

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3083–3102; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 152, and H. Res. 382, 383, 385 were introduced. **Pages H2315–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation (H. Rept. 104–481);

H.R. 2739, to provide for a representational allowance for Members of the House of Representatives, to make technical and conforming changes to sundry provisions of law in consequence of administrative reforms in the House of Representatives, amended (H. Rept. 104–482); and

H. Res. 384, providing for consideration of H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States (H. Rept. 104–483).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Foley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2225**

Journal: By a recorded vote of 336 ayes to 73 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 63, the House approved the Journal of March 13. **Page H2238**

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, and Select Intelligence. **Page H2229**

Continuing Resolution: By a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 62, the House agreed to H.J. Res. 163, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996. **Pages H2229–38**

Anti-Terrorism Act: By a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 66, the House passed H.R. 2703, to combat terrorism. **Pages H2247–H2304**

Rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H2267**

Rejected:

The Watt amendment that sought to strike provisions relating to "habeas corpus" reform that place strict limits on the ability of state death row prisoners to challenge in Federal court the constitutionality of their conviction or sentence (rejected by a vote of 135 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 64). This amendment was debated on Wednesday; and

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The Conyers amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to strike provisions restricting habeas corpus appeals by death row prisoners; to strike provisions expanding wire tapping authority; to strike provisions allowing the FBI access to telephone and consumer records; to strike language regarding the deportation of criminal aliens; to strike provisions for a study of "cop killer" bullets; to strike provisions designating a mandatory minimum penalty for knowingly transferring firearms used to commit violent crimes; to add provisions making it a crime to target children in an act of terrorism; to add provisions increasing the ability of U.S. citizens to sue a foreign country for sanctioning terrorism by eliminating the current requirement that the U.S. citizen enter into arbitration with the foreign country before filing suit; and to add provisions requiring judicial review of the State Department and the Attorney General designation of a terrorist group (rejected by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 65).

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, cross-references, punctuation, and to make any such stylistic, clerical, technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill. In addition, it was made in order that the Clerk be authorized to make a specific technical correction to the bill.

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Subsequently, S. 735, a similar Senate-passed measure, was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the text of H.R. 2703 as passed the House. The title of the Senate bill was amended and H.R. 2703 was laid on the table.

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House then insisted on its amendments to S. 735 and asked a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Hyde, McCollum, Schiff, Buyer, Barr, Conyers, Schumer, and Berman.

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Agriculture Market Transition Act: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representative Roberts, Emerson, Gunder-son, Ewing, Barrett of Nebraska, Allard, Bohner,

Pombo, de la Garza, Rose, Stenholm, Volkmer, Johnson of South Dakota, and Condit. **Pages H2304–05**

Agreed to the Peterson of Minnesota motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the House language regarding program extension of the Conservation Reserve Program through the year 2002 (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 412, Roll No. 67).

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Committee Election: House agreed to H. Res. 382, electing Representative Parker of Mississippi to the Committee on Appropriations to rank following Representative Riggs of California. **Page H2305**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Serrano wherein he resigns from the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H2305**

Committee Election: House agreed to H. Res. 383, electing Representative Serrano to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H2305**

Legislative Program: Representative Hastert, as a designee of the Majority Leader, announced the legislative program for the week of March 18. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday. **Pages H2305–06**

Meeting Hour: Agreed to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 for morning hour debates.

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Recess: House recessed at 4:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:41 p.m. **Page H2313**

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Dreier to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of March 20. **Page H2306**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H2225.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2237–38, H2238, H2249–50, H2266–67, H2267, and H2304–05.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Farm Credit Admin-

istration and on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Marsha Martin, Chairman of the Board, Farm Credit Administration; and John Tull, Jr., Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

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

LABOR–HHS–EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the National Education Goals Panel and the NLRB. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Richard W. Carlson, President and CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting; Max M. Kampelman, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, U.S. Institute of Peace; Ken Nelson, Executive Director, National Education Goals Panel; and William B. Gould, IV, Chairman, NLRB.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from congressional and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Commander in Chief, Special Operations Command and Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Commander in Chief, Special Operations Command; and Gen. Binford J.J. Peay, III, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Office of the Secretary. Testimony was heard from Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on tax systems modernization and on IRS operations. Testimony was heard from the following