

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Sixteen public bills, H.R. 1018–1029 and 1032–1035; two private bills, H.R. 1030–1031; and two resolutions, H. Res. 94–95, were introduced. **Pages H2175–76**

Reports Filed: The following reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 925, to compensate owners of private property for the effect of certain regulatory restrictions, amended (H. Rept. 104–46);

H.R. 716, to amend the Fishermen's Protective Act (H. Rept. 104–47);

H.R. 926, to promote regulatory flexibility and enhance public participation in Federal agency rulemaking, amended (H. Rept. 104–48); and

H.R. 937, to amend title 5, United States Code, to clarify procedures for judicial review of Federal agency compliance with regulatory flexibility analysis requirements, amended (H. Rept. 104–49, Part 1). **Page H2175**

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 344 yeas to 61 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 158, the House approved the Journal of Wednesday, February 22. **Pages H2069–70**

Committee To Sit: It was made in order that the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities and its subcommittees be permitted to sit today during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule. **Page H2073**

Regulatory Transition Act: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments on H.R. 450, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Friday, February 24. **Pages H2087**

Agreed To:

The Condit amendment that extends the moratorium on new rulemaking under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 until December 31, 1996, or until the date Congress enacts a reform of the existing law, whichever comes first; **Pages H2101–07**

The Burton of Indiana amendment that excludes from the proposed moratorium all agency actions which are required by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act; **Pages H2117–19**

The Spratt amendment that exempts from the moratorium regulatory aids that promote business competitiveness in the areas textile imports; customs modernization; trade sanctions against China; FCC's

transfer of spectrum; personal communications services licenses; wide-area specialized mobile radio licenses; and improved trading opportunities for regional exchanges (agreed to by recorded vote of 235 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 162); **Pages H2120–24**

The Norton amendment, as amended by the McIntosh amendment, that excludes from any rulemaking moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions the establishment or enforcement of any statutory right that prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, gender, national origin, or handicapped or disability status (agreed to by a recorded vote of 405 yeas, Roll No. 165); and **Pages H2142–44**

The Hayes amendment that excludes from any rulemaking moratorium any regulatory program to establish or conduct a recreational or subsistence activity, including but not limited to hunting, fishing, and camping (agreed to by a recorded vote of 383 yeas to 34 noes, with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 166). **Pages H2144–47**

Rejected:

The Collins of Illinois en bloc amendment that sought to make the moratorium prospective effective only regarding regulations issued after the bill's enactment; and specifies that no provision shall be construed to authorize or require any action that is subject to judicial review (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 yeas to 271 noes, Roll No. 160); **Pages H2107–12**

The Slaughter amendment that sought to exempt regulatory rulemaking actions agencies make relating to food and water safety, meat and poultry, drinking water safety, and the regulation of imported food in lead cans (rejected by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 249 noes, Roll No. 161); **Pages H2112–17**

The Waxman amendment that sought to restrict regulatory rulemaking activities relating to the issuance of substantive rules, interpretative rules, statements of agency policy, or notices of proposed rulemaking (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 yeas to 259 noes, Roll No. 163); and **Pages H2124–29**

The Collins of Illinois amendment that sought to exempt from the moratorium the following six "common sense" rules: published by the FEC on February 9, 1995, governing personal use of campaign funds; published by the INS on December 5, 1995, to improve procedures for disposing of asylum requests; published by HUD on December 21, 1994, to establish a preference for the elderly for Section 8 housing; published by HUD on January 26, 1995, to eliminate drugs from Federally-assisted housing;

published by HUD on January 12, 1995, to designate urban empowerment zones; published February 3, 1995, to provide compensation to veterans afflicted with Gulf War Syndrome; issued by the Justice Department that requires convicted child molesters to register with local authorities as part of a nation-wide database; and published November 21, 1994, by the Department of the Interior establishing a hunting season for migratory birds (rejected by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 242 noes, Roll No. 164).

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H. Res. 93, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 159.

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Holocaust Remembrance: House agreed to H. Con. Res. 20, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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

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Agreed to strike the preamble and amend the title.

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Committee Elections: House agreed to H. Res. 86, electing members of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee on the Library.

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Meeting Hour: House agreed to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 24.

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Committees To Sit: It was made in order that the following committees and subcommittees be permitted to sit on Friday, February 24, during the proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, International Relations, Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans Affairs.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2177-78.

Lobbyists: The compilation by the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate of all new registrations and reports for the fourth calendar quarter of 1994, and reports for the third calendar quarter of 1994 received too late to be previously published, that were filed by persons engaged in lobbying activities appear in this issue of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2069-70, H2085-86, H2111-12, H2117, H2124, H2128-29, H2141-42, H2143-44, and H2147.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12 a.m. on Friday, February 24.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL TAX CODE EFFECTS ON FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities held a hearing on the Effects of the Federal Tax Code on Farmers, Ranchers, and Rural Communities. Testimony was heard from Representatives Meyers of Kansas, Pomeroy, Smith of Michigan, Johnson of South Dakota, Herger and Minge; Alan Barkema, Assistant Vice President and Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from Michael R. Taylor, Acting Under Secretary, Food Safety, USDA.

RESCISSION; COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action a rescission measure for Fiscal Year 1995.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Ronald H. Brown, Secretary of Commerce.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Corps of Engineers: North Central Division, New England Division, Pacific Ocean Division, South Pacific Division, and on North Atlantic Division. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army: Col. Richard W. Craig, USA, Division Commander, North Central Division; Col. Earle C. Richardson, Division Engineer, New England Division; Brig. Gen. Bruce K. Scott, USA, Division Commander, South Pacific Division; Brig. Gen. Henry S. Miller, USA, Commander and Division Engineer, Pacific Ocean Division; and Brig. Gen. Milton Hunter, USA, Commanding General, North Atlantic Division.