

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 47 public bills, H.R. 1, 1160–1205; 1 private bill, H.R. 1206; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 40–41; H. Con. Res. 77–82, and H. Res. 98–99, were introduced. **Pages H1112–15**

Reports Filed: No Reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bass to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1063**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Rev. Rebecca Hartvigsen, Home of Guiding Hands, Santee, California. **Page H1063**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the LaFalce motion to adjourn by a yea and nay vote of 71 yeas to 336 nays, Roll No. 56. **Pages H1069–70**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were considered pursuant to H. Res 92, the rule that provided for consideration of suspensions on Wednesday, March 21, 2001, or Thursday, March 22, 2001:

Coast Guard Personnel and Management Safety: H.R. 1099, to make changes in laws governing Coast Guard personnel, increase marine safety, renew certain groups that advise the Coast Guard on safety issues, make miscellaneous improvements to Coast Guard operations and policies (passed by a yea and nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 58). The bill was debated on Wednesday, March 21; and **Page H1074**

Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor: H.R. 802, amended, to authorize the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor (passed by a yea and nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 59). **Pages H1066–68, H1074–75**

Joint Economic Committee: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative Saxton to the Joint Economic Committee. **Page H1075**

House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative Ney, Chairman, and Representatives Aderholt, Reynolds, Hoyer, Frost, and Thompson of Mississippi to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards. **Page H1075**

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: The Chair announced the Speaker’s reappointment of Representative Pickering to the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of six years. Subsequently, read a letter from

the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Lewis of Georgia to Stennis Center for a term of six years. **Page H1075**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: The Chair announced the Speaker’s reappointment of Mr. Timothy J. Johnson of Minnetonka, Minnesota to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. Subsequently, read a letter from the Clerk wherein he announced his appointment of Ms. Susan Palmer of Aurora, Illinois to the advisory committee. **Page H1075**

Tornado Shelter Act: The House passed H.R. 247, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks by a recorded vote of 401 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 61. **Pages H1075–86**

Agreed To:

Frank amendment that authorizes the appropriation of \$50 million for the construction or improvement of tornado or storm-safe shelters for manufactured housing; **Page H1083**

Trafficant amendment that encourages the purchase of American-made equipment and products and requires the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide a notice to that effect (agreed to by a recorded vote of 396 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 60); **Pages H1083–84, H1084–85**

LaFalce amendment that clarifies that the shelters shall be located in low-to-moderate income neighborhoods; and **Page H1084**

LaFalce amendment that clarifies that the shelters shall serve the residents of the area in which it is located and will not be made available for the exclusive use of a particular neighborhood. **Page H1084**

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make other technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. **Page H1086**

H. Res. 93, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 246 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 57. Pursuant to the rule, the Bachus amendment in the nature of a substitute, printed in the Congressional Record of March 19 and numbered 1, was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H1068–69, H1070–74**

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget: Agreed that it be in order on Tuesday, March 27, 2001 for the Speaker, as though pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, to declare the House resolved into the

Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for a period of debate on the concurrent resolution on the budget; that debate not exceed three hours; that two hours of such debate be confined to the congressional budget and be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, and that one hour of such debate be on the subject of economic goals and policies and be equally divided and controlled by Representatives Saxton and Stark or their designees; that after such debate, the Committee of the Whole rise without motion; and that no further consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. **Page H1086**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 26. **Page H1086**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 26: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meeting on Monday, March 26 at 2 p.m. in pro forma session. **Page H1086**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 27: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 26, it adjourn to meeting on Tuesday, March 27 at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debate. **Page H1086**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 28. **Page H1087**

International Child Abduction: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 69, expressing the sense of the Congress on the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and urging all Contracting States to the Convention to recommend the production of practice guides. **Pages H1087–88**

Agreed to the Chabot amendments to the text and preamble. **Page H1088**

North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Deutsch, Borski, Lantos, and Rush to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly. **Page H1110**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1069–70, H1073–74, H1074, H1074–75, H1084–85, and H1085–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on Federal Farm Commodity Programs, with the livestock industry. Testimony was heard from Barb Determan, President, National Pork Producers Council; Cindy Siddoway, President, American Sheep Industry Association; Peggy Vining, Vice President, International Operations, Purdue Farms; and Wythe Willey, President-Elect, National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Hearings continue March 28.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Medical Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton, USAF; Vice Adm. Richard A. Nelson, USN; Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, USA; Dr. Jarrod Clinton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; and Dr. James Sears, Executive Director, TRICARE Activity.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

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

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on Federal Highway Administration. Testimony was heard from Vincent F. Schimmoller, Deputy Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH COMPANIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on Innovative Research Companies. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTRICITY MARKETS: CALIFORNIA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality concluded oversight hearings