

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 92 public bills, H.R. 2, 953–1044; and 29 resolutions, H.J. Res. 26; H. Con. Res. 57–76, and H. Res. 109–118 were introduced. Pages H1459–66

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1466–67

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Human Cloning Prohibition Act: The House passed H.R. 534, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning by yea and nay vote of 241 yeas to 155 nays, Roll No. 39. Pages H1407–1438

Rejected the Lofgren motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments that exempt products derived from an embryo (including pluripotent stem cells) for use in various medical treatments by recorded vote of 164 yeas to 237 noes, Roll No. 38. Pages H1436–38

Agreed To:

Scott amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–21, as modified, that sought to require a GAO study after consultation with the National Academy of Sciences to assess the need (if any) for amendment of the prohibition on human cloning. Page H1423

Rejected:

Greenwood amendment in the nature of a substitute No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–21 that sought to prohibit human somatic cell nuclear transfer technology to initiate a pregnancy and allow its use for medical research (rejected by recorded vote of 174 yeas to 231 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 37). Pages H1423–36

H. Res. 105, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Pages H1397–1407

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of March 3. Page H1439

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 4: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, March 3 and agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, for morning hour debate. Pages H1439–40

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 5. Page H1440

Committee Resignation: Without objection, the Chair accepted the resignation of Representative

Brady of Pennsylvania from the Committee on Small Business. Page H1440

Presidential Message—National Emergency re Cuba’s Destruction of Civilian Aircraft: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the Government’s of Cuba’s destruction of two unarmed U.S. registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2003—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H.Doc. 108–42). Page H1440

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1436, H1437–38, and H1438. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Sub committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Sub committee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Community Development Financial Institutions. Testimony was heard from Tony Brown, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Office of Science and Technology Policy. Testimony was heard from John H. Marburger, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the fiscal year 2004 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: James G. Roche, Secretary; and Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff.

DOD BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of Defense Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM—ASSESSING NEED TO ENACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Need to Enact Medical Liability Reform." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEW BASEL ACCORD—SOUND REGULATION OR CRUSHING COMPLEXITY?

Committee on Financial Services: Sub committee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled "The New Basel Accord-Sound Regulation or Crushing Complexity?" Testimony was heard from Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Donald Powell, Chairman, FDIC; John D. Hawke, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S DRUG TREATMENT INITIATIVE

Committee on Government Reform: Sub committee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing on "Recovery Now: The President's Drug Treatment Initiative." Testimony was heard from John Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Charles Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services and a public witness.

OVERVIEW—U.S. POLICY TOWARD WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Overview of U.S. Policy Toward the Western Hemisphere. Testimony was heard from John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and the following officials of the Department of State: Adolfo Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, AID; and

J. Curtis Struble, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on "New York's 'Sanctuary' Policy and the Effect of Such Policies on Public Safety, Law Enforcement, and Immigration." Testimony was heard from John Feinblatt, Criminal Justice Coordinator, City of New York; John Nickell, Officer, Police Department, Houston, Texas; Michael J. Cutler, former Senior Special Agent, New York District Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

NASA'S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, NASA.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Small Business: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

OVERSIGHT—AGENCY BUDGETS AND PRIORITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army: R. L. Brownlee, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); and Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, Chief of Engineers; the following officials of the EPA: G. Tracy Mehan, III, Assistant Administrator, Water; and Marianne Lamont Horinko, Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response; Bill Baxter, Director, TVA; Jamison S. Hawkins, Acting Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Thomas A. Weber, Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

PATIENTS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT; ARMED FORCES TAX FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 877, Patients Safety Improvement Act of 2003; and H.R. 878, Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act of 2003.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, SSA; Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 3 through March 8, 2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 12 noon, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. Also, at 5:30 p.m., Senate will consider and vote on the nomination of Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the federal government's initiatives regarding the school breakfast and lunch programs, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: March 4, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for military construction, 10 a.m., SD-138.

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March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation Hearing, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 5, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for operations intelligence, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 5, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation energy and water development programs, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 6, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 6, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 4, to hold closed briefings on current military operations, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2004 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 4, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security, Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

March 5, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine implementation of enhanced 911 (E-911) services for wireless phones, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission's Spectrum Policy Task Force Report and major spectrum issues facing policymakers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 4, to hold hearings to examine oil, gas, hydrogen, and conservation, focusing on financial conditions of the electricity market, 10 a.m., SD-366.

March 4, Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 164, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 328, to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the States of Maryland as the "Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area", S. 347, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica