

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 2991–3001; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 369 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 368, providing for the consideration of H.R. 994, to require the periodic review and automatic termination of Federal regulations (H. Rept. 104–464);

H.R. 2778, to provide that members of the Armed Forces performing services for the peacekeeping effort in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be entitled to certain tax benefits in the same manner as if such services were performed in a combat zone, amended (H. Rept. 104–465); and

H.R. 2853, to authorize the extension of non-discriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation-treatment) to the products of Bulgaria (H. Rept. 104–466).

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Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Agriculture Market Transition Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 155 nays, Roll No. 42, the House passed H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agriculture programs.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Rejected the Stenholm motion as modified, that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report it back forthwith containing language including establishing a system of fixed but declining payments to farmers in lieu of traditional subsidies; reauthorizing the Federal sugar and peanut programs; reauthorizing various Federal agricultural conservation programs by establishing several new USDA conservation initiatives; excluding language providing for revisions to the dairy program and retaining the permanent agriculture law of 1949 (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 156 yeas to 267 nays, Roll No. 41).

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Earlier, a point of order was sustained against language in the motion that sought to extend certain nutrition programs for seven years.

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Agree To:

The Boehlert amendment that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an environmental conservation acreage reserve program designed to protect environmentally sensitive land, and improve farm management and operation, while preserving profitability for farmers (agreed to by a recorded vote of 372 yeas to 37 noes, Roll No. 370);

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The Roth amendment that reauthorizes certain food aid programs that facilitate economic development for developing nations and permits the Secretary of Agriculture to receive assistance from the Foreign Agricultural Service;

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The Foley amendment that authorizes \$200 million for land acquisition in the Everglades for the purpose of environmental restoration (agreed to by a recorded vote of 299 yeas to 124 noes, Roll No. 39); and

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The Traficant amendment that requires individuals to purchase only American-made equipment and products when expending Federal agriculture funds.

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Rejected:

The Dooley amendment that sought to reserve \$1.9 billion over seven years from funding authorized for market transition contracts to allow the Secretary of Agriculture to award grants which foster the development of progressive food production methods which increase domestic competitiveness abroad; facilitate the development of new products; and increase domestic long-term productivity while encouraging environmentally sound farming practices (rejected by a recorded vote of 163 yeas to 260 noes, Roll No. 38); and

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The Stenholm en bloc amendment that sought to strike provisions repealing the permanent agricultural law of 1949; to authorize the USDA to spend up to \$3.5 billion to conduct rural development, conservation, research, education, and extension activities; and to establish the loan rate for oilseeds at 85 percent of the average price over the last five years, excluding the highest and lowest years (rejected by a recorded vote of 163 yeas to 258 noes, Roll No. 40).

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The following amendments were offered, but subsequently withdrawn:

The Livingston amendment that would have made all fees collected and spent from agriculture quarantine inspection activities in fiscal year 1996 to fiscal year 2002 subject to appropriation; and

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The Livingston amendment that would have made the Livestock Environmental Assistance Program subject to appropriation.

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering, and cross-referencing as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill.

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Product Liability Litigation: By a yea-and-nay vote of 256 yeas to 142 nays, Roll No. 43, the House agreed to the Conyers motion that the managers on the part of the House at the conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, be instructed to insist on the provisions of section 107 of the House bill.

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Coast Guard Authorization: House passed S. 1004, to authorize appropriations for the United States Coast Guard.

Agreed to the Coble motion to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the text of H.R. 1361.

House then insisted on its amendment to S. 1004 and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees:

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Young of Alaska, Coble, Fowler, Baker of California, Oberstar, Clement, and Poshard.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of section 901 of the Senate bill, and section 430 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hyde, McCollum, and Conyers.

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Legislative Program: Representative Hastert, as a designee of the Majority Leader, announced the legislative program for the week of March 4. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of March 6.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 4.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1 to file a conference report on H.R. 927, to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, to plan for

support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba.

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Lobbyists: The compilation by the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate of all new registrations and reports for the fourth calendar quarter of 1995, and reports for the third calendar quarter of 1995 received too late to be previously published, that were filed by persons engaged in lobbying activities appear in this issue of the Congressional Record.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1636–41.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1515–16, H1532–33, H1538, H1545–46, H1574–75, H1575, and H1582. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from congressional and public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the Joint Committee on Taxation and the GAO. Testimony was heard from Representative Archer; and the following officials of the GAO: Charles Bowsher, Comptroller General; James Hinchman, Special Assistant to the Comptroller General; Gene Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Operations; and Richard Brown, Controller.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Quality of Life in the Military. Testimony was heard from the following Senior Service Enlisted Advisors, Department of Defense: Gene McKinney, USA; John Hagan,