

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 43 public bills, H.R. 713–755; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 34–39, and H. Res. 67–68, 70, 72–75, were introduced.

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### Additional Cosponsors:

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

H. Res. 69, providing for consideration of H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and improve access to quality child care (H. Rept. 108–9);

Conference report on H.J. Res. 2, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003 (H. Rept. 108–10); and

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H. Res. 71, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany and providing for the corrections in the enrollment of H.J. Res. 2, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003 (H. Rept. 108–11).

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by Rev. Wayne Jenkins, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia.

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**Recess:** the House recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

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**Committee Resignations—Majority Members:** Without objection, the Chair accepted the various resignations from the following members from certain standing committees of the House: Representative Souder from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Representative Shays from the Committee on Science, and Representative Gibbons from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**Committee Resignations—Minority Members:** Without objection, the Chair accepted the various resignations from the following members from certain standing committees of the House: Representative Etheridge from the Committee on Science, Representative Davis of Illinois from the Committee on Small Business, Representative Langevin from the Committee on Small Business, Representative Lofgren from the Committee on Science, Representative Andrews from the Committee on Armed Services, Delegate Norton from the Committee on Government Reform, Representative DeFazio from the Committee on Resources, Representative Meek of Florida from the Committee on the Budget, Representative Lucas of Kentucky from the Committee on Agriculture, Representative Gonzalez from the Committee on Small Business, Representative Loretta

Sanchez from the Committee on Education and the Workforce, Representative Pascrell from the Committee on Small Business, Delegate Christensen from the Committee on Small Business, and Representative Markey from the Committee on Resources.

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**Select Committee on Homeland Security:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 5, and the order of Jan. 8, 2003, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the Select Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Cox, Chairman and Representatives Dunn, Young of Florida, Young of Alaska, Sensenbrenner, Tauzin, Dreier, Hunter, Rogers of Kentucky, Boehlert, Shays, Smith of Texas, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Goss, Camp, Lincoln Diaz-Balart of Florida, Goodlatte, Istook, King of New York Linder, Shadegg, Souder, Thornberry, Gibbons, Granger, Sessions, Sweeney, Turner of Texas, Thompson of Mississippi, Loretta Sanchez of California, Markey, Dicks, Frank of Massachusetts, Harman, Cardin, Slaughter, DeFazio, Mrs. Lowey, Andrews, Norton, Lofgren, McCarthy of Missouri, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Pascrell, Christensen, Etheridge, Gonzalez, Lucas of Kentucky, Langevin, and Meek of Florida.

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**Do-Not-Call Implementation Act:** The House passed H.R. 395, to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees for the implementation and enforcement of a "do-not-call" registry by a yeand-nay vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 26. The bill was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of Feb. 11.

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

**Recognizing the Courage and Sacrifice of American POWs:** H. Res. 62, recognizing the courage and sacrifice of those members of the United States Armed Forces who were held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and calling for a full accounting of the 1,902 members of the Armed Forces who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict (agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 25); and

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**American Spirit Fraud Prevention:** H.R. 346, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to increase civil penalties for violations involving certain proscribed acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster declared by the President, and to authorize the Federal Trade

Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 24). Pages H413–15

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 70, electing Representative Burns to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Pages H416–17

**Presidential Message—National Drug Control Strategy:** Message wherein he transmitted the 2003 National Drug Control Strategy referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Agriculture, Armed Forces, Financial Services, Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Government Reform, International Relations, Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, Veterans' Affairs, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and Select Committee on Homeland Security. Page H435

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:01 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 a.m. on Thursday, February 13. Pages H456, S459

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:02 a.m. on Thursday, February 13 and reconvened at 7:42 a.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2003. Page H459

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H414–15, H415–16, and H416. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:43 a.m. on Thursday, February 13.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

*Committee on Agriculture:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the fiscal year 2004 National Defense Authorization budget request. 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.

### TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT—BUDGET PRIORITIES

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Department of Transportation Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from Representative Rahall; and Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation.

### ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on “Back to Work: the Administration’s Plan for Economic Recovery and the Workforce Investment Act.” Testimony was heard from Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor; and public witnesses.

### PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT; ADMINISTRATION’S FISCAL YEAR 2004 HEALTH CARE PRIORITIES; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 663, Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act.

The Committee held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2004 Health Care Priorities.” Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The Committee met for further organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress.

### MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### RECOVERY AND RENEWAL; PROTECTING CAPITAL MARKETS AGAINST TERRORISM POST 9/11

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Recovery and Renewal: Protecting the Capital Markets Against Terrorism Post 9/11.” Testimony was heard from Davi M. D’Agostino, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; Robert L. D. Colby, Deputy Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC; and public witnesses.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the President’s International Affairs Budget request for Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

### IVORY COAST—PROSPECTS FOR PEACE

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Prospects for Peace in Ivory Coast. Testimony was heard from Walter H.