

Against Domestic Violence, Harrisburg, on behalf of the Women's Law Project; Peg Echols, State Farm Insurance Companies, Washington, D.C.; Timothy T. Flaherty, Neenah, Wisconsin, on behalf of the

American Medical Association; Sheila Wellstone, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Deborah Senn, Olympia, Washington.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 4 public bills, H.R. 2138–2141 were introduced. **Page H7990**

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

H.R. 1601, to authorize appropriations to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to develop, assemble, and operate the International Space Station, amended (H. Rept. 104–210);

H.R. 629, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the operation of certain visitor facilities associated with, but outside the boundaries of, Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado (H. Rept. 104–211);

Conference report on H.R. 1854, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–212);

H. Res. 204, providing for consideration of S. 21, to terminate the United States arms embargo applicable to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina (H. Rept. 104–213);

H. Res. 205, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2126, Department of Defense Appropriations for fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104–214); and

H.R. 714, to establish the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie in the State of Illinois, amended (H. Rept. 104–191, Part 2).

**Pages H7964–68, H7985–86, H7989–90**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Weller to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7919**

**Committees To Sit:** The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, and National Security. **Page H7921**

**VA–HUD Appropriations:** House completed all general debate and continued consideration of H.R. 2099, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; but came to no

resolution thereon. Reading for amendment will resume on Monday, July 31. **Pages H7921–63**

Pending when the Committee of the Whole rose was the Durbin amendment that seeks to provide that any limitation on use of funds shall not apply to the agency's environmental programs and compliance provisions when it is made known that they would restrict the agency's ability to protect humans against exposure to arsenic, benzene, dioxin, lead, or any known carcinogen. **Pages H7956–63**

**Agreed To:**

The Stokes amendment that strikes language that prohibits or limits the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to promulgate, enforce, implement, or take certain actions authorized under environmental laws, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and food safety laws (agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 599); and **Pages H7933–55**

The Arney motion that the Committee of the Whole rise (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 600). **Page H7963**

**Rejected:**

The Roemer amendment that sought to strike the \$390 million appropriation for funding the space station (rejected by a recorded vote of 132 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 598); **Pages H7922–29, H7932–33**

The Kaptur amendment that sought to transfer \$234 million from the FEMA disaster relief account to the account for modernization of existing public housing projects (rejected by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 596). This amendment was debated on July 27; **Page H7931**

The DeFazio amendment that sought to increase the Veterans Health Administration medical care appropriation by \$12 million and reduce the appropriation for the Selective Service System by \$16.9 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 597). This amendment was debated on July 27; and **Page H7932**

The Fields of Louisiana amendment that sought to transfer \$819.5 million from NASA's science, aeronautics, and technology appropriation to the Corporation for National Community Service. **Page H7956**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of July 31. Agreed to adjourn from Friday to Monday.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of August 2. Page H7968

**Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act:** House passed H.R. 1103, entitled “Amendments to the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930”.

Pages H7968–73

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages H7971–73

Agreed to amend the title. Page H7973

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

*Iraqi emergency:* Message wherein he notifies Congress on the continuation of the national emergency in Iraq beyond the anniversary date—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–104); and Page H7973

*Generalized System of Preferences (GSP):* Message wherein he reports that Maldives should be suspended from the GSP program because of insufficient progress in protecting basic labor rights and designate Moldova as a beneficiary developing country for the purposes of the GSP program having satisfied the statutory criteria—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–105). Page H7974

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H7990–91.

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7919.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7931, H7932, H7932–33, H7954–55, and H7963. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power approved for full Committee action the following: the Nuclear Regulatory Commission User Fees Reauthorization; H.R. 1020, amended, Integrated Spent Nuclear Fuel Management Act of 1995; and H.R. 1663, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Amendment.

### POLITICAL ADVOCACY WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on Political Advocacy with Taxpayer Dollars. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeLay, Wicker, Skaggs and Sabo; and public witnesses.

### UNITED STATES POLICY IN EUROPE

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Overview of United States Policy in Europe. Testimony was heard from Richard C. Holbrooke, Assistant Secretary, European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State; and RAdm. W.H. Wright IV, (USN), Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans, Policy and Operations, Department of the Navy.

### OVERSIGHT—WACO

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and the Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight continued oversight hearings on Federal Law Enforcement Actions in Relation to the Branch Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Mark Richard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General; and Larry Potts, former Assistant Director, Criminal Investigations, FBI; Harry Salem, M.D., Toxicologist, Department of Defense; the following former officials of the Department of Justice: Webster Hubbell, Associate Attorney General; William Sessions, Director; and Floyd Clarke, Deputy Director, both with the FBI; and public witnesses.

Will continue July 31.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. The rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (three-day availability for committee reports), clause 7 of rule XXI (three-day availability for committee hearings and reports on appropriation bills), and section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of legislation in the jurisdiction of the Budget Committee unless reported by that committee) against consideration of the bill.

The rule provides for the reading of the bill by title, rather than by paragraph or numbered section, for amendment, and each title is considered as read. The rule waives clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions), and clause 6 (prohibiting