

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 665, to control crime by mandatory victim restitution, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1331, to adjust and make uniform the dollar amounts used in Title 18 to distinguish between grades of offenses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1332, to clarify the application of certain Federal criminal laws to territories, possessions, and commonwealths, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 146, designating the week beginning November 19, 1995, and the week beginning on November 24, 1996, as "National Family Week"; and

The nominations of D. W. Bransom, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas, Frank Policaro, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Joseph Francis Baca, of New Mexico, Robert Nelson Baldwin, of Virginia, David Allen Brock, of New Hampshire, and Florence K. Murray, of Rhode Island, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 2646–2655; 1 private bill, H.R. 2656 were introduced.

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

H. Res. 272, authorizing a specified correction in the form of the conference report on H.R. 2491, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996, and waiving points of order against the corrected conference report (H. Rept. 104–348); and

H. Res. 273, providing for consideration of H.R. 2606, to prohibit the use of funds appropriated to the Department of Defense from being used for the deployment on the ground of United States Armed Forces in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina as part of any peacekeeping operation, or as part of any implementation force, unless funds for such deployment are specifically appropriated by law (H. Rept. 104–349).

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**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.

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**Appeal of Ruling of Chair:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 803, the House agreed to the Kingston motion to table an appeal of a ruling of the Chair.

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**Defense Appropriations:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 806, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2126, mak-

ing appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996—clearing the measure for Senate action.

Pages H13051–64

By a yea-and-nay vote of 121 yeas to 307 nays, Roll No. 805, rejected the Obey motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instructions that the House conferees insist on the inclusion of language prohibiting obligation of funds for payment on new contracts on which allowable costs charged to the Government include payments for individual compensation at a rate in excess of \$200,000 per year.

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H. Res. 271, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 372 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 804.

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**House Gift Reform:** By a recorded vote of 422 yeas to 6 noes, the House agreed to H. Res. 250, to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for gift reform.

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Agreed to the Solomon amendment that bans acceptance of all gifts and meals; eliminates the exemption for token donations of home-State products; removes conditions on accepting free attendance for a companion at a public event; restores the 4-day allowance for official travel within the United States; and removes conditions on travel expenses for family members (agreed to by a recorded vote of 422 yeas to 8 noes, Roll No. 808).

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Rejected the Burton of Indiana amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to retain the current cumulative limit of \$250 in gifts from a single source in a year; require disclosure of all gifts or

meals over \$50, and count them toward the \$250 annual cap; permit House personnel to accept free admission or travel expenses to a public event only if the actual sponsor pays and they either participate or attend in some official capacity; and permit free attendance at charity events, along with travel and lodging, if the sponsor was a 501(c)(3) organization and was paying the Members' expenses, more than 50 percent of the proceeds would go to charity and the Member's participation contributed in a tangible way to the success of the event (rejected by a yeand-nay vote of 154 yeas to 276 nays, Roll No. 807).

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H. Res. 268, the rule under which the resolution was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H13064–73

**Lobbying Disclosure:** House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments on H.R. 2564, to provide for the disclosure of lobbying activities to influence the Federal Government; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume at a later date.

Pages H13099–H13138

Pending when the Committee on the Whole rose were the following amendments on which recorded votes were postponed:

The Fox amendment that seeks to prohibit registered lobbyists from giving gifts to Members, officers, and employees of Congress;

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The Clinger amendment that seeks to prohibit Federal agencies from using appropriated funds to promote public support or opposition for a legislative proposal;

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The English of Pennsylvania amendment that seeks to impose a lifetime ban on lobbying for a foreign interest on the Secretary of Commerce and the Commissioner of the International Trade Commission; and

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The Weller amendment that seeks to require registered lobbyists to disclose any honoraria they pay to members of the media.

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The Kaptur amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to place a 5-year restriction on certain former Government officers and employees from representing or advising, for compensation, certain foreign entities in matters in which the United States is a party or has a direct and substantial interest.

Pages H13123–25

H. Res. 269, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that the House will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 17.

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**Presidential Message—Continuing Appropriations:** Read a message from the President wherein he

transmits proposed legislation to extend the continuing resolution that expired on November 13, 1995—referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Government Reform and Oversight and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–135).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeand-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H13041–42, H13050–51, H13063, H13063–64, H13085–86, H13094, and H13094–95. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full committee action the following bills: H.R. 325, to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for an optional provision for the reduction of work-related vehicle trips and miles traveled in ozone nonattainment areas designated as severe; and H.R. 1787, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to repeal the saccharin notice requirements.

### OLDER AMERICANS AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittees on Early Childhood, Youth and Families approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2570, Older Americans Amendments of 1995.

### MEDICARE TRANSACTION SYSTEM STATUS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a joint hearing on the Status of the Medicare Transaction System: The Health Care Financing Administration's Planned Data System to Control Fraud/Abuse. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services: Bruce C. Vladek, Administrator; and Carol Walton, Director, Bureau of Program Operations; the following officials of the GAO: Frank Reilly, Director, Information Management and Technology Division; and Christopher Hoenig, Director, Information Management Policy Issues; and public witnesses.

### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

*Committee on House Oversight:* Continued hearings on Campaign Finance Reform, with emphasis on Political Action Committees. Testimony was heard from