

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3258–3266, and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 163, were introduced. **Pages H3580–81**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 405, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 735) to prevent and punish acts of terrorism (H. Rept. 104–522); and

H. R. 3107, to impose sanctions on persons exporting certain goods or technology that would enhance Iran's ability to explore for, extract, refine, or transport by pipeline petroleum resources, amended (H. Rept. 104–523 Part 1). **Page H3580**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Gillmor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3493**

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 Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Economic and Educational Opportunities, International Relations, Judiciary, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, and Select Intelligence. **Page H3497**

Administrative Accountability: It was made in order that, H. Res. 368, providing for consideration of H.R. 994, to require the periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations, was laid on the table. **Page H3497**

Transportation Trust Funds: By a recorded vote of 284 ayes to 143 nays, Roll No. 122, the House passed H.R. 842, to provide off-budget treatment for the Highway Trust Fund, the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, and the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. **Pages H3504–47**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page H3546**

Agreed To:

The Shuster amendment that subjects budgetary treatment of the Transportation Trust Funds to provisions of the Line Item Veto Act of 1996; and **Pages H3533–35**

The Oberstar amendment that limits interest credited to Transportation Trust Funds to the aver-

age interest rate on fifty-two week Treasury securities sold to the public. **Page H3535**

Rejected:

The Smith of Michigan amendment that sought to limit off-budget treatment of Transportation Trust Funds to amounts generated after enactment; **Pages H3537–38**

The Minge amendment that sought to require that the Highway Trust Fund be moved back on-budget if any funds are earmarked for specific highway construction projects (rejected by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 298 noes, Roll No. 121); and **Pages H3538–45**

The Royce amendment that sought to prohibit the financing of transportation programs from general revenue funds. **Pages H3545–46**

Withdrawn:

The Smith of Michigan amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require the Highway Trust Fund to reimburse the general fund for any interest payments previously credited to the trust fund for highway and mass transit projects. **Pages H3536–37**

H. Res. 396, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. **Pages H3497–H3504**

Presidential Messages: Read the following message from the President:

Alaska's Mineral Resources: Message wherein he transmits the 1995 Annual Report on Alaska's Mineral Resources—referred to the Committee on Resources; and **Page H3548**

National Endowment for the Humanities: Message wherein he transmits the 1995 Annual Report of the National Endowment for the Humanities—referred to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities. **Page H3548**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3493.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3581–82.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3544–45 and H3547. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 8:35 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 continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Douglas S. Eakeley, Chairman, Board of Directors; Nancy Hardin Rogers, Vice Chair, Board of Directors; and Alexander D. Forger, President.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Postsecondary Education, on Educational Research and Improvement and Libraries and on Vocational and Adult Education. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: David A. Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Postsecondary Education; Sharon P. Robinson, Assistant Secretary, Educational Research and Improvement; and Patricia W. McNeil, Acting Assistant Secretary, Vocational and Adult Education.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Malcolm R. O'Neill, USA, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Anti-Drug Strategies and on Customs Drug Interdiction. Testimony was heard from Gen.

Barry McCaffrey, USA, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and George Weise, Commissioner of Customs, Department of the Treasury.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the EPA. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held an oversight hearing on the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Nicholas P. Retsinas, Assistant Secretary, Housing; and Aida Alvarez, Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight; Leland C. Brendsel, Chairman and CEO, Freddie Mac; and James A. Johnson, Chairman and CEO, Fannie Mae.

ECONOMIC AND BUDGET OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Economic and Budget Outlook. Testimony was heard from June E. O'Neill, Director, CBO.

SMALL BUSINESS OSHA RELIEF ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3234, Small Business OSHA Relief Act of 1996.

CONGRATULATING PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE; DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS: MYTH OR REALITY IN AFRICA?

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 160, congratulating the people of the Republic of Sierra Leone on the success of their recent democratic multiparty elections.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Democratic Elections: Myth or Reality in Africa? Testimony was heard from George Moose, Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

SECURITY IN NORTHEAST ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Security in Northeast Asia: From Okinawa to the DMZ. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.