

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 3389–3391; and 4 resolutions, H.R. Con. Res. 170–171, and H. Res. 423–424 were introduced. **Page H4423**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 416, establishing a select subcommittee of the Committee on International Relations to investigate the United States role in Iranian arms transfer to Croatia and Bosnia (H. Rept. 104–551);

H. Res. 421, providing for consideration of H.R. 2974, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to provide enhanced penalties for crimes against elderly and child victims (H. Rept. 104–552); and

H. Res. 422, providing for consideration of H.R. 3120, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering (H. Rept. 104–553). **Page H4423**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Upton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4399**

Referrals: Two Senate-passed measures were referred to the appropriate House committees. **Page H4421**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4399.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW—MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review science-based meat and poultry inspection; emerging technologies; and the approval process for new technology. Testimony was heard from Tom Billy, Associate Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on Commerce Department Statistical Programs, Undersecretary for Economics and Statistics, Bureau of Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Inter-

national Organizations and Conferences, United States Mission to United Nations, International Organizations and OAS. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Commerce: Everett Ehrlich, Undersecretary, Economic Affairs; Martha Riche, Director, Bureau of the Census; and Stephen Landefeld, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis; and the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Madeleine K. Albright, Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Ambassador Harriet C. Babbit, Permanent Representative to the OAS; and Molly Williamson, Assistant Secretary, International Organizations.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, on Administration for Children and Families; and the Administration on Aging. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Nelba Chavez, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Mary Jo Bane, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families; and Fernando M. Torres-Gil, Assistant Secretary for Aging.

VETERANS AFFAIRS-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Community Service. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION REGULATORY SYSTEM

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Continued hearings on the Federal financial institution regulatory system. Testimony was heard from James L. Bothwell, Director, Financial Institutions and Market Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment, concluded hearings on the following bills: H.R. 3199, Drug and Biological Products Reform Act of 1996; H.R. 3200, Food Amendments and Animal Drug Availability Act of 1996; and H.R. 3201, Medical Device Reform Act of 1996.