

H. Res. 171, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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**Presidential message—MFN for Romania:** Read a message from the President wherein he submits an updated report concerning emigration laws and policies of Romania that allow continuation of most-favored-nation status for Romania—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104-93).

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**Referrals:** Two Senate-passed measures were referred to the appropriate House committees.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H6742-43.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6831-34.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6753, H6753-54, H6754, H6755, H6769, H6791, H6794, H6806, and H6810. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOOD STAMP FLEXIBILITY AND COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION CONSOLIDATION ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1997, Food Stamp Flexibility and Commodity Distribution Consolidation Act of 1995.

### BUDGET ALLOCATIONS; TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Approved a revised section 602(b) budget allocation report.

The Committee also began markup of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

Will continue tomorrow.

### LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education began markup of appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education for fiscal year 1996.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security began markup of appropriations for National Security for fiscal year 1996.

Will continue tomorrow.

### CORRECTIONS DAY LEGISLATION

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the following Corrections Day bills: H.R. 1114, to authorize minors who are under the child labor provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and who are under 18 years of age to load materials into balers and compactors; H.R. 1225, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt employees who perform certain court reporting duties from the compensatory time requirements applicable to certain public agencies; and H.R. 1783, to require a change in regulation under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ewing, Combest and Vucanovich; and public witnesses.

### LOCK BOX DEFICIT PROPOSALS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, Committee on the Budget and the Subcommittee on Legislation and Budget Process of the Committee on Rules held a joint hearing on Lock Box Deficit Proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Brewster, Crapo, Harman, Royce, Zimmer and Foley; Alice M. Rivlin, Director, OMB; and James L. Blum, Deputy Director, CBO.

### BUDGET AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION—ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS REPORT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Budget and Financial Information—Annual Shareholders Report: How Does the Citizen Know What is Going On? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Accounting and Information Management Division; Donald Chapin, Chief Accountant; and Paul L. Posner, Director, Budget Issues, Accounting and Information Management Division; Edward DeSeve, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

### CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY ACT

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 927, Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1995.

### SHOOTDOWN OF UNITED STATES F-16 OVER FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

*Committee on National Security:* Held a hearing on the Department of Defense review of the shootdown of a United States F-16 over the former Yugoslavia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and RAdm. C. W. Moore, Jr., USN, Director, Operations (Current Operations), The Joint Staff.

### LIVESTOCK GRAZING ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1713, Livestock Grazing Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen and Herger; Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Mike Dombeck, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. The rule waives the following sections of the Budget Act: section 302(f) (prohibiting consideration of a measure containing new entitlement authority which exceeds a committee's allocation); section 306 (prohibiting matters within the jurisdiction of the Budget Committee in a measure not reported by it); and section 308(a) (prohibiting the consideration of a measure containing new entitlement authority if the report does not contain a CBO estimate on such entitlement authority).

Further, the rule waives clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be read by title rather than by paragraph for amendment and that each title shall be considered as read.

The rule provides for the automatic adoption of an amendment printed in section 2 of the rule (striking a directed scorekeeping provision at 57, line 21 through page 58, line 2; and changing a mandatory salary provision into a discretionary provision at page 75, line 24).

The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in section 3 of the rule (striking two provisos at page 57, line 11 through line 21, relating to the sale of oil from the Strategic Petro-

leum Reserve), if offered by Rep. Schaefer of Colorado or Rep. Tauzin of Louisiana.

The rule permits the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. The rule waives clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency amendments to be offered to a bill containing an emergency designation under the Budget Act) against amendments to the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Representatives Regula, Nethercutt, Young of Alaska, Schaefer, Gallegly, Weldon, Zimmer, Largent, Souder, Coburn, Dicks, Dingell, Rahall, Tauzin, Brewster, Harman, and Underwood.

### SUPERFUND—OIL POLLUTION ACT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a joint hearing on the following: Natural Resources Damages Under The Comprehensive and Liability Act of 1990 (Superfund); and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Testimony was heard from Douglas Hall, Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Robert P. Davison, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Lois Schiffer, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS TAX REFORMS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on miscellaneous tax reforms. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kennelly, Levin, Houghton, Goodling, Frank of Massachusetts, Johnson of South Dakota, and Blute; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### RULES OF ORIGIN

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Rules of Origin. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John Simpson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Regulatory Tariff and Trade Enforcement; and Samuel H. Banks, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs Service; and public witnesses.