

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** Twenty-one public bills, H.R. 1528–1548; two private bills, H.R. 1549–1550; and three resolutions, H.J. Res. 86, and H. Res. 137–138, were introduced. **Pages H4510–11**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Wick-er to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4443**

**Recess:** House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and recon-vened at 11:00 a.m. **Page H4446**

**Private Visit of President of the People's Republic of China:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 396 yeas, Roll No. 304, the House suspended the rules and agreed to H. Con. Res. 53, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding a private visit by President Lee Teng-hui of the People's Republic of China on Taiwan to the United States. **Pages H4449–54, H4457**

Agreed to the Bereuter amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page H4457**

**Committee to Sit:** It was made in order that the Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, and International Relations be permitted to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule. **Page H4454**

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriation:** House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Livingston, Myers of Indiana, Regula, Lewis of California, Porter Rogers, Skeen, Wolf, DeLay, Vucanovich, Lightfoot, Callahan, Obey, Yates, Stokes, Bevill, Fazio, Hoyer, Durbin, Coleman, and Mollohan. **Pages H4454–57, H4482**

Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representative Packard as an additional conferee on the part of the House. **Page H4482**

By a yea-and-nay vote of 187 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 303, rejected the Obey motion to instruct House conferees to agree to Senate amendment numbered 1, except for Senate action under title IV deleting the "Deficit Reduction Lock-Box", Senate language rescinding \$100 million from Veterans Administration medical care and construction, and except for Senate action under Chapter IV related to "Debt Relief for Jordan". **Pages H4455–57**

**Presidential Message—Proposed Rescissions:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report on three rescission proposals totaling \$132 million, affecting the Departments of Justice and Transportation, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–59). **Pages H4457–58**

**Condemnation of the Bombing in Oklahoma City:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas, with 3 voting "present", Roll No. 305, the House agreed to H. Res. 135, condemning the bombing in Oklahoma City. **Pages H4458–65**

**Hydrogen Future Act:** House passed H.R. 655, to authorize the hydrogen research, development, and demonstration programs of the Department of Energy. **Pages H4467–82**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages H4473–74**

Agreed To:

The Brown of California technical amendment;

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The Traficant amendment that provides that, in the Secretary of Energy's reports to Congress on the hydrogen research and development program, special emphasis be paid to information on the economic benefits accrued to the United States due to the exchange of generic, nonproprietary information and technology among industry, academia, and the Federal Government; and **Page H4474**

The Walker amendment that provides conforming language to comply with those cost-sharing provisions under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, including the increasing of hydrogen research cost-sharing from 20 percent to 25 percent. **Pages H4474–75**

Rejected:

The Olver amendment that sought to reduce spending authorization levels from \$25 million to \$19 million in fiscal year 1996; from \$35 million to \$22 million in fiscal year 1997; and from \$40 million to \$26 million in fiscal year 1998 (rejected by a recorded vote of 201 yeas to 214 noes, Roll No. 306); and **Pages H4475–78**

The Brown of California amendment that sought to delete provisions providing for an overall cap on fiscal year 1996, 1997, and 1998 spending for hydrogen research and development not to exceed the total amount obligated for such activities for fiscal year 1995 (rejected by a recorded vote of 155 yeas to 257 noes, Roll No. 307). **Pages H4478–82**

Agreed to amend the title. **Page H4482**

H. Res. 136, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4456-57, H4457, H4464-65, H4477-78, and H4481-82. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

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

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Munitions Issues. Testimony was heard from Brig. Gen. William R. Holmes, USA, Deputy for Ammunition, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition), Department of Defense.

### VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

### INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on the Administration's plan for authorization of the fiscal year 1996 funding for the International Financial Institutions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Lawrence H. Summers, Under Secretary, International Affairs; and Susan B. Levine, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development, Debt and Environment Policy; and public witnesses.

### IMPACT OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Impact of Federal Regulations on State and Local Governments. Testimony was heard from the following Governors: Tommy Thompson, Wisconsin; and Pete

Wilson, California; and the following Mayors: Bret Schundler, Jersey City, New Jersey; and Jim Patterson, Fresno, California.

### OVERSIGHT—ADULT EDUCATION ACT AND NATIONAL LITERACY ACT

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families held an oversight hearing on the Adult Education Act and the National Literacy Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Augusta Kappner, Assistant Secretary, Vocational and Adult Education; and Andrew J. Hartman, Director, National Institute for Literacy; Jean Hurley Simon, Chairperson, U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; Cheryl L. Keenan, Director, Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education, State of Pennsylvania; Bob Bickerton, Administrator, Adult and Community Learning Services, Department of Education, State of Massachusetts; Steve Steurer, Office of Correctional Education, Department of Education, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Affirmative Action. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NATIONAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on the National Performance Review. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the OMB: Alice M. Rivlin, Director; and John Koskinen, Deputy Director; the following officials of the GAO: Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General; L. Nye Stevens, Deputy Director, General Government Division; and Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division; and public witnesses.

### CORRECTIONS DAY POLICY AND PROCEDURES

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House of the Committee on Rules held a joint hearing on "Corrections Day Policy and Procedures". Testimony was heard from Speaker Gingrich; Representatives DeLay, Vucanovich and Bilbray; Roger Cornett, Mayor, Richmond, Indiana; and public witnesses.