

Also, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William Howard Taft, IV, of Virginia, to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Warner, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TERRORISM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to examine domestic response capabilities for terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. James Clapper, Jr., USAF (Ret.), Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction; Anthony H. Cordesman, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Yonah Alexander,

Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, Arlington, Virginia.

### EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings to examine and compare early childhood education and care in the United States and abroad, including all arrangements providing care and education for children under compulsory school age regardless of setting, funding, hours, or curriculum, after receiving testimony from Sheila B. Kamerman, Columbia University School of Social Work/Institute for Child and Family Policy, and Shanny Peer, French-American Foundation, both of New York, New York; Patricia P. Olmsted, High/Scope Educational Research Foundation, Ypsilanti, Michigan; and Kathi J. Apgar, Bristol Family Center, Bristol, Vermont, on behalf of the Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 47 public bills, H.R. 1211–1257; 2 private bills, H.R. 1258, H. Res 103; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 84–88 and H. Res. 101–102, were introduced. **Pages H1187–90**

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

H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the marriage penalty by providing for adjustments to the standard deduction, 15-percent rate bracket, and earned income credit and to allow the nonrefundable personal credits against regular and minimum tax liability, amended (H. Rept. 107–29); and

H. Res. 100, providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 83, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2002, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2001, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2011 (H. Rept. 107–30). **Page H1187**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:46 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1125**

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

***Veterans' Opportunities Act:*** H.R. 801, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs of educational assistance, to expand

programs of transition assistance and outreach to departing servicemembers, veterans, and dependents, to increase burial benefits, to provide for family coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (passed by a ye and nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 63); and

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***Veterans' Hospital Emergency Repair:*** H.R. 811, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers (passed by a ye and nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 64).

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

***Corporation for Public Broadcasting:*** Message wherein he transmitted the report of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting covering calendar year 2000—referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and

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***National Emergency re Angola:*** Message wherein he transmitted the six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the National Union for the total Independence of Angola (UNITA)—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:16 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H1143**

**Expenses of House Committees:** The House agreed to H. Res. 84, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Seventh Congress by a yea and nay vote of 357 yeas to 61 nays, Roll No. 62.

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Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent to consider the resolution; that it be considered as read for amendment; that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration, now printed in the resolution (H. Rept. 107–25), be considered as adopted; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the resolution, as amended, to adoption without intervening motion, except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled. **Page H1143**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:38 p.m. and reconvened at 5:20 p.m. **Page H1148**

**Debate on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget:** Pursuant to the order of the House of March 22, the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for a period of three hours of debate on the concurrent resolution on the budget. After debate, the Committee of the Whole rose without motion.

**Pages H1148–54, H1156–76**

**Meeting Hour—Wednesday, March 28:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourns to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28. **Page H1177**

**Senate Messages:** Message received today from the Senate appears on page H1123.

**Referrals:** S. 295 was referred to the Committees on Small Business and Agriculture and S. 395 was referred to the Committee on Small Business.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1154–55, H1155, and H1156. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### OVERSIGHT-NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held an oversight hearing on National Energy Policy: Nuclear Energy. Testimony was heard from Senator Domenici; William D. Travers, Executive Director, Operations, NRC; the following officials of the Department of Energy: William D. Magwood, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; and Mary J. Hutzler, Director, Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting, Energy Information Administration; and public witnesses.

### FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC AGREEMENT

*Committee on Financial Service:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on the agreement by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to voluntarily enhance capital strength, disclosure, and market discipline. Testimony was heard from Leland C. Brendsel, Chairman and CEO, Freddie Mac; and Timothy Howard, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Fannie Mae.

### MEDICAL MARIJUANA

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on “Medical” Marijuana, Federal Drug Law and the Constitution’s Supremacy Clause. Testimony was heard from Laura Nagel, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control, DEA, Department of Justice; former Representative Bill McCollum of Florida; Dan Lungren, former Attorney General, State of California; Janet E. Joy, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

### CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT—RECENT FEDERAL REGULATIONS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on “A Rush to Regulate—The Congressional Review Act and Recent Federal Regulations.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMBATING TERRORISM

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans’ Affairs and International Relations held a hearing on Combating Terrorism: In Search of a National Strategy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century: Warren B. Rudman, Co-Chair; and Gen. Charles G. Boyd, USAF (Ret.), Executive Director; and public witnesses.