

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 6, 661–701; 3 private bills, H.R. 702–704; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 27–31, and H. Res. 50–52, were introduced. Pages H583–86

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Mandates Information Act of 1999: The House passed H.R. 350, to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates by a recorded vote of 274 ayes to 149 noes, Roll No. 17. On February 4, the House completed general debate on the bill. Pages H545–60

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule and printed in the bill (H. Rept. 106–5). Page H559

Amendments Rejected:

The Boehlert amendment that sought to require the Chair to rule on a point of order raised against legislation that imposes private sector mandates. If the point of order was sustained, then the House would debate the costs and benefits of the measure for twenty minutes (rejected by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 15); and

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The Waxman amendment that sought to permit a point of order for provisions which remove, prohibit the use of appropriated funds to implement, or make less stringent Federal private sector mandates established to protect human health, safety, or the environment (rejected by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 16). Pages H552–58

On February 4, the House agreed to H. Res. 36, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

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Honoring the Life and Legacy of King Hussein of Jordan: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 7, honoring the life and legacy of King Hussein ibn Talal al-Hashem by a yea and nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 18. Pages H560–65

President's Day District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 27, providing for an adjournment of both Houses of Congress. Page H565

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 50, electing Representatives Fattah and Davis of Florida to the Committee on House Administration. Page H565

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages

H551–52, H557–58, H559–60, and H564–65. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; REVIEW LIVESTOCK PRICES; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 17, Selective Agricultural Embargoes Act of 1999; and H.R. 609, to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples.

The Committee also held a hearing to review livestock prices. Testimony was heard from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; and public witnesses.

Prior to those actions, the Committee met for organizational purposes and approved the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies began appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold hearings on European Command and U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command; and Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Ronald E. Stewart, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA; and Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources Community and Economic Development Division, GAO.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education began

appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The Subcommittee held a hearing on the Health Care Financing Administration. Testimony was heard from and the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; and Dennis P. Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative began appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee held a hearing on the Library of Congress and CBO. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: James H. Billington, Librarian; and Donald L. Scott, Deputy Librarian; and the following officials of the CBO: Dan L. Crippen, Director; and Barry B. Anderson, Deputy Director.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation began appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Began hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 45, Nuclear Waste Policy Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gibbons and Berkley; Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy; Jared Cohon, Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairman, NRC; Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; Stuart E. Schiffer, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Commercial Litigation Branch, Civil Division, Department of Justice; Kenny Guinn, Governor, State of Nevada; Kevin Phillips, Mayor, Caliente, Nevada; and public witnesses.

INTERNET POSTING—CHEMICAL WORST-CASE SCENARIOS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on Internet

Posting of Chemical “Worst-Case” Scenarios: A Roadmap for Terrorists? Testimony was heard from Robert M. Burnham, Section Chief, Domestic Terrorism, National Security Division, FBI, Department of Justice; Tim Fields, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; Brett Burdick, Environmental Programs Manager, Department of Emergency Services, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

WIRELESS PRIVACY ENHANCEMENT ACT; WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 514, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1999; and H.R. 438, amended, Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; COMMITTEE FUNDING; COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported H.R. 221, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products.

The Committee also approved the Committee Budget request for the 106th Congress; and the Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS—WASTE AND FRAUD

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on Waste and Fraud in Federal Government Programs. Testimony was heard from June Gibbs Brown, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA; and David Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

BUDGET REQUEST; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Administration: Approved the 106th Committee Budget Request and considered other pending Committee business.

KOSOVO—U.S. ROLE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Role in Kosovo. Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Pickering, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State; and Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense.

U.S.-ASIA POLICY CHALLENGES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Challenges in U.S.-Asia Policy. Testimony was heard from Stanley

Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL NEEDS OF AIRPORTS, FAA AND AVIATION SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the financial needs of airports, the FAA, and the aviation system, with emphasis on the economic impact of airports and airport improvements on the community and the economy. Testimony was heard from Representative Ford; Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation held a hearing on reauthorizing the Hazardous Materials Transportation Program. Testimony was heard from Representative Pascrell; Kelley Coyner, Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation; Chief Jim Fife, Chairman, Fire Commission, State of West Virginia; Larry Wort, Chief, Bureau of Safety Programs, Division of Traffic Safety, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

AGENCY BUDGETS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for fiscal year 2000. Testimony was heard from Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary, Army, (Civil Works), Department of Defense; the following officials of the EPA: J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Water; and Timothy Fields, Jr., Acting Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response; the following officials of the TVA: Kate J. Jackson, Executive Vice President, Resource Group; and David N. Smith, Chief Financial Officer; Albert S. Jacquez, Administrator, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; Danny Sells, Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and Nancy Foster, Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Management, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

Prior to the hearing, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

SSI FRAUD PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action H.R. 545, SSI Fraud Prevention Act of 1999.

ANNUAL REPORT—IRS NATIONAL TAXPAYER ADVOCATE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Annual Report of the Internal Revenue Service National Taxpayer Advocate. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Charles O. Rossotti, Commissioner; and W. Val Oveson, National Taxpayer Advocate; and Cornelia Ashby, Associate Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Government Division, GAO.

IMPACTS OF CURRENT SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on the impacts of the current social security system. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Fagnoni, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business Meeting to mark up S. 313, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, and to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1999, and the proposed Financial Regulatory Relief and Economic Efficiency Act of 1999, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business Meeting to mark up S. 82, to authorize appropriations for Federal Aviation Administration, 8:45 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings on the proposed budget request for the Department of Education, 8:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review agribusiness consolidation, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Inspector General, 1:00 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Export and Trade Financing Agencies, 10:00 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Energy Conservation, 10:00 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.