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Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 104th Congress.

#### TELECOMMUNICATION REFORM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held hearings to examine telecommunication reform issues, receiving testimony from Senator Dole; and Representatives Bliley and Jack Fields.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

#### UNFUNDED FEDERAL MANDATES

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported, with amendments, S. 1, to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments, to strengthen the partnership between the Federal Government and State, local and tribal governments, to end the imposition, in the absence of full consideration by Congress, of Federal mandates on State, local, and tribal governments without adequate funding, in a manner that may displace other essential governmental priorities, and to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 327 public bills, H.R. 126–409, 411, 420–461; 9 private bills, H.R. 410, 412–419; and 33 resolutions, H.J. Res. 31–49, H. Con. Res. 9–13, and H. Res. 23–31, were introduced.

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**Report Filed:** The following report was filed subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the 103d Congress: Report entitled “Legislative and Review Activities of the Committee on Natural Resources during the 103d Congress” (H. Rept. 103–890, filed on January 2).

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**Commission on Security and Cooperation:** The Speaker appointed Representative Smith of New Jersey as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe on the part of the House.

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**Committee Election:** House agreed to H. Res. 31, designating minority membership on certain standing committees of the House.

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**Member Sworn:** Representative-elect J.C. Watts, Jr., presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** Met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

#### BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 1, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Testimony was heard from Representatives Barton of Texas, Franks of New Jersey, Schaefer, and Archer; Alice Rivlin, Director of OMB; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

#### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; SENIOR CITIZENS' EQUITY ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on H.R. 8, Senior Citizens' Equity Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Hastert; Shirley Sears Chater, Commissioner, SSA; Priscilla Rogers, Commissioner, Department for the Blind, State of Kentucky; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

#### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade met for organizational purposes.