

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 4080–4101; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 193–195, H. Con. Res. 215, and H. Res. 523 were introduced.

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

H.R. 3153, to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt from regulation the transportation of certain hazardous materials by vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, amended (H. Rept. 104–791);

H.R. 3348, to direct the President to establish standards and criteria for the provision of major disaster and emergency assistance in response to snow-related events, amended (H. Rept. 104–792);

H.R. 3923, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the National Transportation Safety Board and individual air carriers to take actions to address the needs of families of passengers involved in aircraft accidents, amended (H. Rept. 104–793);

H.R. 4040, to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to intermodal safe container transportation (H. Rept. 104–794)

H.R. 3802, to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act, and to provide for public access to information in an electronic format, amended (H. Rept. 104–795)

H.J. Res. 191, to confer honorary citizenship of the United States on Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa (H. Rept. 104–796);

H.R. 2505, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarification to the land bank protection provisions, amended (H. Rept. 104–797)

H.R. 3968, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, amended (H. Rept. 104–798)

S. 533, to clarify the rules governing removal of cases to Federal court (H. Rept. 104–799);

S. 677, to repeal a redundant venue protection (H. Rept. 104–800);

H.R. 3936, to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States, amended (H. Rept. 104–801 Part I);

H.R. 2941, to improve the quantity and quality of the quarters of land management agency field employees, amended (H. Rept. 104–802 Part I);

H. Res. 522, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3675, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation

and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 104–803);

H. Con. Res. 180, commending the Americans who served the United States during the period known as the Cold War, amended (H. Rept. 104–804 Part I);

H. Con. Res. 200, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, amended (H. Rept. 104–805); and

H.R. 4000, to amend title 10, United States Code, to restore the provisions of chapter 76 of that title (relating to missing persons) as in effect before the amendments made by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997, amended (H. Rept. 104–806).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hancock to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Private Calendar:** On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed and sent to the Senate H.R. 1886, amended.

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

*North Platte National Wildlife Refuge:* Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2679, to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge—clearing the measure for the President;

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*National Park Service Administrative Reform:* H.R. 2941, amended, to improve the quantity and quality of the quarters of land management agency field employees;

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*Electronic Freedom of Information Act:* H.R. 3802, amended, to amend section 552 of title 5, United States Code, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act, to provide for public access to information in an electronic format (passed by a yeand-nay vote of 402 yeas, Roll No. 414);

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*Honorary Citizenship to Mother Teresa:* H.J. Res. 191, amended, to confer honorary citizenship of the United States on Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa; agreed to amend the title (passed by a yeand-nay vote of 405 yeas, Roll No. 415);

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*Federal Courts Improvement:* H.R. 3968, amended, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts;

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*Federal Court Cases:* S. 533, to clarify the rules governing removal of cases to Federal court;

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*Repeal of Redundant Venue Provision:* S. 677, to repeal a redundant venue provision;

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*Economic Espionage:* H.R. 3723, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect proprietary economic information (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 416);

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*Parole Commission Phaseout:* S. 1507, amended, to provide for the extension of the Parole Commission to oversee cases of prisoners sentenced under prior law, to reduce the size of the Parole Commission;

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*Federal Carjacking Prohibition:* H.R. 3676, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the Federal carjacking prohibition;

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*George Bush School of Government and Public Service:* H.R. 3803, amended, to authorize funds for the George Bush School of Government and Public Service (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 279 yeas to 116 nays, Roll No. 417);

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*Space Commercialization Promotion:* H.R. 3936, amended, to encourage the development of a commercial space industry in the United States;

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*Social Security Amendments:* H.R. 4039, amended, to make technical and clarifying amendments to recently enacted provisions relating to titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act and to provide for a temporary extension of demonstration project authority in the Social Security Administration;

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*Dolley Madison Commemorative Coin:* H.R. 1684, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Madison; agreed to amend the title;

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*George Washington Commemorative Coin:* H.R. 2026, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the death of George Washington; and

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*Black Revolutionary War Patriots Commemorative Coin:* H.R. 1776, amended, to require the Sec-

retary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of black revolutionary war patriots; agreed to amend the title.

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**Order of Business:** It was made in order that, notwithstanding clause 1 of rule 27, the Speaker may entertain motions to suspend the rules and pass the following bills on Wednesday, September 18, 1996: H.R. 2594, H.R. 2940, H.R. 3923, H.R. 3348, H.R. 4040, S. 1995, and S. 1636.

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**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 523, electing Representatives Becerra, Clyburn, Norton, and Waters to the Committee on Small Business and Representative Peterson of Minnesota to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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**Referral:** One Senate-passed resolution, S. Con. Res. 67, to authorize printing of the report of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy was referred to the Committee on House Oversight.

**Amendments:** Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H10525.

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10438 and H10513.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10493–94, H10494, H10494–95, and H10495–96. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 and adjourned at 11 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FIRE FIGHTER PAY AND BENEFITS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on Fire Fighter Pay and Benefits. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hunter and Hoyer; Diane M. Disney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Civilian Personnel, Department of Defense; Allan Heuerman, Associate Director, Human Resources Systems Service, OPM; and public witnesses.

### POSTAL REFORM ACT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Postal Service continued hearings on H.R. 3717, Postal Reform Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on