

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3924–3949; 1 private bill, H.R. 3950; and; 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 85; H. Con. Res. 345–348, and H. Res. 364–365 were introduced. **Pages H832–33**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2341, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, to outlaw certain practices that provide inadequate settlements for class members, to assure that attorneys do not receive a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense of class members, to provide for clearer and simpler information in class action settlement notices, to assure prompt consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28, United States Code, and to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions, amended (H. Rept. 107–370);

A Citizens's Guide on Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records (H. Rept. 107–371);

H.R. 1712, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make minor adjustments to the boundary of the National Park of American Samoa to include certain portions of the islands of Ofu and Olosega within the park, amended (H. Rept. 107–372);

H.R. 2146, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit sex offenses against children, amended (H. Rept. 107–373).

H. Res. 366, providing for consideration of H.R. 2146, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to provide life imprisonment for repeat offenders who commit sex offenses against children (H. Rept. 107–374); and

H. Res. 367, providing for consideration of H.R. 2341, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, to outlaw certain practices that provide inadequate settlements for class members, to assure that attorneys do not receive a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense of class members, to provide for clearer and simpler information in class action settlement notices, to assure prompt consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28, United States Code, and to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions (H. Rept. 107–375). **Page H832**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ballenger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H787**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. David F. Russell, National Chaplain of the American Legion, Spotsylvania, Virginia. **Pages H791–92**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:03 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H791**

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

Born-Alive Infants Protection Act of 2002: H.R. 2175, to protect infants who are born alive; **Pages H787–88, H792–97**

Enhanced Border Security Act: H. Res. 365, providing for the concurrence by the House with amendments in the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1885, to expand the class of beneficiaries who may apply for adjustment of status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act by extending the deadline for classification petition and labor certification filings. The title was amended so as to read “An Act to enhance the border security of the United States, and for other purposes.” (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 275 yeas to 137 nays, Roll No. 53); **Pages H797–H810, H817**

District of Columbia College Access Act Technical Corrections: H. Res. 364, providing for the concurrence of the House with amendment in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1499, to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who graduated from a secondary school prior to 1998 and individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary school to participate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act (The title was amended by the Senate so as to read: “An act to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary school and individuals who attend private historically black colleges and universities nationwide to participate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act, and for other purposes.”); and **Pages H810–13**

100th anniversary of the Bureau of the Census: H. Con. Res. 339, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Bureau of the Census on the 100th anniversary of its establishment. **Pages H813–16**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:57 and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H816**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Payments to Cuba: Message wherein he transmitted a semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses—referred to the Committee on International Relations; and **Page H816**

Agreement between the United States and Australia on Social Security: Message wherein he transmitted the agreement between the United States and Australia on Social Security signed at Canberra on September 27, 2001—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–186). **Page H816**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on page H817. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:10 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 Substance Abuse Mental Health Services, and the Administration on Aging. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and Josefina G. Carbonell, Assistant Secretary, Aging, Administration on Aging.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies held a hearing on EPA. Testimony was heard from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, EPA.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a hearing on the fiscal year 2002 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles S. Abell, Assistant Secretary (Force Manage-

ment Policy); Lt. Gen. Charles S. Mahan, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff (Logistics), Department of the Army; Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations and Logistics), Department of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Gary L. Parks, USMC, Deputy Commandant (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps and Rear Adm. Christopher W. Cole, USN, Director, Ashore Readiness Division, both with the Department of the Navy; Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter, USAF, Director, Defense Commissary Agency; Read Adm. Steve W. Mass, USN, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; Maj. Gen. Charles J. Wax, USAF, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Brig. Gen. Michael Downs, USMC (Ret.), Director, Personnel and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; John Molino, Deputy Secretary, (Military Community and Family Policy); Brig. Gen. Antonio M. Taguba, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, Department of the Army; Rear Adm. Annette E. Brown, USN, Assistant Commander, Navy Personnel Command, Department of the Navy; Arthur Meyers, Director, Air Force Services, Department of the Air Force; and Brig. Gen. Michael Downs, USMC (Ret.), Director, Personnel and Family Readiness Division; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on the fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WELFARE AT WORK

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on “Welfare at Work: Ties Between TANF and Workforce Development.” Testimony was heard from Sigurd Nilsen, Director, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; Gary Gardner, Acting Director, Department of Workforce Services, State of Utah; and a public witness.

REGULATORY ACCOUNTING

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on “Regulatory Accounting: Costs and Benefits of Federal Regulations.” Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.