

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 2808–2812; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 123, and H. Res. 311–315 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 312, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2539, to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation (H. Rept. 104–426); and

H. Res. 313, providing for the consideration of H.R. 558, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact (H. Rept. 104–427).

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Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House sent to the Senate without amendment the following measures: H.R. 418, H.R. 419, and H.R. 1315, all private bills.

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Burma and the U.N. General Assembly: H. Res. 274, amended, concerning Burma and the United Nations General Assembly;

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Middle East peace facilitation: H.R. 2808, to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until March 31, 1996;

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Export-Import Bank tied-aid program: H.R. 2203, amended, to reauthorize the tied-aid credit program of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and to allow the Export-Import Bank to conduct a demonstration project;

Pages H15107–08

Smithsonian sesquicentennial: H.R. 2627, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the founding of the Smithsonian Institution;

Pages H15108–11

Provisional approval of House employee regulations: H. Res. 311, to provide for the provisional approval of regulations applicable to the House of Representatives and employees of the House of Representatives and to be issued by the Office of Compliance before January 23, 1996; and

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Expo '98: H. Con. Res. 91, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should participate in Expo '98 in Lisbon, Portugal. Subsequently, S. Con. Res. 22, a similar Senate-passed measure, was agreed to in lieu—clearing the measure. H. Con. Res. 91 was laid on the table.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on

H.R. 1655, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

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Budget Proposal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 412 nays, with 5 voting “present,” Roll No. 869, the House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 122, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

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H. Res. 309, the rule under which the concurrent resolution was considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 868. Agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 867.

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Presidential Veto Messages: Agreed to a unanimous-consent request that, if the Chair lays before the House today a veto message from the President on H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, the objections of the President be spread at large upon the Journal of the House and that the message and the bill be ordered printed as a House document and that consideration of the veto message be postponed until tomorrow; and

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Agreed to a unanimous consent request that, if the Chair lays before the House today a veto message from the President on H.R. 1058, to reform Federal securities legislation, the objections of the President be spread at large upon the Journal and that the message and bill be ordered printed as a House document and that consideration of the veto message be postponed until tomorrow.

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Provisional approval of regulations regarding joint congressional employees: H. Con. Res. 123, to provide for the provisional approval of regulations applicable to certain covered employing offices and covered employees and to be issued by the Office of Compliance before January 23, 1996;

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Days of Remembrance: H. Con. Res. 106, amended, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. Agreed to amend the title;

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Charles J. Coyle Post Office Building: H.R. 1398, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 1203 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Charles J. Coyle Post Office Building";

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Edward Madigan Post Office Building: H.R. 1880 to designate the United States Post Office building located at 102 South McLean, Lincoln, Illinois, as the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building";

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Holk Post Office Building: H.R. 2262, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 218 North Alston Street in Foley, Alabama, as the "Holk Post Office Building";

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Charles A. Hayes Post Office Building: H.R. 2704, amended, to provide that the United States Post Office building that is to be located on the 2600 block of East 75th Street in Chicago, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Charles A. Hayes Post Office Building"; Agreed to amend the title; and

Pages H15161–62

Farm credit system relief: H.R. 2029, amended, to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1971 to provide regulatory relief. Agreed to amend the title.

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Presidential Veto Message—Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary: Read a message from the President wherein he announces his veto of H.R. 2076, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and explains his reasons therefor—ordered printed. (H. Doc. 104–149)

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on page H15096.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H15128–29, H15129, and H15155.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1129, amended, to amend the National Trails Systems Act to designate the route from Selma to Montgomery as a National Historic Trail; H.R. 2107, amended, Visitor Services Improvement and Outdoor Legacy Act

of 1995; H.R. 1527, amended, to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authorities and duties of the Secretary of Agriculture in issuing ski area permits on National Forest System lands and to withdraw lands within ski area permit boundaries from the operation of the mining and mineral leasing laws; and H.R. 2464, to amend Public Law 103–93 to provide additional lands within the State of Utah for the Goshute Indian Reservation.

OVERSIGHT—SOUTHERN SALVAGE TIMBER AND FOREST HEALTH

Committee on Resources: Salvage Timber and Forest Health Task Force held an oversight hearing on Salvage Timber and Forest Health focusing on Southern Salvage and Forest Health Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Herger, Furse, and Riggs; Robert Joslin, Regional Forester, Southern Region, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

TEXAS LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 558, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact. The rule accords priority in recognition to those Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Schaefer.

ICC ELIMINATION

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2539, to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, and to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States, Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representatives Molinari and Oberstar.

FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY—IC

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Continued hearings on IC21: The Intelligence Community in the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from John M. Deutch, Director, CIA.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1444)

H.R. 2204, to extend and reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950. Signed December 18, 1995. (P.L. 104–64)