

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3518–3535; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 181, and H. Res. 441 were introduced. **Pages H5569–70**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3517, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–591);

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, amended (H. Rept. 104–592);

H.R. 3060, to implement the protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty (H. Rept. 104–593 Part I); and

Report on the Subdivision of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 1997 (H. Rept. 104–594). **Page H5569**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Walker to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5503**

Employee Commuting Flexibility: By a recorded vote of 281 ayes to 144 noes, Roll No. 195, the House passed 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. **Pages H5503–44**

Agreed To:

The Riggs amendment that increases the minimum wage to \$4.75 on July 1, 1996 and \$5.15 on July 1, 1997 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 162 noes, Roll No. 192). **Pages H5511–33**

Earlier, a point of order, under section 425(a) of the Budget Act, against the Riggs amendment was resolved by the decision of the House on the question of consideration pursuant to section 426(b)(3) of the Budget Act. The point of order asserted that the proposed amendment constituted an unfunded inter-governmental mandate. By a yea-and-nay vote of 267 yeas to 161 nays, Roll No. 191, the House voted to consider the Riggs amendment. **Pages H5511–15**

Pursuant to H. Res. 440, on the division of the question on the Goodling amendment, agreed to the remainder of section 3, that exempts computer professionals who earn \$27.63 or more per hour from the FLSA overtime provisions, requires employers to pay their employees who receive tips, at a minimum, \$2.13 per hour while maintaining the requirement

that employers pay the difference between the base salary plus tips earned and the minimum wage, and establishes an opportunity wage of \$4.25 for newly hired employees under 20 years of age for the first ninety days of employment and prohibits employees from displacing workers in order to hire employees at this wage (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 193). **Pages H5533–43**

Rejected:

Pursuant to H. Res. 440, on the division of the question on the Goodling amendment, subsection 3(d) that sought to exempt certain employees of small firms with gross sales of less than \$500,000 that handle products which cross state lines (rejected by a recorded vote of 196 yeas to 229 noes, Roll No. 194). **Page H5543**

Agreed to amend the title. **Page H5544**

Pursuant to section 4 of H. Res. 440, the text of H.R. 1227 was appended to the engrossment of H.R. 3448, and H.R. 1227 was laid on the table. **Page H5544**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for May 27. **Pages H5544–45**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of May 29. **Page H5545**

Resignations and Appointments: It was made in order that, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Wednesday, May 29, the Speaker and the Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H5545**

Extensions of Remarks: It was made in order that, for today all members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the Record entitled "Extensions of Remarks". **Page H5545**

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Walker to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Wednesday, May 29. **Page H5545**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his proposed legislation on the Retirement Savings and Security Act—referred to the Committees on Ways and Means, Economic and Educational Opportunities, and Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–221). **Page H5553**

District Work Period: House agreed to S. Con. Res. 60, providing for the adjournment of the two Houses—clearing the measure. **Page H5553**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5552.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5514–15, H5533, H5542–43, H5543, and H5543–44. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 60, adjourned at 5:27 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Military Construction appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

The committee also approved a section 602(b) budget allocation report for fiscal year 1997.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: On May 22nd, the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs approved for full Committee action the Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

REINVENTING DOWNSIZING

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Re-inventing Downsizing or Downsizing the Re-invention. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Timothy P. Bowling, Associate Director, Workforce Management Issues; and John H. Luke, Deputy Assistant Comptroller General, Human Resources; John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; James B. King, Director, OPM; and P. Patrick Leahy, Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

MONITORING FOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on the

monitoring of food-borne pathogens by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the FDA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services; David Satcher, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Fred Shank, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, FDA; Glenn Morris, M.D., Director, Epidemiology and Emergency Response Programs, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; Robert A. Robinson, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues Area, GAO; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on National Drug Control Policy: The Decline of Interdiction Efforts in the Caribbean. Testimony was heard from Jess Ford, Associate Director, International Affairs and Trade Issues, GAO; and the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Adm. Robert Krarnek, Commandant; Comdr. Arthur Brooks, Commanding Officer, Cutter *Seneca*; Lt. Kristine Horvath, Air Craft Comdr., Air Station, Miami, Florida; Lt. Gen. Glenn Gebele, Air Craft Comdr., Air Station, Clearwater, Florida; and Lt. Greg Sanial, Commanding Officer, Cutter *Attu*.

AMERICAN FOLKLIFE PRESERVATION ACT; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported H.R. 3491, to repeal the American Folklife Preservation Act.

The Committee also approved pending Committee business.

BILINGUAL VOTING REQUIREMENTS REPEAL ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 351, Bilingual Voting Requirements Repeal Act.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on the Nature, Extent, and Proliferation of Federal Law Enforcement—Part II: State and Local Law Enforcement Perspectives. Testimony was heard from Jane Brady, Attorney General, State of Delaware; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action H.R. 740, to confer jurisdiction on the U.S.