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#### U.S.-JORDAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on the United States-Jordan Free Trade Agreement, focusing on regional economic integration in the Middle East, support for Jordan's economic reform program, and development of a comprehensive and innovative Free Trade Agreement, receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, former U.S. Trade Representative, Samuel R. Berger, former National Security Advisor, Michael B. Smith, Cantabs, Inc., former

Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, Timothy E. Deal, United States Council for International Business, Thomas J. Donahue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Rodger Schlickeisen, Defenders of Wildlife, and John J. Sweeney, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jagdish Bhagwati, Columbia University and the Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Marc Isaiah Grossman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Gordon Smith, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 42 public bills, H.R. 1096–1137; 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 39; H. Con. Res. 67–72, and H. Res. 92–95, were introduced. **Pages H1010–12**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 92, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 107–23); and

H. Res. 93, providing for consideration of H.R. 247, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks (H. Rept. 107–24). **Page H1010**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by Dr. Cheryl J. Sanders, Third Street Church of God of Washington, D.C. **Page H962**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:41 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H962**

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

*Combating and Eradicating Tuberculosis and Acknowledging its Impact on Minority Populations:* H. Res. 67, amended, Recognizing the importance of combating tuberculosis on a worldwide basis, and acknowledging the severe impact that TB has on minority populations in the United States (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 51); and **Pages H964–69, H977–78**

*Expressing Sympathy for the Victims of Earthquakes in El Salvador:* H. Con. Res. 41, expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquakes that struck El Salvador on January 13, 2001, and February 13, 2001, and supporting ongoing aid efforts (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 52). **Pages H969–77, H978–79**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m. **Page H977**

**Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative LaHood to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Subsequently, read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Phelps to the Commission. **Page H977**

**Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Houghton as Chairman of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group. **Page H977**

**Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Emerson and Skelton to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation. **Page H977**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H962.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yeas and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H977–78 and H978–79. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### OVERSIGHT—ELECTRICITY MARKETS: CALIFORNIA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held an oversight hearing on Electricity Markets: California. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy: Curtis I. Hebert, Jr., Chairman; and William L. Massey and Linda K. Breathitt, both Commissioners.

Hearings continue March 22.

### SINGLE-FAMILY MUTUAL MORTGAGE INSURANCE FUND—FINANCIAL HEALTH

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunities held a hearing on the Financial Health of the Federal Housing Administration's Single-Family Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. McCool, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Marvin Phaup, Deputy Assistant Director, CBO.

### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DIETARY SUPPLEMENT REGULATION— STATUS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Six Years After the Enactment of DSHEA: The Status of National and International Dietary Supplement Regulation and Research. Testimony was heard from Representative Pallone; the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Joseph Levitt, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition; and Elizabeth Yetley, U.S. Delegate to the CODEX Alimentarius Commission on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses; and public witnesses.

## MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that certain suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Wednesday, March 21, 2001, or Thursday, March 22, 2001.

## TORNADO SHELTERS ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of debate on H.R. 247, Tornado Shelters Act. The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Oxley and Representatives Bachus and Frank.

## MEDICARE SOLVENCY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on Medicare Solvency. Testimony was heard from Richard S. Foster, Chief Actuary, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services and Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO.

## Joint Meetings

### SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE TRUSTEES REPORTS

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Finance concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Ways and Means to examine the 2001 Social Security and Medicare Trustees Reports, after receiving testimony from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2001

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine issues surrounding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on installation readiness, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.