

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 693–741; 2 private bills, H.R. 742–743; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 51–53, H. Con. Res. 20, and H. Res. 51–55, were introduced. **Pages H521–24**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, the Rev. Richard Anderson, of Aurora, Illinois. **Page H455**

Bipartisan Task Force on Reform of the Ethics Process: The Majority Leader, with the concurrence of the Minority Leader, announced the establishment of a Bipartisan Task Force on Reform of the Ethics Process. The Majority Leader named as task force members: Representatives Livingston, Co-chairman; Goss; Castle; Thomas; Solomon; and Hanson, ex-officio, in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. The Minority Leader named as members: Representatives Cardin, Co-chairman; Frost; Moakley; Pelosi; Stokes; and Berman, ex-officio, in his capacity as Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. **Page H456**

In furtherance of this understanding concerning the establishment of the task force, it was made in order that during the period beginning immediately and ending on April 11, 1997: (1) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may not receive, renew, initiate, or investigate a complaint against the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House; (2) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct may issue advisory opinions and perform other non-investigative functions; and (3) A resolution addressing the official conduct of a member, officer, or employee of the House that is proposed to be offered from the floor by a member other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader as a question of the privileges of the House shall, once noticed pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of Rule IX, have precedence of all other questions except motions to adjourn only at a time or place designated by the chair in the legislative schedule within two legislative days after April 11, 1997. **Pages H456–57**

Congressional Term Limits: By a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 211 nays with two-thirds required for passage, Roll No. 21, the House failed to pass H.J. Res. 2, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to the number of terms of office of Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives. **Pages H467–H512**

Amendments Rejected:

The Hutchinson amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit service of House Members to 3 two-year terms and Senators to 2 six-year terms and provides that upon ratification incumbents and others who have served in the House are limited to 2 additional terms and those who have served in the Senate are limited to 1 additional term. The amendment was identical to the ballot initiative approved by the voters of Arkansas (rejected by a recorded vote of 85 yeas to 341 noes, Roll No. 11);

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The McInnis amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit service of House Members to 3 two-year terms and Senators to 2 six-year terms and provides that upon ratification incumbents and others who have served in the House are limited to 2 additional terms and those who have served in the Senate are limited to 1 additional term. The amendment was identical to the ballot initiative approved by the voters of Colorado (rejected by a recorded vote of 87 yeas to 339 noes, Roll No. 12);

Pages H488–90, H492

The Crapo amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit service of House Members to 3 two-year terms and Senators to 2 six-year terms and provides that upon ratification incumbents and others who have served in the House are limited to 2 additional terms and those who have served in the Senate are limited to 1 additional term. The amendment was identical to the ballot initiative approved by the voters of Idaho (rejected by a recorded vote of 85 yeas to 339 noes, Roll No. 13);

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The Blunt amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit service of House Members to 3 two-year terms and Senators to 2 six-year terms, provides that upon ratification incumbents and others who have served in the House are limited to 2 additional terms and those who have served in the Senate are limited to 1 additional term, and allows any state to enact by state constitutional amendment longer or shorter term limits. The amendment was identical to the ballot initiative approved by the voters of Missouri (rejected by a recorded vote of 72 yeas to 353 noes, Roll No. 14);

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The Christensen amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit service of House Members to 3 two-year terms and Senators to 2 six-year terms and provides that upon ratification incumbents and others who have served in the House are limited to 2 additional terms and those who have

served in the Senate are limited to 1 additional term. The amendment was identical to the ballot initiative approved by the voters of Nebraska (rejected by a recorded vote of 83 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 15);

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The Ensign amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit service of House Members to 3 two-year terms and Senators to 2 six-year terms and provides that upon ratification incumbents and others who have served in the House are limited to 2 additional terms and those who have served in the Senate are limited to 1 additional term. The amendment was identical to the ballot initiative approved by the voters of Nevada (rejected by a recorded vote of 85 ayes to 339 noes, Roll No. 16);

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The Thune amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit service of House Members to 3 two-year terms and Senators to 2 six-year terms and provides that upon ratification incumbents and others who have served in the House are limited to 2 additional terms and those who have served in the Senate are limited to 1 additional term. The amendment was identical to the ballot initiative approved by the voters of South Dakota (rejected by a recorded vote of 83 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 17);

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The Fowler amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit service of House Members to 4 consecutive two-year terms and Senators to 2 consecutive six-year terms, not counting any term that began before the adoption of the amendment (rejected by a recorded vote of 91 ayes to 335 noes, Roll No. 18);

Pages H500, H502–03

The Scott amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit the election of House Members to 6 two-year terms and Senators to 2 six-year terms, provide that no person who has served in the House for more than 1 year shall be eligible for election more than five times and no person who has served in the Senate more than 3 years be eligible for election more than once, and allow any state to enact shorter term limits (rejected by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 329 noes, Roll No. 19);

Pages H500–01, H503–04

The Barton of Texas amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to limit the election of House Members to 6 two-year terms and Senators to 2 six-year terms, retroactively counting the elections of Representatives or Senators before the ratification of the amendment (rejected by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 20).

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 47, the rule under which the joint resolution was considered.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 52, electing Representatives Hill and Sununu to the Committee on Small Business.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-any vote and ten recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H491–92, H492, H493, H497, H497–98, H498–99, H502, H502–03, H503–04, H509–10, and H511–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Inspector General Overview. Testimony was heard from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs hearing on Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

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 Services Administration, the Office of the Inspector General, and on the Health Resources and Services Administration. 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; June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General; and Ciro V. Sumaya, M.D., Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on Joint Economic Committee, the Library of Congress, the Architect of the Capitol/Botanic Garden. Testimony was heard from Representative Saxton; the following officials of the Library of Congress: James H. Billington, Librarian; Donald L. Scott, Deputy Librarian; Winston Tabb, Associate Librarian for Library Services; Reuben Medina, Law Librarian; Daniel Mulhollan, Director,