502);

H.R. 3222, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve literacy through family literacy projects, amended (H. Rept. 106–503);

H.R. 3616, to reauthorize the impact aid program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, amended (H. Rept. 106–504);

H. Res. 425, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 106–505); and

H. Res. 426, providing for consideration of H.R. 1827, to improve the economy and efficiency of Government operations by requiring the use of recovery audits by Federal agencies (H. Rept. 106–506).

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Joseph S. Edmonds of Arlington, Virginia.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:58 and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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

**Designation of Wilson Creek, North Carolina to Wild and Scenic Rivers System:** H.R. 1749, amended, to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

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**Indian Economic Development and Contract Encouragement Act:** S. 613, to encourage Indian economic development and to provide for the disclosure

of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes (passed by a yea and nay vote of 406 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 26) clearing the measure for the President; and

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**Lease or Transfer of Land Owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community:** H.R. 2484, to provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Community may be leased or transferred by the Community without further approval by the United States.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H513.

**Referrals:** S. 400 was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services and S. Con. Res. 83 was referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H538. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FDA. Testimony was heard from Jane E. Henney, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Emergency Supplemental Request for Assistance to Plan Colombia and Related Counter-Narcotics Program. Testimony was heard from Barry McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and Randy Beers, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics Control, Department of State.

## INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

## LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of General Medical Sciences the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases, and the National Library of Medicine. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Gerald D. Fischbach, M.D., Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Marvin Cassman, M.D., Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Allen M. Spiegel, M.D., Director, National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases; and Donald A.B. Linberg, M.D., Director, National Library of Medicine.

## VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Community Service. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service.

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine held a hearing on the Fiscal year 2001 Maritime Administration authorization request and related matters. Testimony was heard from John E. Graykowski, Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

## NAVY SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on Navy shipbuilding programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirement and Assessments); Vice Adm. Charles W. Moore, USN, Commander, Third Fleet; and Vice Adm. Dennis W. McGinn, USN, Commander, Third Fleet; and public witnesses.

## READINESS NEEDS—BUDGET REQUEST ADEQUACY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on the adequacy of the Fiscal Year 2001 budget request to meet readiness needs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. John M. Keane, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; and Gen. Terrence Dake, USMC, Assistant Commandant, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

## U.S./MEXICO COUNTER-NARCOTICS EFFORTS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on U.S./Mexico Counter-narcotics Efforts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: William Ledwith, Director, International Operations, DEA; Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and John Montoya, U.S. Border Patrol Sector Chief, Laredo; and a public witness.

## IRS'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT RESULTS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on the Results of the Internal Revenue Service's Fiscal Year 1999 Financial Statement Audit. Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Associate Director, Governmentwide Accounting and Financial Management, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Lawrence W. Rogers, Acting Chief Financial Officer, IRS; and Steven O. App, Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

## MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 3312, Merit Systems Protection Board Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Ben L. Erdreich, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board; Jeffrey Senger, Deputy Senior Counsel, Office of Dispute Resolution, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

## GOVERNMENT WASTE CORRECTIONS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R.

1827, Government Waste Corrections Act of 1999, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Government Reform. The rule provides that, in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Government Reform and printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution be considered as original text for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives clause 4 of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill) against provisions included in the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Burton.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted by voice vote a rule providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, March 8, 2000. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on any suspension considered under the resolution.

#### **NSF BUDGET AUTHORIZATION REQUEST**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Basic Research continued hearings on the National Science Foundation Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Authorization request, Part II: Education and Human Resources. Testimony was heard from Judith S. Sunley, Acting Assistant Director, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, NSF; and public witnesses.

#### **SBA'S PROPOSED NEW AUTOMATED LOAN MONITORING PROGRAM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing on the SBA's Proposed New Automated Loan Monitoring Program. Testimony was heard from Fred Hochberg, Deputy Administrator, SBA; Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and a public witness.

#### **FAA'S BUDGET REQUEST AND FUNDING NEEDS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the FAA's Budget request and funding needs. Testimony was heard from Edward T. Schafer, Governor, North Dakota; Paul E. Patton, Governor, Kentucky; Bill Campbell, Mayor, Atlanta, Georgia; the following officials of the State of Oklahoma: Susan Savage, Mayor, Tulsa; Mitch Surrett, Special Counsel, Secretary of Transportation; and Tom O'Neill, Aerospace Industry Deputy, Department of Commerce; and a public witness.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### **COAST GUARD AND FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION BUDGET REQUESTS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard and Federal Maritime Commission Fiscal Year 2001 budget requests. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Adm. James M. Loy, USCG, Commandant; and Master Chief Petty Officer Vincent Patton, III, USCG; and Harold J. Creel, Jr., Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3313, Long Island South Restoration Act; and H.R. 2957, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Connecticut, Ackerman, Shays, Jefferson, Lazio and Vitter; George E. Pataki, Governor, New York; John C. Rowland, Governor, Connecticut; and public witnesses.

#### **SENIOR CITIZENS' FREEDOM TO WORK ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5, Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act of 2000.

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION REFORM**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on unemployment compensation reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives English and Levin; Jane Dee Hull, Governor, Arizona; Raymond J. Uhalde, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment Training Administration, Department of Labor; Garey Forster, Secretary, Department of Labor, Louisiana; and public witnesses.

## ACCRUAL BASIS TAXPAYERS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing to review last year's repeal of the installment method of accounting for accrual basis taxpayers. Testimony was heard from Joseph M. Mikrut, Tax Legislative Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

## NSA

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the NSA. Testimony was heard from departmental officials.

## Joint Meetings

### INTERNET DENIAL OF SERVICE ATTACKS

*Joint Hearing:* Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Criminal Justice Oversight concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Crime to examine recent Internet denial of service attacks and the federal response, focusing on the challenges facing the Department of Justice in its fight against cybercrime, after receiving testimony from Eric Holder, Deputy Attorney General, Michael Vatis, Director, National Infrastructure Protection Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; Howard Schmidt, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Charles Giancarlo, Cisco Systems Incorporated, San Jose, California; Paul Misener, Amazon.com, Seattle, Washington; Dan Rosensweig, ZDNet.com, New York, New York; Katherine T. Fithen, Software Engineering Institute CERT Coordination Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; Samuel A. Guiberson, Houston, Texas; and "Mudge", @stake, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 761, to regulate interstate commerce by electronic means by permitting and encouraging the continued expansion of electronic commerce through the operation of free market forces, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the agriculture trade agreement with China, 9 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and Chemical Safety Board, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps programs, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold closed, followed by open hearings, on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on cyber security and critical infrastructure protection, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for nuclear non-proliferation, stockpile stewardship, and other energy programs, 2 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings on the nomination of John Goglia, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board; and Carol Jones Carmody, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine certain internet issues for the next generation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001, focusing on the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rules regarding changes in the total maximum daily load and NPDES permit programs pursuant to the Clean Water Act, 1 p.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the war in Chechnya, focusing on Russia's conduct, the humanitarian crisis and United States policy, 10:45 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of N. Cinnamon Dornsite, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, and Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State Economic and Business Affairs, 2 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to markup S. 2, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and to consider pending nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.