

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 8 public bills, H.R. 2567–2574 were introduced. **Page H11686**

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

H.R. 2149, to reduce regulation, promote efficiencies, and encourage competition in the international ocean transportation system of the United States, and to eliminate the Federal Maritime Commission (H. Rept. 104–303); and

H. Res. 253, waiving points of order against the further conference report on H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104–304). **Pages H11685–86**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H11589**

**Committees To Sit:** The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, International Relations, the Judiciary, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H11593**

**Partial-Birth Abortion Ban:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 288 yeas to 139 nays with 1 voting "present", the House passed H.R. 1833, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions. **Pages H11604–18**

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute pursuant to the rule. **Page H11618**

By a recorded vote of 332 yeas to 86 noes, Roll No. 755, it was made in order to use certain exhibits in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H11605**

H. Res. 251, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 754. **Pages H11593–H11602**

**D.C. Appropriations:** House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, November 2. **Pages H11627–61**

**Agreed To:**

The Walsh amendment that clarifies the definition of unmarried couples so that qualified single

persons seeking to adopt will not be turned away in the adoption process; **Page H11643**

The Davis amendment that makes technical corrections to the Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act; and **Pages H11649–51**

The Hostettler amendment that repeals the District's Health Care Benefits Expansion Act which permits unmarried cohabiting adults to register with the District and receive certain health and other legal benefits (agreed to by a recorded vote of 249 yeas to 172 noes, Roll No. 759). **Pages H11656–61**

Rejected the Bonilla amendment that sought to revoke the National Education Association's exemption from District property taxes beginning in fiscal year 1996 (rejected to be a recorded vote of 210 yeas to 213 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 758); **Pages H11651–56**

H. Res. 252, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 757. **Pages H11618–27**

**Committee To Sit:** The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule on Thursday, November 2: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, the Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H11661**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H11589.

**Referral:** One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee. **Page H11685**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11602, H11605, H11618, H11626–27, H11655–56, and H11660–61. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Commerce:** Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2366, to repeal an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement; and H.R. 2519, amended, Philanthropy Protection Act of 1995.

**REFORM OF SUPERFUND ACT**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials began markup of H.R. 2500, Reform of Superfund Act of 1995.

Will continue tomorrow.

**ENGLISH—COMMON LANGUAGE**

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families continued hearings on English as the Common Language. Testimony was heard from Nimi McConigley, member, Legislature, State of Wyoming; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT**

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections continued oversight hearings on the Fair Labor Standards Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FOOD FOR PEACE REAUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Food For Peace Reauthorizational Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Christopher Goldthwait, General Sales Manager, USDA; M. Douglas Stafford, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Humanitarian Response, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1733, Patent Application Publication Act of 1995; and H.R. 359, to restore the term of patents. Testimony was heard from Representative Rohrabacher; and public witnesses.

**CONFERENCE REPORT—INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the further conference report to accompany H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representative Regula.

**X-33 REUSABLE LAUNCH VEHICLE**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on the X-33 Reusable Launch Vehicle: A New Way of Doing Business? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NASA: John E. Mansfield, Associate Administrator, Office of Space Access and Technology; and

Lt. Col. Gary Payton, USAF (Ret.), Deputy Associate Administrator, Advanced Space Transportation; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct:* Met in executive session to consider pending business.

**ICC TERMINATION ACT; FAA REVITALIZATION ACT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported amended the following bills; H.R. 2539, by a vote of 36-22, ICC Termination Act of 1995; and H.R. 2276, Federal Aviation Administration Revitalization Act of 1995.

**THRIFT CHARTER CONVERSION TAX ACT; REPEAL UNNECESSARY MEDICAL DEVICE REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported the following bills; H.R. 2494, amended, Thrift Charter Conversion Tax Act of 1995; and H.R. 2366, to repeal an unnecessary medical device reporting requirement.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 2, 1995**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to resume hearings to examine alternatives to Federal forest land management and to compare land management cost benefits on Federal and States lands, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on courthouse construction and related GSA public buildings program matters, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance,* business meeting, to mark up S. 1318, to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, and to consider other pending committee business, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* to hold hearings on S. 704, to establish the Gambling Impact Study Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Special Committee on Aging,* to hold hearings to examine fraud in the medicare and medicaid programs, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters,* to resume hearings to examine issues relative to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on the handling of certain documents following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, 10 a.m., SH-216.