

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Fifteen public bills, H.R. 1221–1235; four private bills, H.R. 1236–1239; and one resolution, H. Con. Res. 39, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as followed:

H.R. 1135, to improve the Commodity Distribution Programs of the Department of Agriculture, to reform and simplify the Food Stamp Program, amended (H. Rept. 104–77); and

H. Res. 115, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995 (H. Rept. 104–78).

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

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Recess: House recessed at 1:13 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Fair Employment Practices: The Speaker appointed the following employees of the House of Representatives to the review panel of the Office of Fair Employment Practices: Ms. Elizabeth Haas, Legal Counsel, Office of the Clerk; and Mr. Randy Johnson, Workplace Policy Coordinator, Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

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Suspensions: House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: H.R. 402, amended, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act;

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Cook Inlet Region: H.R. 421, amended, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for the purchase of common stock of Cook Inlet Region;

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Sea of Okhotsk fisheries enforcement: H.R. 715, to amend the Central Bering Sea Fisheries Enforcement Act of 1992 to prohibit fishing in the Central Sea of Okhotsk by vessels and nationals of the United States;

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Great Western Scenic Trail designation: H.R. 531, amended, to designate the Great Western Scenic Trail as a study trail under the National Trails System Act (by yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 230);

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Minor boundary adjustments and miscellaneous park amendments: H.R. 694, amended, Entitled the “Minor Boundary Adjustments and Miscellane-

ous Park Amendments Act of 1995” (by a yea-and-nay vote of 337 yeas to 83 nays, Roll No. 231);

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Walnut Canyon National Monument: H.R. 562, amended, to modify the boundaries of Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona (by a yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 232);

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Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area traffic: H.R. 536, amended, to extend indefinitely the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to collect a commercial operation fee in the Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area (by a yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 233). Agreed to amend the title; and

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Chacoan outliers protection: H.R. 517, to amend title V of Public Law 96–550, designating the Chaco Culture Archeological Protection Sites (by a yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 234).

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Recess: House recessed at 4:17 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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Indian Education Technical Amendments: House passed S. 377, to amend a provision of part A of title IX of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, relating to Indian education, and to provide a technical amendment—clearing the measure for the President.

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Federal Disaster Relief: House agreed to H. Con. Res. 39, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Federal disaster relief.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed to meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15.

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Ringling Brothers Circus: House agreed to H. Con. Res. 34, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus Anniversary Commemoration.

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Committees to Sit: It was made in order that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit on Wednesday, March 15, during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, and Resources. Earlier, objection was heard to the unanimous consent request for committees to sit.

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Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3156.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3115, H3115–16, H3116–17, H3117, and H3117–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Consolidated Farm Service Agency. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Eugene Moos, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and Grant B. Buntrock, Acting Administrator, Consolidated Farm Service Agency.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and the Judiciary, and Related Agencies held a hearing on International Information, Cultural and Exchange Activities, and on International Broadcasting Activities. Testimony was heard from Joseph Duffey, Director, U.S. Information Agency; Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy; William B. Fuller, President, Asia Foundation; Kenneth B. Pyle, Chairman, Japan-United States Friendship Commission; Andrew Mason, Director, Programs on Population, East-West Center; Ambler H. Moss, Jr., Director, North-South Center; Joseph B. Bruns, Acting Associate Director, Broadcasting, U.S. Information Agency; Kevin Klose, President, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Inc.; Richard McBride, Executive Director, Board for International Broadcasting; and Geoffrey Cowan, Director, Board for International Broadcasting; and Geoffrey Cowan, Director, Voice of America.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Solar and Renewables, and on Nuclear Fission, Uranium Supply and Enrichment Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Christine A. Ervin, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Ray A.

Hunter, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Energy.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Hazel R. O'Leary, Secretary of Energy.

LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Director, NIH, and on National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Harold E. Varmus, Director; Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; and Kenneth Olden, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on National Guard/Reserve Forces. Testimony was heard from Deborah R. Lee, Assistant Secretary (Reserve Affairs), Department of Defense.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FAA. Testimony was heard from David R. Hinson, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the White House Office, the Executive Residence and on the National Security Council. Testimony was heard from Patsy Thomasson, Director, Office of Administration, White House Office; Robert Stanton, Regional Director, Executive Residence at the White House; Andrew D. Sens, Executive Secretary, National Security Council; and Joseph E. Stiglitz, member, Council of Economic Advisers.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the NSF. Testimony was heard from Neal F. Lane, Director, NSF.