

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 1119–1135; 1 private bill, H.R. 1136; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 64, were introduced. **Pages H1185–86**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 100, providing for consideration of H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions (H. Rept. 105–32); and

H. Res. 101, providing for consideration of H. Res. 91, providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifth Congress (H. Rept. 105–33).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Taylor of North Carolina to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Ehrlich wherein he requested a leave of absence from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. Subsequently, and without objection, the Chair accepted the committee resignation.

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Working Families Flexibility Act: By a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 59, the House passed H.R. 1, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agreed to:

Goodling en bloc amendment that requires continuous employment of at least 1,000 hours within the last year before an employee may agree to or receive compensatory time and reduces the maximum hours of compensatory time accrued by the employee from 240 to 160 hours (agreed to by a recorded vote of 408 ayes to 19 noes, Roll No. 55); and

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Boyd amendment that sunsets the private sector compensatory time provision after five years (agreed to by a recorded vote of 390 ayes to 36 noes, Roll No. 56);

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Rejected:

Owens amendment that sought to exempt employees who earn less than 2.5 times the minimum wage (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 57); and

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Miller of California amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, that sought to prohibit employers from soliciting employees to take compen-

satory time; require the Secretary of Labor to define what constitutes an employee decision to accept it; prohibit employers from offering compensatory time unless the employer offers all employees 24 hours of leave that may be used for family educational activities or medical care; prohibit compensatory time to employees who work less than 35 hours per week, work less than 12 months, are seasonal, or are employed in the construction, agricultural, garment, or any industry designated by the Secretary of Labor; provide that an employer may not deny compensatory time where the leave is protected by the Family and Medical Leave Act; limit the maximum hours accrued to 80 hours annually, specifies that employers may not condition benefits or availability of overtime upon an employee's decision to accept, reject, or use compensatory time; and create a commission on workplace flexibility (rejected by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 58).

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Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent, to modify the Miller of California amendment, as specified in House Report 105–31 accompanying the rule, by making technical changes to Sections 2 and 3.

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H. Res. 99, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 54.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Budgetary Rescission—Department of Energy: Message wherein he transmits his report concerning a proposed rescission affecting the Department of Energy—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–57); and

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Environmental Quality: Message wherein he transmits the Twenty-fifth Annual Report on Environmental Quality—referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Referral: One Senate-passed joint resolution, S.J. Res. 22, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1131.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1123–24, H1139–40, H1141, H1144, H1154–55, and H1155–56. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TREATMENT OF MINORITY AND LIMITED RESOURCE PRODUCERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review treatment of minority and limited resource producers by the United States Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Robert Robinson, Director, Food and Agriculture Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Federal Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Natural Resources Conservation Service. Testimony was heard from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Drug Enforcement and on International Organizations and Peacekeeping. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, DEA; Carol DiBattiste, Director, Executive Office, U.S. Attorney; and Mary Lee Warren, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Interagency Crime, Drug Enforcement and Task Forces; and the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Bill Richardson, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations; and Princeton N. Lyman, Acting Assistant Secretary, International Organization Affairs.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Federico Peña, Secretary of Energy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on AID Administrator. Testimony was heard from Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from I. Michael Heyman, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Railroad Retirement Board; the U.S. Institute of Peace; the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and the National Labor Relations Board. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Railroad Retirement Board: Martin J. Dickman, Inspector General, Glen L. Bower, Chairman, V.M. Speakman, Jr., Labor Member, and Jerome F. Keever, Management Member, Richard H. Solomon, President, U.S. Institute of Peace; Ambassador Richard W. Carlson, President and CEO, The Corporation for Public Broadcasting; and Fred Feinstein, General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Military Quality of Life and on Department of Defense Medical Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MCPO John Hagen, USN, Master Chief Petty Officer, Navy; Sgt. Maj. L.G. Lee, USMC; CMS Eric W. Benken, USAF, Chief Master Sgt., Air Force; Stephen Joseph, Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Lt. Gen. Ronald Blanck, USA, Surgeon General, Army; Vice Adm. Harold M. Hoenig, USN, Surgeon General, Navy; and Lt. Gen. Charles H. Roadman, Jr., USAF, Surgeon General, Air Force.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Transit Administration and on Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Testimony was heard from Gordon Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; and Richard White, General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.