

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 3965–3982; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 350–352, and H. Res. 370 were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** No Reports were filed today.

**Two Strikes and You're Out Child Protection Act:** The House passed 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 by a yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 64.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, H. Rept. 107–373, was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed To:

Conyers amendment that mandates judges to report to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts various findings including the race, gender, age, and ethnicity of the victim and defendant for each case in which a life sentence is imposed (agreed to by a recorded vote of 259 yeas to 161 noes, Roll No. 63).

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Rejected:

Scott amendment that sought to give judges the discretion to impose life imprisonment for certain repeat sexual offenders; and

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Scott amendment that sought to exempt sex offenders subject to tribal governments from provisions of the bill.

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Withdrawn:

Jackson-Lee amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to nullify the act where there are five or more convicted child sex offenders within any given zip code.

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Point of Order Sustained Against:

Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to require a study by the National Institute of Justice on the availability and effectiveness of treatment for incarcerated and non-incarcerated perpetrators of sex offenses against children.

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H. Res. 366, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of March 18.

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**Meeting Hour—Monday, March 18:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 18.

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**Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 19:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 18, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 for morning hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 20.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H924–25 and H925–26. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from the following official of the USDA: Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer; Elsa Murano, Under Secretary; and Merle D. Pierson, Deputy Under Secretary, both with Food Safety; and Margaret O'K Glavin, Acting Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on State Department-International Organizations, and on NOAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador John D. Negroponte, U.S. Mission to the UN; and William Wood, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary; and Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.), Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2003 Army Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Thomas E. White, Secretary; and Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff.