

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** Forty-five public bills, H.R. 1421–1465; two private bills, H.R. 1466–1467; and six resolutions, H. Con. Res. 58–60 and H. Res. 132–134, were introduced. **Pages H4413–15**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as followed:

H.R. 618, to extend the authorization for appropriations for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through fiscal year 2000 (H. Rept. 104–104); and

H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare Select policies to be offered in all States, amended (H. Rept. 104–79, Part 2). **Page H4413**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Inglis of South Carolina to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4337**

**Defense Supplemental Appropriations:** By a yeas-and-nays vote of 343 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 296, of the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 889, making emergency appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995. **Pages H4345–56**

H. Res. 129, the rule which waived points of order against consideration of the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H4344–45**

**Presidential Message—National Endowment for the Arts:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits the Annual Report of the National Endowment for the Arts for the fiscal year 1993—referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities. **Pages H4359–60**

**Housing for Older Persons:** By a yeas-and-nays vote of 424 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 297, the House passed H.R. 660, to amend the Fair Housing Act to modify the exemption from certain familial status discrimination prohibitions granted to housing for older persons. **Pages H4360–65**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page H4365**

H. Res. 126, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H4356–59**

**Paperwork Reduction Act:** By a yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas, with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 299, the House agreed to the conference report on S. 244, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible

and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H4374–78**

**References in Statutes:** House passed H.R. 1421, to provide that references in the statutes of the United States to any committee or officer of the House of Representatives the name or jurisdiction of which was changed as part of the reorganization of the House of Representatives at the beginning of the One Hundred Fourth Congress shall be treated as referring to the currently applicable committee or officer of the House of Representatives. **Pages H4378–79**

**Commodity Futures Trading Commission:** House passed S. 178, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to extend the authorization for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H4379–80**

**Question of a Privilege of the House:** By a yeas-and-nays vote of 230 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 300, the House agreed to the Walker motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair that H. Res. 131, to preserve the constitutional role of the House of Representatives to originate revenue measures, did not raise a question of the privileges of the House and was, therefore, not a privileged resolution. **Pages H4380–83**

**District Work Period:** House agreed to H. Con. Res. 58, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses. **Page H4383**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 7. **Page H4383**

**Expanded Use of Medicare Selected Policies:** By a recorded vote of 408 yeas to 14 noes, Roll No. 302, the House passed H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare Select policies to be offered in all States. **Pages H4383–94**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H4393**

Rejected the Waxman amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to make Medicare Select policies programs available to all 50 States but only for an additional five-year period; and prohibit increases in premiums at renewal based on the age of the policyholder (rejected by a recorded vote of 175 yeas to 246 noes, Roll No. 301). **Pages H4387–93**

The Clerk was authorized to make such technical corrections and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H4394**

H. Res. 130, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 298.

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Agreed to the Pryce technical amendment to the resolution.

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**Presidential Message—Environmental Quality:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits the 24th Annual Report of the Council on Environmental Quality—referred to the Committee on Resources.

Pages H4394–96

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H4337.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4355–56, H4365, H4373–74, H4377–78, H4382–83, H4392–93, and H4393–94. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### FARM BILL—AGRICULTURAL WETLANDS AND WETLANDS ISSUES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry held a hearing on Agricultural Wetlands and Wetland Issues in the 1995 Farm Bill. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Tom Herbert, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Paul Johnson, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Robert H. Wayland III, Director, Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, Office of Water, EPA; Steve Forsythe, Division Chief, Division of Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Michael Davis, Chief, Regulatory Branch, Civil Works Directorate, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on Staffing and Operation of Overseas Missions, Department of Justice—Prisons and Related Issues. Testimony was heard from Richard M. Moose, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State; Henry Howard, Associate Director, Management, U.S. Information Agency; Lauri J. Fitz-Pegado, Assistant Secretary, and Director General, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, Department of Commerce; the following officials of the

Department of Justice; Mark R. Steinberg, Director, Executive Office of National Security; Kathleen M. Hawk, Director, Bureau of Prisons; Kristine M. Marcy, Associate Director, Operations Support, U.S. Marshals Service; James A. Puelo, Executive Associate Commissioner, Programs, Immigration and Naturalization Service; and Edward F. Reilly, Jr., Chairman, United States Parole Commission.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on Holocaust Memorial Council and Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey T. LaRiche, Acting Director, Holocaust Memorial Council; and Michael P. Dombeck, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

### LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (and Related Agencies) continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from Dennis Jahnigen, Chairman, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Readiness Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Army; Adm. Stanley R. Arthur, USN, Vice Chief, Naval Operations; Gen. Richard D. Hearney, USMC, Assistant Commandant, Marine Corps; and Gen. Thomas S. Moorman, Jr., USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Air Force.

### VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO THE MEXICAN FINANCIAL CRISIS

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Administration's response to the Mexican Financial Crisis. Testimony was heard from Representatives Istook, Kaptur, and Sanders; the following officials of the Department of the