

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 3134–3151; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 166–167, and H. Res. 387 were introduced. **Pages H2664–65**

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

H. Res. 388, providing for consideration of H.R. 125, to repeal the ban on semiautomatic assault weapons and the ban on large capacity ammunition feeding devices (H. Rept. 104–490);

Conference report on S. 4, to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority (H. Rept. 104–491); and

Supplemental report on 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. 104–459, Part IV).

**Pages H2640–52**

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

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**Tea Importation Act:** House passed H.R. 2969, to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897.

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**Privileged Resolution:** House agreed to H. Res. 387, returning S. 1518, to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by prohibiting funding for the Board and by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897.

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**Continuing Appropriations:** By a recorded vote of 244 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 83, the House passed H.J. Res. 165, making further appropriations for fiscal year 1996.

**Pages H2578–88**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment to provide the necessary funding during the period of the joint resolution to avert all layoffs of instructional school personnel whose salaries are paid in whole or in part by programs of the Department of Education for the 1996–1997 academic year (re-

jected by a yea-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 82).

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H. Res. 386, the rule under which the joint resolution was considered and which waived the requirements of clause 4(b) of rule XI of the House with respect to consideration of certain resolutions, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 81. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 80.

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**Permission to Sit:** House agreed to the Arney motion that, pursuant to clause 2(i) of rule XI, for today and the balance of the week all committees be granted special leave to sit while the House is reading a measure for amendment under the five-minute rule.

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**Immigration Reform:** By a recorded vote of 333 ayes to 87 noes Roll No. 89, the House passed 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.

**Pages H2589–H2640**

Rejected the Bryant motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that sought to make changes relating to H-1B nonimmigrant worker regulations designed to protect United States workers from being laid off and replaced by temporary foreign workers (rejected by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 88).

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**Agreed To:**

Agreed to the Chrysler amendment, as modified, that strikes language placing new limits on the number of legal immigrants allowed into the country annually, and the specific categories of those immigrants (agreed to by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 84); and

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The Rohrabacher amendment that repeals a provision in current law allowing certain illegal aliens to apply for permanent status and remain in the United States while their applications are being adjudicated.

**Pages H2603–04**

Rejected:

The Pombo amendment, as amended by the Condit amendment, that sought to modify the current temporary agriculture worker program by replacing the labor certification requirement with a labor attestation requirement; create an alternative pilot program, authorized for three years, requiring employers to file a form with the area's State employment security agency stating the wage rate of jobs which must be tied to comparable prevailing wages for that area, that the job is seasonal i.e., not more than 10 months in a 12-month period, and that the jobs will not adversely affect other area workers; provides for a two-year phaseout of the guest worker program should the pilot program become permanent; require employers to offer temporary agriculture workers reasonable housing; directs employers to hold twenty-five percent of the temporary agriculture worker's salary in a trust fund administered by the Justice Department which would be available to workers when they returned to their home countries; and require employers to pay Federal unemployment tax and make Federal insurance contributions on behalf of the workers to reimburse Justice, Labor and State Departments for the costs of administering the funds (rejected by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 85);

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The Goodlatte amendment that sought to modify the current agricultural guest worker program by transferring from the Labor Department to the Immigration and Naturalization Service; to provide for no more than 100,000 foreign workers to be admitted under the program each year; to shorten from 60 days to 40 days the maximum amount of the time in advance of needing workers that employers could be required to submit petitions; and to limit to 20 days the time period during which the Department could require an employer to conduct active recruitment efforts for eligible workers (rejected by a recorded vote of 59 ayes to 357 noes, Roll No. 86); and

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The Burr amendment that sought to extend the H-IA nonimmigrant nurse program for six months after the date of enactment; (rejected by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 87).

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, cross-references, the table of contents, and punctuation and to make such other stylistic, clerical, technical, and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H2640**

**Further Appropriations:** Agreed to the Livingston motion to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 3019, making further appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced

budget, disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference. Appointed as conferees:

For consideration of the House Bill (except for section 101(c)) and the Senate amendment (except for section 101 (d)), and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Livingston, Myers of Indiana, Young of Florida, Regula, Lewis of California, Porter, Rogers, Skeen, Wolf, Vucanovich, Lightfoot, Callahan, Walsh, Obey, Yates, Stokes, Bevill, Murtha, Wilson, Dixon, Hefner, and Mollohan.

For consideration of section 101(c) of the House bill and section 101(d) of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Porter, Young of Florida, Bonilla, Istook, Miller of Florida, Dickey, Riggs, Wicker, Livingston, Obey, Stokes, Hoyer, Pelosi, and Lowey.

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Rejected the Obey motion to instruct the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses to agree to the Position in the Senate amendment increasing funding above the levels in the House bill for programs of the Department of Education; agree to the position in the Senate amendment increasing funding above the levels in the House bill for programs of the Environmental Protection Agency; agree to the position in the Senate amendment that provides a minimum of \$975 million from within the \$1.9 provided for Local Law Enforcement Block Grants within the Department of Justice for the Public Safety and Community Policing grants pursuant to title I of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (COPS on the beat program); agree to the position in the Senate amendment increasing funding above levels in the House bill for job training and worker protection programs of the Department of labor; agree to the position in the senate amendment deleting Title V of the House bill; agree to the position in the Senate amendment specifying a maximum grant award to \$2,500 under the Pell Grant Program; and agree to the position in the Senate amendment providing fiscal year 1997 funding of \$1 billion for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program of the Department of Health and Human Services (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 90). **Pages H2652–54**

**Referral:** One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee. **Page H2663**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H2561, H2652.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2665.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2576, H2576–77, H2587, H2587–88, H2602–03, H2621, H2629, H2629–30, H2638–39, H2639–40, and H2653–54.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and on the Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Dan Glickman, Secretary; and Michael Taylor, Acting Under Secretary, Food Safety and Inspection Service.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and Chief of Engineers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: H. Martin Lancaster, Assistant Secretary, Civil Works; and Lt. Gen. Arthur E. Williams, USA, Chief of Engineers.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Haiti. Testimony was heard from Alexander Watson, Assistant Secretary, Inter-American Affairs, Department of State.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Foreign Intelligence Program. Testimony was heard from John M. Deutch, Director, CIA.

The subcommittee also held a hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense, Department of Defense.

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Testimony was heard

from Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

### OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING; AND THE U.S. MINT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy oversight hearing on the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and the U.S. Mint. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Larry Rolufs, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and Philip Diehl, Director, U.S. Mint.

### ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET SUBMISSION

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 1997 budget submission. Testimony was heard from Alice M. Rivlin, Director, OMB.

### MERCURY-CONTAINING AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERY MANAGEMENT ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on H.R. 2024 and S. 619, Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act. Testimony was heard from Michael Shapiro, Director, Office of Solid Waste, EPA; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL MANAGEMENT OF THE RADIO SPECTRUM

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held a hearing on Federal Management of the Radio Spectrum, with emphasis on Advanced Television Spectrum. Testimony was heard from Representative Frank of Massachusetts; Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, Department of Commerce; Robert M. Pepper, Chief, Office of Plans and Policy, FCC; David Moore, Senior Analyst, Natural Resources and Commerce Division, CBO; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1227, to amend the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 relating to the payment of wages to employees who use employer-owned vehicles; and H.R. 2531, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to clarify the exemption for houseparents from the minimum wage and maximum hours requirements of that Act.