

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 1565–1589; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 92–93 and H. Res. 152, were introduced. Pages H2371–73

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1034, to declare a portion of the James River and Kanawha Canal in Richmond, Virginia, to be nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of title 46, United States Code, and the other maritime laws of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 106–107);

H.R. 560, to designate the Federal building located at 300 Recinto Sur Street in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the “Jose V. Toledo United States Post Office and Courthouse”, amended (H. Rept. 106–108);

H.R. 686, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the “Garza-Vela United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 106–109);

H.R. 118, to designate the Federal building located at 300 East 8th Street in Austin, Texas, as the “J.J. ‘Jake’ Pickle Federal Building” (H. Rept. 106–110);

H.R. 1121, to designate the Federal Building and United States courthouse located at 18 Greenville Street in Newnan, Georgia, as the “Lewis R. Morgan Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 106–111);

H.R. 1162, to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 that crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the “William H. Natcher Bridge” (H. Rept. 106–112);

S. 453, to designate the Federal building located at 709 West 9th Street in Juneau, Alaska, as the “Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building”, (H. Rept. 106–113);

S. 460, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the “Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse”, (H. Rept. 106–114);

H.J.Res. 44, Declaring a State of War Between the United States and the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (H. Rept. 106–115, adverse);

H. Con. Res. 82, directing the President, pursuant to Section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from their positions in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (H. Rept. 106–116, adverse);

H.R. 850, to amend title 18, United States Code, to affirm the rights of United States persons to use

and sell encryption and to relax export controls on encryption (H. Rept. 106–117 Part 1); and

H. Res. 151, providing for consideration of H.R. 1569, to prohibit the use of funds appropriated to the Department of Defense from being used for the deployment of ground elements of the United States Armed Forces in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia unless that deployment is specifically authorized by law; for consideration of the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 82, directing the President; and pursuant to Section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from their positions in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; for consideration of the joint resolution H.J. Res. 44, declaring a state of war between the United States and the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; and for consideration of the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 21, authorizing the President of the United States to conduct military air operations and missile strikes against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (H. Rept. 106–118). Pages H2370–71

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hastings of Washington to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H2307

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Charlie Martin of Largo, Florida. Page H2310

Recess: The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H2310

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Declaring a Portion of the James River and Kanawha Canal Nonnavigable: H.R. 1034, amended, to declare a portion of the James River and Kanawha Canal in Richmond, Virginia, to be nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of Title 46, United States Code, and the other maritime laws of the United States; Pages H2324–26

Regarding the Atrocities at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado: H. Con. Res. 92, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the tragic shooting at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado; and Pages H2327–35

Satellite Home Viewer Act: H.R. 1554, amended, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, and the Communications Act of 1934,

relating to copyright licensing and carriage of broadcast signals by satellite (passed by ye and nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 97).

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Presidential Message—Authorization to Recall Reservists: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his authorization to recall reservists to active duty to augment active military units in support of operations in and around the former Yugoslavia related to the conflict in Kosovo—referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–51).

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:05 p.m. and reconvened at 11:47 p.m.

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Referral: S. 330 was referred to the Committees on Science and Resources.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H2336. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the SSA, the Department of Education; Postsecondary Education and the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Apfel, Commissioner, SSA; David Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Postsecondary Education, Department of Education; and Stuart E. Weisberg, Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

Y2K AND MEDICARE PROVIDERS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on Y2K and Medicare Providers: Inoculating Against the Y2K Bug. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; and George Grob, Deputy Inspector General; Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

MINIMUM WAGE—IMPACT ON POVERTY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Minimum Wage: Reviewing Recent Evidence of Its Impact on Poverty. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RESOLUTIONS—REMOVE U.S. ARMED FORCES FROM OPERATIONS AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA; DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA

Committee on International Relations: Ordered adversely reported the following resolutions: by a vote of 30 yeas to 19 nays, H. Con. Res. 82, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from their positions in connection with the present operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; and, by a vote of 49 yeas to 0 nays, H.J. Res. 44, declaring a state of war between the United States and the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued markup of H.R. 833, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1999.

Will continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 359, Emigrant Wilderness Preservation Act of 1999; H.R. 898, Spanish Peaks Wilderness Act of 1999; H.R. 1523, Forests Roads-Community Right-To-Know Act; and H.R. 1524, Public Forests Emergency Act of 1999.

OVERSIGHT—EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on issues regarding Everglades National Park and surrounding areas impacted by management of the Everglades. Testimony was heard from William Leary, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, National Parks Service, Department of the Interior; Steve Shiver, Mayor, Homestead, Florida; and public witnesses.

MEASURES RELATING TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Committee on Rules, granted by a vote of 9 to 2, a closed rule providing for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled among the chairmen and ranking minority members of the committees on International Relations and Armed Services. The rule provides for consideration in the House, without intervention of the question of consideration, H.R.