

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3116–3135; 1 private bill, H.R. 3136; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 205–206, and H. Res. 341–343 were introduced. Pages H99–H100

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
Supplemental report on H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers (H. Rept. 105–164 Part 4). Page H99

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Nussle to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H67

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, the Reverend Paul I. Nussle of Sumner, Washington. Page H67

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 341, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, the House agreed to table the resolution by a yea and nay vote of 214 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 2. Pages H72–73

Legislative Program: The Chairman of the Rules Committee announced the Legislative Program for the week of February 2. Page H73

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency re Middle East Peace Process: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–182); Page H91

Nuclear Energy Agreement with Kazakhstan: Message wherein he transmitted his proposed agreement between the United States and the Republic of Kazakhstan Concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear

Energy—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–183); and Page H92

Nuclear Energy Agreement with Swiss Federal Council: Message wherein he transmitted his proposed agreement between the United States and the Swiss Federal Council Concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–184). Pages H92–93

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H67.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H72–73. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 1:00 p.m. and pursuant to H. Con. Res. 201 adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held an oversight hearing on National Energy Policy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary; Patricia F. Dodley, Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; and Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Cecil H. Underwood, Governor, State of West Virginia; and public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education began hearings on Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations for fiscal year 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL TESTING—PROHIBIT SPENDING FEDERAL EDUCATION FUNDS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2846, to prohibit spending Federal education funds on national testing without explicit and specific legislation.

WISCONSIN CHIPPEWA'S CASINO APPLICATION DENIAL

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on the Department of the Interior's denial of the Wisconsin Chippewa's casino application. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DISASTER MITIGATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Disaster Mitigation. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen, McKeon and Strickland; James L. Witt, Director, FEMA; John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

ARLINGTON CEMETERY BURIAL— WAIVERS GRANTED

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on waivers granted for burial at Arlington Cemetery. Testimony was heard from Richard L. Hembra, Assistant Comptroller General, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; John C. Metzler, Jr., Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, Department of the Army; Togo D. West, Jr., Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Capt. Michael Rosencrans, USCG, Director, National Maritime Center, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation; Ambassador Eric J. Boswell, Assistant Secretary, Diplomatic Security, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL TAX BURDEN REDUCTION PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on proposals to reduce the Federal tax burden on the American public. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Weller, McIntosh, Salmon, Riley, McCrery and Cox of California; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue February 4.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the report and recommendations of the National Defense Panel, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the national security implications of enlarging NATO and the continued deployment of U.S. forces in Bosnia, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings to review financial market circuit breakers that operate stock, options, and future markets, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States economy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of research and technology on K-12 education, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Finance, to continue hearings on the recommendations of the IRS Restructuring Commission to reform and restructure the Internal Revenue Service, and on H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings on improving the Medicare enrollment process in an effort to prevent Medicare fraud, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.