

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 3 public bills, H.R. 3389–3391; and 4 resolutions, H.R. Con. Res. 170–171, and H. Res. 423–424 were introduced. **Page H4423**

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

H. Res. 416, establishing a select subcommittee of the Committee on International Relations to investigate the United States role in Iranian arms transfer to Croatia and Bosnia (H. Rept. 104–551);

H. Res. 421, providing for consideration of H.R. 2974, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to provide enhanced penalties for crimes against elderly and child victims (H. Rept. 104–552); and

H. Res. 422, providing for consideration of H.R. 3120, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering (H. Rept. 104–553). **Page H4423**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Upton to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4399**

**Referrals:** Two Senate-passed measures were referred to the appropriate House committees. **Page H4421**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4399.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REVIEW—MEAT AND POULTRY INSPECTION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review science-based meat and poultry inspection; emerging technologies; and the approval process for new technology. Testimony was heard from Tom Billy, Associate Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on Commerce Department Statistical Programs, Undersecretary for Economics and Statistics, Bureau of Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Inter-

national Organizations and Conferences, United States Mission to United Nations, International Organizations and OAS. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Commerce: Everett Ehrlich, Undersecretary, Economic Affairs; Martha Riche, Director, Bureau of the Census; and Stephen Landefeld, Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis; and the following officials of the Department of State: Ambassador Madeleine K. Albright, Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Ambassador Harriet C. Babbit, Permanent Representative to the OAS; and Molly Williamson, Assistant Secretary, International Organizations.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, on Administration for Children and Families; and the Administration on Aging. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Nelba Chavez, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Mary Jo Bane, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families; and Fernando M. Torres-Gil, Assistant Secretary for Aging.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Corporation for National and Community Service. Testimony was heard from Harris Wofford, CEO, Corporation for National and Community Service.

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTION REGULATORY SYSTEM

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Continued hearings on the Federal financial institution regulatory system. Testimony was heard from James L. Bothwell, Director, Financial Institutions and Market Issues, General Government Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment, concluded hearings on the following bills: H.R. 3199, Drug and Biological Products Reform Act of 1996; H.R. 3200, Food Amendments and Animal Drug Availability Act of 1996; and H.R. 3201, Medical Device Reform Act of 1996.

Testimony was heard from Mary Hamilton, Director, Operations, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS HEALTH CARE MEASURES

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology held a joint hearing on H.R. 3224, Health Care Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act of 1996, H.R. 1850, Health Care Fraud and Abuse Act of 1995, and H.R. 2480, Inspector General for Medicare and Medicaid Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative Quinn; Michael Mangano, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY RECORD

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Administration's Foreign Policy Record: An Evaluation. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Zoellick, former Under Secretary, Economics, Department of State; Richard N. Perle, former Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and Charles William Maynes, former Assistant Secretary, International Organizations, Department of State.

#### REGULATORY FAIR WARNING ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 3307, Regulatory Fair Warning Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: James F. Simon, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; and Edward L. Dowd, Jr., U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri; and public witnesses.

#### PICK-SLOAN REPAYMENT ISSUES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on Pick-Sloan Repayment Issues. Testimony was heard from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; J.M. Shafer, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy; Patricia J. Beneke, Assistant Secretary, Water and Science, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON U.S. ROLE IN IRANIAN ARMS TRANSFERS

*Committee on Rules:* By a vote of 7 to 4, the Committee ordered reported H.Res. 416, establishing a select subcommittee of the Committee on Inter-

national Relations to investigate the U.S. role in Iranian arms transfers to Croatia and Bosnia.

#### CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN AND ELDERLY PERSONS INCREASED PUNISHMENT ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2974, Crimes Against Children and Elderly Persons Increased Punishment Act. The rule waives clause 7, rule XIII (requiring a cost estimate in the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. The rule provides that each section of the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (germaneness). The rule provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the *Congressional Record* will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules, and said amendments will be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum, Fox of Pennsylvania and Schumer.

#### WITNESS RETALIATION AND TAMPERING AND JURY TAMPERING

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3120, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to witness retaliation, witness tampering and jury tampering. The rule waives clause 7, rule XIII (requiring a cost estimate in the committee report) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, the Judiciary Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, which shall be considered as read. The rule provides that Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the *Congressional Record* will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments and such amendments shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum, Fox of Pennsylvania and Schumer.

#### U.S. PATENT LAW—IMPLICATIONS FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT R&D

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Changes in U.S. Patent Law and their Implications for Energy and Environment Research and Development. Testimony was heard from Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary

and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Department of Commerce; Terry Bibbens, Entrepreneur in Residence, Office of Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology held continued oversight hearings on Research Laboratory Programs at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Part 2. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; Katharine Gebbie, Director, Physics Laboratory; and Hrach Semerjian, Director, Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory; and public witnesses.

#### IMPACT OF SHORT SUPPLY ON SMALL MANUFACTURERS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities held a hearing on the "Impact of 'Short Supply' on Small Manufacturers." Testimony was heard from Representatives Crane and Levin; and public witnesses.

#### GSA'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development held a hearing on GSA's FY 1997 Capital Investment Program. Testimony was heard from Representative Dooley; Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; and Norman H. Stahl, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit (New Hampshire) and Member, Committee on Security, Space, and Facilities, Judicial Conference of the United States.

#### ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation held a hearing on ISTEA Reauthorization: Federal Role for Transportation and National Interests. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Federico Peña, Secretary; Rodney E. Slater, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Gordon J. Linton, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 7.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1996

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Finance,* to hold hearings to examine transportation fuel taxes, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 10 a.m., SH-219.

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

##### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee,* to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.