

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 3433–3443; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 240–241, were introduced. Pages H1111–12

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 384, providing for consideration of 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 (H. Rept. 105–433);

H. Res. 385, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany 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, and to ensure that the enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) proceeds in a manner consistent with United States interests, to strengthen relations between the United States and Russia, and to preserve the prerogatives of the Congress with respect to certain arms control agreements (H. Rept. 105–434);

H.R. 118, to provide for the collection of data on traffic stops amended (H. Rept. 105–435); and

H.R. 2696, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for protection of certain original designs, amended (H. Rept. 105–436). Page H1111

**Africa Growth and Opportunity Act:** The House passed H.R. 1432, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, by a recorded vote of 233 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 47. Pages H1037–84

Rejected the Bishop motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, that includes substitute language dealing with textile and apparel articles, by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 46, Pages H1077–83

Agreed To:

The Smith of Washington amendment that specifies that the President take into account whether or not a sub-Saharan African country is cooperating with the United States in efforts to eliminate slavery in Africa when determining eligibility to participate or receive benefits under the Act; Pages H1064–65

The Waters amendment that specifies that the United States-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum established after enactment encourage joint ventures between small and large businesses; and Pages H1070–72

The Davis of Illinois amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that the United States Government should donate obsolete air traffic control equipment to eligible sub-Saharan African countries. Pages H1072–73

Rejected:

The Waters amendment that sought to clarify that a country need not meet all requirements to be eligible to participate or receive benefits under the Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 334 noes, Roll No. 44); Pages H1065–67, H1075–76

The Waters amendment that sought to specify minimum funding for the Development Fund for Africa for fiscal years 1999 through 2007 at a level not less than the amount made available for fiscal year 1998; and Pages H1067–70

The Bereuter amendment, as modified, that sought to allow the President the flexibility to designate Morocco as eligible to participate in programs or receive assistance under the Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 45). Pages H1073–75, H1076–77

H. Res. 383, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yeas and nays vote of 227 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 43. Pursuant to the rule, it was made in order to consider as an original bill the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means as modified by the amendments printed in part 1 of H. Rept. 105–431, the report of the Committee on Rules. Pages H1027–37

**Tucker Act Shuffle Relief Act:** The House completed general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 992, to end the Tucker Act shuffle. Consideration of amendments will continue on Thursday, March 12. Pages H1087–94

Agreed to the Smith of Texas amendment that specifies that the jurisdiction does not extend to matters over which other Federal law has granted exclusive jurisdiction to one or more U.S. courts of appeals or district courts. Pages H1093–94

Amendment Pending:

The Watt of North Carolina amendment in the nature of a substitute was offered. It was made in order that this amendment shall be further debatable for 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled by Representative Watt and an opponent, on Thursday, March 12. Page H1094

H. Res. 382, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Pages H1085–86

**Presidential Message Re Viet Nam:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his determination of a waiver of the application of subsections 402(a) and (b) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Viet Nam—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105-227).

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1113.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea and nay vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1037, H1075-76, H1076-77, H1083, and H1084. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### USDA'S FARM LOAN PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing to review the status of the USDA's farm loan programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Gus Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; and Carolyn Cooksie, Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs, Farm Service Agency.

### 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 Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Michael V. Dunn, Assistant Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Terry L. Medley, Administrator, Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service; Enrique Figueroa, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; and James R. Baker, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on Supreme Court, Architect of the Capitol, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Patent and Trademark Office and the Technology Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Gary R. Bachula, Acting Under Secretary, Technology; Raymond Kammer, Director, National Insti-

tute of Standards and Technology; and Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Energy Resources. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Martha A. Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research; Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Terry R. Lash, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Trade and Development Agency. Testimony was heard from James A. Harmon, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank; George Munoz, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and J. Joseph Grandmaison, Director, Trade and Development Agency.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Donald J. Barry, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, the National Institute on Deafness and on Other Communication Disorders, and the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Kenneth Olden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; James F. Battey, M.D., Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; and Philip Gorden, M.D., Director, National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

### NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a