

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** Twenty-one public bills, H.R. 1036–1056; and four resolutions, H.J. Res. 69 and H. Res. 97–99, were introduced. **Pages H2223–24**

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

H.R. 10, to reform the Federal civil justice system, amended (H. Rept. 104–50, part 1); and

H. Res. 96, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1022, to provide regulatory reform and to focus national economic resources on the greatest risks to human health, safety, and the environment through scientifically objective and unbiased risk assessments and through the consideration of costs and benefits in major rules (H. Rept. 104–51).

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**Regulatory Transition Act:** By a recorded vote of 276 ayes to 146 noes, Roll No. 174, the House passed H.R. 450, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions.

**Pages H2182–H2210**

By a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 173, rejected the Collins of Illinois motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment to exempt from the moratorium any regulatory rulemaking begun by EPA before the date of enactment that related to control of microbial and disinfection by-product risks in drinking water supplies.

**Pages H2207–09**

By a division vote of 132 ayes to 91 noes, agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agreed To:

The Tate amendment that extends for six months beyond the established period the regulatory moratorium for regulations affecting businesses with 100 or fewer employees (agreed to by a recorded vote of 370 ayes to 45 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 167).

**Pages H2183–87**

Rejected:

The Wise amendment that sought to exempt rulemaking actions relating to aircraft safety, nuclear waste disposal, and mine safety from the moratorium (rejected by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 168);

**Pages H2187–92, H2201–02**

The Gene Green of Texas amendment that sought to exclude from the moratorium a regulation providing clarifications sought by employers to regulations implementing the Family and Medical Leave Act (re-

jected by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 169);

**Pages H2192–94, H2202–03**

The Waxman amendment that sought to restrict regulatory rulemaking activities subject to the moratorium to the issuance of substantive rules, interpretative rules, statements of agency policy, or notices of proposed rulemaking (rejected by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 271 noes, Roll No. 170);

**Pages H2194–97, H2203**

The Fattah amendment that sought to exclude from the moratorium any rulemaking actions to implement the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 171); and

**Pages H2198–H2200, H2203–04**

The Volkmer amendment that sought to exclude from the moratorium any rulemaking actions by the Agriculture Department pursuant to the Sheep Promotion, Research and Information Act of 1994 (rejected by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 172).

**Pages H2200–01, H2204–05**

It was made in order for the Clerk to make a certain clarifying correction and to correct section headings, cross references, punctuation, and indentation, and to make any other technical and conforming changes necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of February 27. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Monday.

**Pages H2211–14**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of March 1.

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**Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Act:** It was made in order that the House could proceed to general debate in the Committee of the Whole on H.R. 1922, Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Act of 1995, as though under H. Res. 96, during any postponement of proceedings on that resolution.

**Pages H2215–16**

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2225–26.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2186–87, H2202, H2202–03, H2203, H2204, H2204–05, H2209, and H2210. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on District of Columbia held a hearing to Review the District of Columbia's Audit and Financial Condition. Testimony was heard from John W. Hill, Jr., Director, Financial Management Policies and Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and a public witness.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Galvin Report: Alternative Futures for the DOE's National Laboratories. Testimony was heard from Robert Galvin, Chairman, Task Force on Alternative Futures for the Department of Energy's National Laboratories.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and the Inspector General, Department of Labor. Testimony was heard from Charles C. Masten, Inspector General, Department of Labor; and Martin Slate, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

### RESCISSION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch approved for full Committee action a rescission measure for Fiscal Year 1995.

### NCUA'S SEIZURE OF CAPITAL FEDERAL CORPORATE CREDIT UNION

*Committee on Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on the National Credit Union Administration's seizure of Capital Federal Corporate Credit Union into conservatorship. Testimony was heard from Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on the privatization of the U.S. Enrichment Corporation. Testimony was heard from Robert Bernero, Director, Office of Nuclear Material, Safety and Safeguards, NRC; Victor Rezendes, Director, Energy and Science Issues, GAO; William H. Timbers, Jr., President, U.S. Enrichment Corporation; and public witnesses.

### BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS; UNITED STATES POLICY AND ACTIVITIES IN HAITI

*Committee on International Relations:* Approved Budget recommendations for the report to the Committee on the Budget.

The Committee also held a hearing on United States Policy and Activities in Haiti. Testimony was heard from Representatives Goss and Rangel; the following officials of the Department of State: Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary; and James F. Dobbins, Special Haiti Coordinator; Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense; Mark Schneider, Assistant Administrator, Latin America and Caribbean Affairs, AID, United States International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on foreign visitors who violate the terms of their visa by remaining in the United States indefinitely. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice: James Puleo, Executive Associate Commissioner, Programs; and Robert Warren, Director, Statistics Branch; Diane Dillard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Consular Affairs, Department of State; the following officials of the Commission on Immigration Reform: Barbara Jordan, Chair; and Robert Hill, Commissioner.

### RISK ASSESSMENT AND COST BENEFIT ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a record vote of 9 to 3, a modified open rule providing for 2 hours of debate on H.R. 1022, Risk Assessment and Cost Benefit Act of 1995. The rule provides for a 10-hour time limit on amendment process. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairmen Walker and Bliley and Representatives Bilirakis, Brown of California, and Dingell.

### FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued hearings on the reauthorization of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 7.

### VA BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs budget request for