

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 945-970; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 86 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: The following reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 9, to create jobs, enhance wages, strengthen property rights, maintain certain economic liberties, decentralize and reduce the power of the Federal Government with respect to the States, localities, and citizens of the United States, and to increase the accountability of Federal officials, amended (H. Rept. 104-33, Parts I and II);

H.R. 535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas, amended (H. Rept. 104-34);

H.R. 584, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa (H. Rept. 104-35);

H.R. 614, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility, amended (H. Rept. 104-36); and

H.R. 830, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public, amended (H. Rept. 104-37).

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North Atlantic Assembly: The Speaker appointed the following Members to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly on the part of the House: Mr. Bereuter, Chairman, Mr. Solomon, Vice Chairman, Mr. Regula, Mr. Bateman, Mr. Bliley, Mr. Boehlert, Mrs. Meyers of Kansas, and Mrs. Roukema.

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Motions To Adjourn: By a yea-and-nay vote of 150 yeas to 261 nays, Roll No. 130, the House rejected the Wise motion to adjourn; and

By a yea-and-nay vote of 134 yeas to 291 nays, Roll No. 134, rejected the Volkmer motion to adjourn.

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National Security Revitalization: House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 7, to revitalize the national security of the United States; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, February 16.

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Agreed To:

The Spence amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that negotiations bearing upon missile defenses and/or the viability of the ABM Treaty should be suspended until the 104th Congress has had a chance to review this issue (agreed to by a re-

corded vote of 320 yeas and to 110 noes, Roll No. 135);

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The Spratt amendment that sought to establish as U.S. policy an order to priority for missile defense programs by first, ensuring operational readiness of the Armed Forces and accomplishing programmed modernization of weapons systems, second, under such modernization, funding the completion of development and deployment at the earliest date of more effective theater missile defense (TMD) systems; and, third, developing as soon as funding is available, a ground-based interceptor system capable of destroying ballistic missiles launched against the United States (agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 212 noes, Roll No. 136);

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The Bereuter en bloc amendment that adds language requiring the Secretary of State to report to Congress on the level of compensation paid by the United Nations during 1994 to nations providing peacekeeping forces; provides for the inclusion in that report of a plan for actions the United States can take to encourage the U.N. to reform existing reimbursement systems; and strikes language which prohibits the use of defense funds to pay the incremental costs of UN peacekeeping activities unless authorized; and

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The Skelton amendment, as amended by the Spence substitute amendment (agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 138), that provides that of the amount of funds appropriated for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1996 for national missile defense systems in fiscal year 1996, funds obligated for missile defense programs may exceed the amount made available for national missile programs for fiscal year 1995. Earlier, a point of order against the Spence amendment was overruled.

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Rejected:

The Edwards amendment to the Spratt amendment, as modified, that sought to prohibit space-based interceptors from being deployed as any part of a National Missile Defense System (rejected by a recorded vote of 206 yeas to 223 noes, Roll No. 137);

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The Montgomery substitute to the Skelton amendment, as amended by the Dellums amendment, that sought to provide that of the total amount of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1996, the amount obligated for national missile defense programs may not exceed the amount made available for national missile defense programs for fiscal year 1995 until the Secretary of Defense certifies to the Congress that the Armed Forces are properly sized, equipped, housed, and structured and are ready to carry out assigned missions as required

by the national military strategy (rejected by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 139).

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H. Res. 83, the rule under which the bill was considered was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 133. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 132.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1851.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 131), four yea-and-nay votes, and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1768-69, H1776, H1778, H1778-79, H1779-80, H1815, H1824-25, H1839-40, H1844-45, and H1845-46.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS AND RELATED LEGISLATION

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research and Forestry held a hearing to consider private property rights and related legislation. Testimony was heard from Senator Brown; Representatives Smith of Texas and Tauzin; Jim Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Joe Sax, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; Lance Wood, Assistant Chief Counsel, Environmental Law and Regulatory Programs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; Gary Guzy, Deputy General Counsel, EPA; 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.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the House of Representatives, Joint Economic Committee and on the Capitol Police Board. Testimony was heard from Senator Mack, Representative Saxton; from the following officers of the House: Scot M. Faulkner, Chief Administrative Officer; Robin H. Carle, Clerk; and Wilson S. Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; the following officials of the House of Representatives: John W. Lainhart IV, Inspector General; and Edward F. Willett, Jr., Law Revision Counsel; and John F. Eisold, Attending Physician; and Howard O. Greene, Jr., Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Senate.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction met in executive session to hold a hearing on Pacific Construction Program. Testimony was heard from VAdm. Richard L. Macke, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Binford J.H. Peay, III, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command, Department of Defense.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Transportation, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Highway Administration. Testimony was heard from Rodney E. Slater, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Financial Crime Enforcement Network, Department Offices, Inspector General and on Financial Management Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John W. Magaw, Director, Bureau of Tobacco and Firearms; Stanley E. Morris, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; George Munoz, Assistant Secretary, Departmental Offices; Valerie Lau, Inspector General; and Russell D. Morris, Commissioner, Financial Management Service.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Environment held an oversight hearing on Medicare Select and Medicare Managed Care Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Connecticut and Pomeroy; Bruce Vladeck, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Workforce Projections held a hearing on the Davis-Bacon Act and on the Service Contract Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Country Reports on Human Rights Practices. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.