

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 3610–3644; 2 private bills, H.R. 3645–3646; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 248–249, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 422, providing for consideration of H.R. 2086, authorize funding for networking and information technology research and development for fiscal years 2000 through 2004 (Rept. 106–496).

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, February 9 by a ye and nay vote of 362 yeas to 37 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 11.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Economic Report of the President: Message wherein he transmitted his Economic Report—referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–161);

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Budget Rescissions and Deferrals: Message wherein he transmitted his three rescissions of budget authority totaling \$128 million, affecting the programs of the Department of Energy and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and two deferrals of budget authority totaling \$1.6 million, affecting programs of the Department of State and International Assistance Programs—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–194); and

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Albanian Emigration Laws and Policies: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning Albanian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–195).

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Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act: The House passed H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the marriage penalty by providing for adjustments to the standard deduction, 15-percent rate bracket, and earned income credit and to repeal the reduction of the refundable tax credits, by a ye and nay vote of 268 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 15. Agreed to amend the title. **Pages H291–H330**

Rejected the Hill of Indiana motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back to the House with an amendment which corrects the disparity in the Tax Code affecting married couples and which provides

that the effectiveness of this tax reduction is contingent on a certification by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget that (a) there is a comprehensive framework which provides resources for debt retirement, strengthening Social Security and Medicare, tax relief, and investing in other priorities; (b) a portion of the on-budget surplus is reserved for debt retirement sufficient to eliminate the debt by 2013; and (c) there are protections to ensure that the funds reserved for debt retirement may not be used or any other purpose, except for technical adjustments to reflect changes in budget projections by a recorded vote of 196 yeas to 230 noes, Roll No. 14.

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Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to make marriage tax penalty relief contingent on Social Security solvency certification, Medicare solvency certification, and public debt elimination certification by a ye and nay vote of 192 yeas to 233 nays, Roll No. 13. **Pages H318–27**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 419, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a ye and nay vote of 255 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 12. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill was considered as adopted.

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President's Day District Work Period: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 80, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader discussed the legislative program for the week of February 14.

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Meeting Hour Monday, February 14: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, February 14 for morning-hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 16.

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Senate Messages: Message received today from the Senate appears on page H330.

Re-Referral: Agreed to re-refer S. 1809 to the Committees on Commerce and Education and the Workforce.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H343.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings

of the House and appear on pages H279–80, H291, H326–27, H329, and H329–30. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Claude Earl Fox, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration; and Jeffrey Koplan, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation began appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, USA, Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy; Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; and Gen. James L. Jones, USMC, Commandant, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

Hearings continue February 17.

HOLOCAUST VICTIMS' ASSETS RESTITUTION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Concluded hearings on issues related to the restitution of Holocaust victims' assets. Testimony was heard from Lawrence Eagleburger, Chairman, International Commission on Holocaust-Era Insurance Claims; Earl Powell, Director, National Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

REUSE OF SINGLE-USE MEDICAL DEVICES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the reuse of single-use medical devices. Testimony was heard from David W. Feigal, Jr., M.D., Director, Center for De-

vices and Radiological Health, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS PROGRAM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program. Testimony was heard from Michael Cohen, Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

OPEC AND THE NORTHEAST ENERGY CRISIS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on OPEC and the Northeast Energy Crisis. Testimony was heard from David L. Goldwyn, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, Department of Energy; Peter Bass, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy, Sanctions and Commodities, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.J. Res. 64, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims. Testimony was heard from Senators Kyl and Feinstein; Representatives Chabot, Barcia and Scott; Judge Emmet G. Sullivan, U.S. District Court, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

MONEY LAUNDERING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on money laundering. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: James K. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; and Stefan Cassella, Assistant Chief, Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section; John Varrone, Executive Director, Domestic Operations East, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

SECRET EVIDENCE REPEAL ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 2121, Secret Evidence Repeal Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Campbell and Bonior; Larry R. Parkinson, General Counsel, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.