

CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights approved for full committee consideration, with amendments, S.J. Res. 21, proposing a constitutional amendment to limit congressional terms.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee met and adopted its rules of procedure for the 104th Congress.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, February 8.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twenty-five public bills, H.R. 766–790; and two resolutions, H. Con. Res. 21 and H. Res. 56, were introduced. **Pages H1050–51**

Report Filed: One Report was filed as follows: H. Res. 55, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2, to give the President item veto authority over appropriation Acts and targeted tax benefits in revenue Acts (H. Rept. 104–15). **Page H1012**

Unfunded Mandate Reform: By a recorded vote of 360 ayes to 74 noes, Roll No. 83, the House passed H.R. 5, to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments, to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations, and to provide information on the cost of Federal mandates in the private sector.

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Rejected the Collins of Illinois motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. **Page H1006**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page H1006**

Rejected:

The Sanders amendment that sought to require the Congressional Budget Office [CBO] to prepare a health care impact statement which would provide an estimate of the health care costs that would result if the particular mandate is not enacted or enforced; and a quantitative assessment of mandate benefits including benefits to human health, welfare, and the environment (rejected by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 80); **Page H986**

The Doggett amendment that sought to provide that the bill would cease to be effective on January 3, 2000, and would then require congressional reau-

thorization in order for its provisions to remain in effect (rejected by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 81); and **Pages H991–92**

The Moran amendment, in the nature of the substitute, that sought to insert the text of H.R. 1295, Fiscal Accountability and Intergovernmental Reform Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 82). **Page H1001**

The following amendments were offered but subsequently withdrawn:

The Mineta amendment that sought to clarify the definition that a “Federal intergovernmental mandate” does not include any provision that preempts State, local, or tribal governments from engaging in economic regulation; and ensure that legislation deregulating various industries would not be subject to points of order; and **Page H982**

The Volkmer amendment that sought to provide that legislation establishing conditions for receipts of Federal assistance, or duties arising from participation in the voluntary program, would be considered as imposing a Federal intergovernmental mandate. **Page H988**

Subsequently, S. 1, a similar Senate-passed measure, was passed, after being amended to contain the language of the House bill as passed. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill. **Page H1012**

House then insisted on its amendments to S. 1 and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Clinger, Dreier, Portman, Davis, Condit, Collins of Illinois, Towns, and Moakley. **Page H1012**

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate bill, to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering, and cross-referencing and the insertion of appropriate headings. **Page H1012**

Arctic National Park and Preserve Land Exchange: By a yea-and-nay vote of 427 yeas with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 84, the House passed H.R. 400, to provide for the exchange of lands within Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve.

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H. Res. 52, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Butte County, California Land Transfer: House passed H.R. 440, to provide for the conveyance of lands to certain individuals in Butte County, California.

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H. Res. 53, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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New Mexico Land Transfer: House passed H.R. 101, to transfer a parcel of land to the Taos Pueblo Indians of New Mexico.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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H. Res. 51, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Agreed to the Waldholtz technical amendment to the rule.

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Committee To Sit: It was made in order that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit on Thursday, February 2, during the proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Economic and Educational Opportunities, Transportation and Infrastructure, Judiciary, Resources, Commerce, and International Relations.

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Robert Lagomarsino Visitors Center: House passed H.J. Res. 50, to designate the visitors center at the Channel Islands National Park California, as the "Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitors Center".

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agreed to amend the title.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1052-73.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H986, H991-92, H1001, H1006, and H1019. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM—ENFORCEMENT AND RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on enforcement and responsible management of the Food Stamp Program. Testimony was heard from Representative Wyden; Roger A. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA; Robert H. Rasor, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and Robert Robinson, Associate Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

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

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Downsizing Government/Tax Compliance and Collections. Testimony was heard from Margaret Richardson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Jennie Stathis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

JOB CREATION AND WAGE ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Hazardous Materials and the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment held a joint hearing on Title III, Risk and Assessment and Cost/Benefit Analysis for New Regulations of H.R. 9, Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Ben Nelson, Governor, State of Nebraska; Peter D. Venturini, Chief, Stationary Source Division, Environmental Protection Agency, State of California; Donald R. Schregardus, Director, Environmental Protection Agency, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: NUTRITION

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Held a hearing on the Contract With America: Nutrition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEXICO ECONOMIC CRISIS

Committee on International Affairs: Held a hearing on the Mexico Economic Crisis. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.