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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 2979–2990; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 161, and H. Res. 367 were introduced. **Page H1507**

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans Affairs. **Page H1403**

Measures Tabled: It was made in order that the following resolutions be tabled:

H. Res. 352, authorizing the Speaker to declare recesses subject to the call of the Chair from February 2 through February 26, 1996; and **Page H1403**

H. Res. 323, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2677, the National Parks and National Wildlife Refuge Systems Freedom Act of 1995.

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Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Representative Taylor of Mississippi wherein he resigns as a member of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; and

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Read a letter from Representative McKinney wherein she resigns as a member of the Committee on Agriculture.

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Committee Elections: House agreed to H. Res. 367, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H1415**

Agriculture Market Transition Act: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments on H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, February 29.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

Agreed To:

The Roberts technical amendment; and

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The Solomon amendment that deletes dairy programs provisions and replaces them with provisions that phase out over five years price supports for butter, powdered milk and cheese with the authorization for dairy price support to expire in the year 2001; that require current Federal milk marketing orders to be consolidated into 10 to 14 orders by December 31, 2000; that allow the State of California to maintain its own fluid milk standards; and that repeal the Federal milk manufacturing allowance restriction on States that was contained in the 1990 farm bill (agreed to by a recorded vote of 258 ayes to 164 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll no. 36).

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Rejected:

The Frank of Massachusetts amendment that sought to strike provisions that would authorize fixed annual cash payments to farmers that would decline for each of the next seven years; to phase out the current Federal commodity support programs for major crops over five years, while keeping the current price support system during the five-year transition period; and to set a support price for each commodity in 1996, to be decreased by 4 percent each year and eliminated entirely for the 2001 year crop;

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The Chabot amendment that sought to terminate the marketing loan program for cotton producers beginning in 1999 and to require farmers who currently hold government marketing loans to repay their loans by the end of 1998 (rejected by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 33);

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The Shays amendment that sought to phase out the peanut program over seven years, and provide diminishing loan rates each year for the program by \$610 per ton in 1996; \$550 per ton in 1997; \$490 per ton in 1998; \$430 per ton in 1999; \$370 per ton in 2000, and \$310 per ton in 2001 and repealing the entire quota system in the year 2002 (rejected by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 34); and

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The Miller of Florida amendment that sought to phase out the sugar program over five years by establishing loan rates for cane and beet sugar through 1999, then prohibiting any Federal loans to sugar

producers in the year 2000 or beyond (rejected by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 217 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 35).

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H. Res. 366, the rule providing for the consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 32. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote to 228 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 31.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1399.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H1508.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1413-14, H1414, H1459-60, H1466-67, H1479, and H1487-88.

There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Congressional and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Indian Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the Joint Economic Committee, the Capitol Police Board, the CBO, the Architect of the Capitol and the Botanic Garden. Testimony was heard from Senator Mack; Representative Saxton; Wilson S. Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives; Howard Greene, Sergeant at Arms, Senate; the following officials of CBO: June O'Neill, Director; and James Blume, Deputy Director; William Ensign, Acting Architect of the Capitol; and Gary Abrecht, Chief, Capitol Police.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Marsh Task Force. Testimony was heard from John Marsh, former Secretary of the Army.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Congressional and public witnesses.

ORGANIZED CRIME AND BANKING; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on the Threat that Organized Criminal Groups Pose to the International Banking System. Testimony was heard from JayEtta Hecker, Director, International Trade, Finance, and Competitiveness, GAO; Edward W. Kelley, Jr., member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Stanley E. Morris, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; and Robert Rasor, Deputy Assistant Director, U.S. Secret Service; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Harold D. Wankel, Chief of Operations, DEA; Mark Richards, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Chuck Owens, Section Chief, Criminal Investigations Division, Financial Crimes Section, FBI; Robert Sims, Special Advisor on International Criminal Justice to the Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Richard A. Brown, District Attorney, Queens County, State of New York; and public witnesses.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

URANIUM MILL TAILINGS RADIATION CONTROL ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 2967, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978. Testimony was heard from James Owendoff, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environmental Restoration, Department of Energy; Bernice Steinhardt, Associate Director, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Howard A. Roitman, Division Director, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division, Department of Public Health and Environment, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.