

Thurman amendment No. 20, printed in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to create a tax credit for energy-efficient property used in business; and

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Baldacci amendment No. 5, printed in the Congressional Record was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to create a tax credit for energy efficiency improvements to existing homes.

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H. Res. 445, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 222 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 64.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Science Foundation: Read a message wherein he transmitted the annual reports of the National Science Foundation for 1996–1997, and 1998—referred to the Committee on Science; and

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National Endowment for the Humanities: Read a message wherein he transmitted the annual report of the National Endowment for the Humanities for 1998—referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:37 p.m. and reconvened at 3:17 a.m. on March 23.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1175.

Referral: S. Con. Res. 97 was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1177–78, H1181–82, H1182–83, H1188–89, H1199, H1199–H1200, H1218, and H1246. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 p.m. and adjourned at 3:18 a.m. on Thursday, March, 23.

Committee Meetings

U.S. GRAIN STANDARDS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit held a hearing to review the reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act. Testimony was heard from James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Rural Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Jill Long-Thompson, Under Secretary, Rural Development; Christopher A. McLean, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; James C. Kearney, Administrator, Rural Housing Service; Dayton J. Watkins, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, held a hearing on Federal Judiciary and on Immigration and Naturalization Service. Testimony was heard from John G. Heyburn, Judge, U.S. District Court, Kentucky; Robert C. Broomfield, Judge, U.S. District Court, Arizona; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts; and Fern M. Smith, Judge, U.S. District Court, California, Director, Federal Judicial Center.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Intelligence Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, USAF, Director, National Security Agency; Lt. Gen. James C. King, USA, Director, National Imagery and Mapping Agency; and Keith Hall, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and the following officials of the CIA: George J. Tenet, Director; and Joan A. Dempsey, Deputy Director, Community Management.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Presidio Trust and on Department of Energy—Energy Information Administration. Testimony was heard from James E. Meadows, Executive Director, Presidio Trust; and Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, held a hearing on Pension Agencies; Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Secretary of Labor. Testimony was heard

from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Alexis Herman, Secretary; Katherine G. Abraham, Bureau of Labor Statistics; and Alan D. Lebowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Program Operations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; and David M. Strauss, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; .

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Aviation. Testimony was heard from Jim Hall, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General; and Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Federal Election Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Election Commission: Darryl R. Wold, Chairman; and Danny L. McDonald, Vice Chairman.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, held a hearing on the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo West, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the Fiscal year 2001 National Defense authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis Caldera, Secretary of the Army; Richard Danzig, Secretary of the Navy; and F. Whitten Peters, Secretary of the Air Force.

HOUSING FINANCE REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on improving the regulation of the housing Government Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on H.R. 3703, Housing Finance Regulatory Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from Gary Gensler, Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: William Apgar, Assistant Secretary, Housing; and Armando Falcon, Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Over-

sight; and Bruce A. Morrison, Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3383, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; H.R. 3906, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; and H.R. 3907, External Regulation of the Department of Energy Act. Testimony was heard from Mary Anne Sullivan, General Counsel, Department of Energy; Richard A. Meserve, Chairman, NRC; Jerrold R. Mande, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; John T. Conway, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; Gary Jones, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO; Charles V. Shank, Director, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4040, Long-Term Care Security Act; and H.R. 2842, Federal Employees Health Benefits Children's Equity Act of 1999.

HUD'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT RESULTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on "Results of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Fiscal Year 1999 Financial Statements Audit". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Susan Gaffney, Inspector General; and Saul Ramirez, Deputy Secretary.

COMBATING TERRORISM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Combating Terrorism: Coordination of Nonmedical Research and Development Programs. Testimony was heard from Kwai-Cheung Chan, Director, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; Carmen J. Spencer, Director, Chemical and Biological Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Department of Defense;

Page O. Stoutland, Director, Chemical and Biological Nonproliferation Program, Department of Energy; and the following officials of the FBI, Department of Justice: Donald M. Kerr, Assistant Director, FBI Laboratory; and Robert Burnham, Section Chief, Domestic Terrorism-Counter Terrorism Planning.

INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2909, Intercountry Adoption Act of 1999.

REAFFIRMING U.S. POLICY TOWARD TAIWAN AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 292, congratulating President-elect Chen Shui-bian and Vice President-elect Annette Lu of Taiwan and reaffirming United States policy toward Taiwan and the People's Republic of China.

EXPORT ADMINISTRATION'S FUTURE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on the Future of the Export Administration Act-Part 1. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FREE MARKET ANTITRUST IMMUNITY REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 3138, Free Market Antitrust Immunity Reform (FAIR) Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Maritime Commission: Harold J. Creel, Jr., Chairman; and Delmond J.H. Won, Commissioner; John Nannes, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

IMMIGRATION SERVICES AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT BUREAUS WITHIN JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action H.R. 3918, to establish the Bureau of Immigration Services and the Bureau of Immigration Enforcement within the Department of Justice.

CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on Rules: granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing three hours of general debate on H. Con. Res. 290, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000, and

setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005, with two hours equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget and one hour on economic goals and policies equally divided and controlled by Representative Saxton and Representative Stark. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report) against consideration of the resolution. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report as an original concurrent resolution for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments except that, if an amendment in the nature of a substitute is adopted, it is not in order to consider further substitutes. The rule provides, upon the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, for a final period of general debate not to exceed 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget to offer amendments in the House to achieve mathematical consistency. Finally, the rule suspends the application of House Rule XXIII (relating to the establishment of the statutory limit on the public debt) with respect to the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich and Representatives Gekas, Spratt, Thompson, Markey, Holt, Stenholm, Tanner, Clyburn and Tierney.

GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT AND LEGISLATIVE PROCESS OF HOUSE COMMITTEES

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Rules and Organization held a hearing on the Government Performance and Results Act and the Legislative Process of House Committees. Testimony was heard from Representative Horn; David Walker, Comptroller, GAO; Joshua Gotbaum, Executive Associate Director and Controller, Office of Financial Management, OMB; and a public witness.

EPA'S SLUDGE RULE

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on EPA's Sludge Rule: Closed Minds or Open Debate. Testimony was heard from J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

NASA'S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request: Life and Microgravity Research. Testimony was heard from Arnauld Nicogossian, Associate Administrator, Office of Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications, NASA; Richard Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials, and Pipeline Transportation, approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3171, amended, National Health Museum Site Selection Act; H.R. 3069, amended, Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Development Act of 2000; H.R. 1359, amended, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Frank J. Battisti and Nathaniel R. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; and S. 1567, to designate the United States courthouse located at 223 Broad Street in Albany, Georgia, as the "C.B. King United States Courthouse."

PROGRAM DATA QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Program Data Quality. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Raymond DeCarli, Deputy Inspector General; and Peter Basso, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs/Chief Financial Officer; the following officials of the GSA: Eugene L. Waszily, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; and William C. Piatt, Chief Information Officer; and the following officials of the EPA: Nikki L. Tinsley, Inspector General; and Margaret N. Schneider, Assistant Administrator, Environmental Information.

ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSALS—WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

held a hearing on the Administration's proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Joseph W. Westphal, Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, USA, Chief of Engineers.

EDUCATION SAVINGS AND SCHOOL EXCELLENCE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 7, Education Savings and School Excellence Act of 1999.

Joint Meetings**VETERANS PROGRAMS**

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Raymond G. Boland, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison, on behalf of the National Association of State Directors of Veteran Affairs; George C. Duggins, Vietnam Veterans of America, Robert F. Norton, Retired Officers Association, and Zack Roberts, American Ex-Prisoners of War, all of Washington, D.C.; and Charles L. Taylor, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

TURKMENISTAN DEMOCRATIZATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): On Tuesday, March 21, commission concluded hearings to examine Turkmenistan's prospects for democratization, fair elections, observance of human rights, and how the United States can promote Turkmenistan's observance of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe commitments, after receiving testimony from John Byerle, Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large and Special Advisor to the Secretary of State for Independent States, and E. Wayne Merry, Atlantic Council of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.; Avdy Kuliev, Turkmen opposition leader in exile, Moscow, Russia; Pyotr Iwaszkiewicz, formerly of the OSCE Office in Ashgabat, Warsaw, Poland; Firuz Kazemzadeh, International Commission of Religious Freedom, Alta Loma, California; and Cassandra Cavanaugh, Human Rights Watch, Helsinki, New York, New York.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 23, 2000**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on