

S. 981, to provide for the analysis of regulatory rules by Federal agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1364, to eliminate unnecessary and wasteful Federal reports, with an amendment.

U.S. MARSHALS SELECTION PROCESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the need to develop a competitive selection process for the United States Marshals Service, and a related measure H.R. 927, to provide

for appointment of United States Marshals by the U.S. Attorney General, after receiving testimony from Eduardo Gonzalez, Director, Henry E. Hudson, former Director, and Nancy J. McGillivray-Shaffer, United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts, Boston, all of the United States Marshals Service, Department of Justice; Victor Oboyski, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, East Northport, New York; and Steve Young, Fraternal Order of Police, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 3409–3432; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 239, were introduced. Pages H1020–21

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2883, to amend provisions of law enacted by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 to improve Federal agency strategic plans and performance reports, amended (H. Rept. 105–429);

H. Res. 382, providing for consideration of H.R. 992, to end the Tucker Act shuffle (H. Rept. 105–430);

H. Res. 383, providing for consideration of H.R. 1432, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa (H. Rept. 105–431); and

Conference Report on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (H. Rept. 105–432). Pages H956–H1008, H1020

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H911

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Gulbranson of Alexandria, Virginia. Pages H917–18

Journal: By a ye and nay vote of 365 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 40, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Monday, March, 9. Pages H918, H925–26

Recess: The House recessed at 12:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. and the House recessed at 2:20 and reconvened at 4:21 p.m. Page H920

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Commemoration of the Victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 206, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 41); and Pages H920, H926–27

Birth Defects Prevention Act: S. 419, to provide surveillance, research, and services aimed at prevention of birth defects (passed by a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 42)—clearing the measure for the President. Pages H920–25, H927

Recess: The House recessed at 4:49 and reconvened at 5:00 p.m. Page H925

Appointment of Conferee: The Chair removed Representative Leach as a conferee on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and appointed Representative Burton of Indiana to fill the vacancy. Page H926

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Alaska Mineral Resources: Message wherein he transmitted the 1996 Annual Report on Alaska's Mineral Resources—referred to the Committee on Resources; and Page H1014

Climate Change Programs: Message wherein he transmitted an account of all Federal agency climate change programs and activities—referred to the Committees on Science, International Relations, and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–226). Page H1014

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H911.

Referrals: S. 1668, to encourage the disclosure to Congress of certain classified and related information was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1021–22.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H925–26, H926–27, and H927. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:24 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 Food Safety and Inspection Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Catherine Woteki, Under Secretary, Caren A. Wilcox, Deputy Under Secretary, Thomas J. Billy, Administrator and William West, Assistant Deputy Administrator, Management, all with the Food Safety and Inspection Service; and Stephen B. Durhurst, Budget Officer.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Federico Pena, Secretary of Energy.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Director, National Institutes of Health. Testimony was heard from Harold E. Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the FAA. Testimony was

heard from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on EPA. Testimony was heard from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA.

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Child Nutrition Programs. Testimony was heard from Ed Cooney, Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Programs, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA; Bob Robinson, Director, Issue Area, GAO; Joyce Holmes Benjamin, Associate Superintendent, Department of Education, State of Oregon; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT INVESTIGATION—TEAMSTERS ELECTION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations began consideration of the issuance of subpoena duces tecum in the oversight investigation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters election.

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs implementation of the Congressional Review Act. Testimony was heard from Robert Murphy, General Counsel, GAO; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; MIDDLE EAST—DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Began markup of H. Con. Res. 277, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Will continue tomorrow.

The Committee also held a hearing on developments in the Middle East. Testimony was heard from Martin Indyk, Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

JUDICIAL REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Began markup of H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1997.

Will continue March 24.