

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3117–3132; 1 private bill, H.R. 3133; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 165 were introduced. **Pages H2557–58**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Con. Res. 146, authorizing the 1996 Special Olympics Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds (H. Rept. 104–487);

H. Con. Res. 147, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the fifteenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (H. Rept. 104–488); and

H. Res. 386, providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 165, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996 and waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 104–489).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Rogers to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2469**

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, International Relations, National Security, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence. **Page H2474**

Immigration Reform: House resumed consideration of amendments to H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, March 21. **Pages H2475–H2538**

Agreed To:

The Latham amendment that gives State and local law enforcement officers the authority to seek and apprehend aliens who are violating a deportation order and detain them for transfer to Federal custody; and authorizes the Justice Department to deputize such officials, provided that deputization is

conducted in writing with the consent of the governor of that State or the State's chief local official;

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The Gallegly amendment that gives States the option to deny public education to illegal aliens; and provides that States, if asked, would be required to provide a hearing to establish whether an alien is lawfully present in the United States (agreed to by a recorded vote of 257 ayes to 163 noes, Roll No. 75);

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The Gutierrez amendment that strikes provisions requiring a congressional review of the appropriate worldwide levels of immigration in fiscal year 2004 and every five years thereafter; and links subsequent funding authorizations to that level; **Pages H2518–20**

The Kim amendment that provides for an annual distribution of any surplus family and employment-based visas not already distributed under amounts allocated, to those children and adult brothers and sisters of U.S. citizens who have filed for admission prior to March 13, 1996; **Pages H2520–22**

The Canady amendment that adds English proficiency to the list of requirements of immigrants arriving in the U.S. under the Diversity Immigrant Program and under the Employment-Based Classification; provides that English proficiency would be established by a standardized test administered by the Department of Education; and advances by 180 days the priority date of backlogging spouses and children of lawful permanent resident aliens who demonstrate English language proficiency (agreed to by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 78); **Pages H2522–27, H2533–34**

The Smith of New Jersey amendment that strikes provisions that impose a statutory limit on the number of refugees that may be admitted into the United States each year; and **Pages H2527–30**

The Dreier amendment that ensures that, except for the Targeted Assistance Ten Percent Discretionary Program which leaves funding decisions to the government's discretion, all qualifying U.S. counties would receive the same amount of targeted Federal assistance per refugee under the Federal government's \$50 million yearly program to aid counties experiencing high concentrations of refugees and high welfare dependency rates (agreed to by a recorded vote of 359 ayes to 59 noes, Roll No. 79). **Pages H2530–35**

Rejected:

The Beilenson amendment that sought to delete the \$12 million authorization for the construction of 14 miles of triple fencing along the San Diego border with Mexico; and instead sought to authorize

\$110 million for the INS to install barriers and roads and remove obstacles to the detection of illegal entry along the border where necessary (rejected by a recorded vote of 120 ayes to 291 noes, Roll No. 71). This amendment was debated on Tuesday;

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The McCollum amendment that sought to authorize such sums as may be necessary to "secure" Social Security cards against counterfeiting and fraud; and require the Social Security Administration to make improvements in the design and materials of Social Security cards to render them more difficult to counterfeit (rejected by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 72). This amendment was debated on Tuesday;

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The Bryant of Tennessee amendment that sought to require public hospitals seeking to recoup costs of emergency medical services rendered to illegal aliens to provide the INS with identifying information about such individuals who are over the age of 18 in order to obtain reimbursement (rejected by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 73);

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The Velázquez amendment that sought to strike provisions that bar U.S. citizens from receiving benefits such as AFDC, food stamps, and Medicaid, through individuals that are undocumented aliens or legal permanent residents of less than seven years (rejected by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 74);

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The Chabot amendment, as modified, that sought to strike provisions increasing, beginning in fiscal year 1996, the number of full-time equivalent positions in the Investigations Division within the INS to 350 positions above the number of full-time equivalent positions in that Division as of September 30, 1994; and strike provisions providing that those hired to fill those new positions be assigned to investigate violations of the employer sanctions provisions in current law and to investigate reports of violations received from Department of Labor operatives (rejected by a recorded vote of 159 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 76); and

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The Gallegly amendment, as modified, that sought to establish a mandatory pilot program in which employers in seven States with the highest illegal alien populations would verify the immigrant status of employees using a toll free 1-800 number (rejected by a recorded vote of 86 ayes to 331 noes, Roll No. 77).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2475, H2476, H2505, H2506, H2506-07, H2507, H2517-18, H2533-34, and H2534-35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Education and Economics. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Karl N. Stauber, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Floyd P. Horn, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Robert H. Robinson, Administrator, Cooperative, State, Research, Education and Extension Service; Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; and Don Bay, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Geological Survey and on the National Park Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Gordon B. Eaton, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; Roger G. Kennedy, Director; John J. Reynolds, Deputy Director; and C. Bruce Sheaffer, Comptroller, all with the National Park Service.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on fiscal year 1997 Navy/Marine Corps Posture and Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John H. Dalton, Secretary; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary; Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; VAdm. T. Joseph Lopez, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant, Marine Corps; and Maj. Gen. J.W. Oster, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Resources.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

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