

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fourteen public bills, H.R. 552–565; and one resolution, H.J. Res. 55, were introduced. Page H325

Reports Filed: The following reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 38, providing for the consideration of H.R. 5, the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995 (H. Rept. 104–2); and

H. Res. 1, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 104–3). Page H325

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Stearns to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H299

Ruling of the Chair: By a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 17, agreed to the Linder motion to table the Volkmer motion to appeal a ruling of the Chair. Pages H301–02

Subsequently agreed to strike certain words from the RECORD (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 18). Pages H302–03

Motion to Adjourn: By a yea-and-nay vote of 152 yeas to 247 nays, Roll No. 19, rejected the Mfume motion to adjourn. Pages H305–06

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H301–02, H302–03, and H305–06.

Adjournment: Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Downsizing Government. Testimony was heard from Vic Rezendes, Director, Energy Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor—Health and Human Services—Education (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on Secretary of Education/Downsizing/GAO, and on Secretary of Labor/Downsizing/GAO. Testimony was heard from Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education; Robert B. Reich, Secretary of Labor; officials of GAO; and public witnesses.

TREASURY—POSTAL SERVICE—GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury—Postal Service—General Government held a hearing on Downsizing Government/Federal Personnel. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Held a hearing on Contract With America: Welfare Reform. Testimony was heard from Gerald Miller, Director, Department of Social Services, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

CURRENT INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS

Committee on National Security: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on current intelligence and operations. The Committee was briefed by the following officials of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, Intelligence (J–2); and Maj. Gen. Jared Bates, USA, Deputy Director, Operations (J–3).

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 101, amended, to transfer a parcel of land to the Taos Indians of New Mexico; H.R. 256, to withdraw and reserve certain public lands and minerals within the State of Colorado for military use; H.R. 400, to provide for the exchange of lands within the Gates of the Arctic National Wildlife Park and Preserve; H.R. 440, to provide for the conveyance of lands to certain individuals in Butte County, CA; and H.J. Res. 50, designate the visitors center at the Channel Islands National Park, CA, as the “Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitors Center.”

UNFUNDED MANDATE REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: By a record vote of 8 to 3, granted an open rule with two hours of debate, divided