

S. Res. 52, to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate, without recommendation.

Also, committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 106th Congress.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 8, 849–879; 1 private bill, H.R. 880; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 34 and H. Con. Res. 38, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of February 24 by a yea and nay vote of 362 yeas to 28 nays with 2 voting "present," Roll No. 27.

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Member Sworn: Representative-elect Johnny Isakson of Georgia presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker.

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Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act: The House passed H.R. 514, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to strengthen and clarify prohibitions on electronic eavesdropping by a yea and nay vote of 403 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 28.

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Agreed to the Wilson amendment that clarifies that those who unintentionally divulge intercepted information will not be penalized.

Pages H805–06

Peace Corps Authorization: The House agreed to H. Res. 83, the rule providing for the consideration of H.R. 669, to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 by voice vote.

Pages H807–08

Trade Deficit Review Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mrs. Carla Anderson Hills of Washington, D.C. to the Trade Deficit Review Commission.

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National Council on the Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Ballenger to the National Council on the Arts.

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Presidential Messages:

Emergency re Cuba: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his report concerning the Government of Cuba's destruction of two unarmed U.S. registered civilian aircraft—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–30); and

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Coastal Zone Management Act: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the Biennial report to Congress on the Administration of the Coastal Zone Management Act of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management for fiscal years 1996 and 1997—referred to the Committee on Resources.

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Resignation from Congress: Read a letter from Representative Livingston wherein he announced his intention to resign from the House of Representatives on February 28, 1999.

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Meeting Hour—March 1: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 1.

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Meeting Hour—March 2: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2 for morning-hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 3.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H798.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H797–98 and H806. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Agriculture: Approved the Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on the U.S. Southern Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Charles Wilhelm, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, Southern Command, Department of Defense.

**LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Human Genome Research Institute, the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, the National Library of Medicine, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and the Fogarty International Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Harold Varmus, M.D., Director; Francis S. Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute; Donald A. B. Lindberg, M.D., Director, National Library of Medicine; Marvin Cassman, M.D., Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences; and Gerald T. Keusch, M.D., Director, Fogarty International Center.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Testimony was heard from John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.

**VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Neighbor Reinvestment Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration and the Community Development Financial Institute. Testimony was heard from George Knight, Executive Director, National Reinvestment Corporation; Norman E. D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and Ellen W. Lazar, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury.

**NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE
DEPLOYMENT**

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND
MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING BUDGET
REQUEST**

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee in Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on the fiscal year 2000 budget request for military construction and military family housing of the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William Lynn, Under Secretary; Mahlon Apgar, IV, Assistant

Secretary (Installations, Logistics and Environment); Maj. Gen. Milton Hunter, USA, Director, Military Programs, Corps of Engineers; Maj. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr., USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installations Management; Brig. Gen. James Helmly, USA, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve; and Brig. Gen. Michael Squier, USA, Deputy Director, National Guard, all with the Department of the Army; and Randall Yim, Deputy Under Secretary (Installations).

**PAY AND RETIREMENT REFORM
PROPOSALS**

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on pay and retirement reform proposals. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; Christopher Jehn, Assistant Director, National Security, CBO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rudy deLeon, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Lt. Gen. David Ohle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief, Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; and Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

**LOGISTICS CAPABILITIES AND/OR
SHORTFALLS**

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on logistics capabilities and/or shortfalls. Testimony was heard from the following officials of GAO: Jack Brock, Director, Information Management Issues and David Warren, Director, Defense Management Issues; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. John G. Coburn, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. James Amerault, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics), Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. John Handy, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, Department of the Air Force; Maj. Gen. Geoffrey B. Higginbotham, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, U.S. Marine Corps; Lt. Gen. Henry T. Glisson, USA, Director, Defense Logistics Agency; and Marvin Langston, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Chief Information Officer (Policy and Implementation).

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on ballistic missile defense programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department

of Defense: Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization; and Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Approved the Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROPOSAL—MARKET IMPACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on The Market Impact of the Administration's Social Security Proposal. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sanford, Pomeroy and Smith of Michigan; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE+CHOICE: AN EXAMINATION OF THE RISK ADJUSTOR

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Medicare+Choice: An Examination of the Risk Adjustor. Testimony was heard from Mike Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Bill Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health, GAO; Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

ED-FLEX ROLE IN IMPROVING STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND REDUCING BUREAUCRACY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Putting Performance First: Ed-Flex and Its Role in Improving Student Performance and Reducing Bureaucracy. Testimony was heard from Carlotta Joyner, Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; Gregg Stubbs, Assistant Director, Division of Professional Development and Licensure, Department of Education, State of Ohio; Madeleine Draeger Manigold, Coordinator, Waivers, Office for the Education of Special Populations, Education Agency, State of Texas; Michael E. Ward, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Public Instruction, State of North Carolina; and a public witness.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS; FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD RETIREMENT PORTABILITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service approved for full Committee action the

following bills: H.R. 208, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, to eliminate certain waiting period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan; and H.R. 807, Federal Reserve Board Retirement Portability Act.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on Federal Reserve Board Retirement Portability. Testimony was heard from Edward W. Kelley, Jr., member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, OPM.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on Oversight of the 1999 National Drug Control Strategy. Testimony was heard from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

GAO VIEWS ON DEPARTMENTS—VULNERABILITIES TO WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations held a hearing on Vulnerabilities to Waste, Fraud and Abuse: Inspector General and GAO Views on the Departments of Defense, State and Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Henry Henton, Assistant Comptroller, National Security and Internal Affairs Division, GAO; Eleanor Hill, Inspector General, Department of Defense; Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Jacquelyn Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General, Department of State.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2000 International Affairs Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 825, amended, United States-Macau Policy Act of 1999; H. Res. 32, expressing support for, and calling for actions in support for, free, fair, and transparent elections in Indonesia; and H. Con. Res. 28, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should introduce and make all efforts necessary to pass a resolution criticizing the People's Republic of

China for its human rights abuses in China and Tibet at the annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

BRAZIL'S ECONOMIC CRISIS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on Brazil's Economic Crisis: Implications for International Trade. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COPYRIGHT COMPULSORY LICENSE IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 768, Copyright Compulsory License Improvement Act. Testimony was heard from William J. Roberts, Jr., Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Copyright Office, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—INS DECISIONS IMPACTING AGENCY'S ABILITY TO CONTROL CRIMINAL AND ILLEGAL ALIENS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on recent Immigration and Naturalization Service decisions impacting the Agency's ability to control criminal and illegal aliens. Testimony was heard from Representative Reyes; Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Norman J. Rabkin, Director, Administration of Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BUDGET REQUESTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year Budget request of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Office of Surface Mining, the Minerals Management Service and the energy and minerals programs of the Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Charles Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; Nina Hatfield, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; Thomas Kitsos, Acting Director, Minerals Management Service; and Kathy Karpan, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT; OVERSIGHT—COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 39, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the Coastal Zone Management Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Goss; Terry D. Garcia, Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce; Robert C. Shinn, Jr., Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 15, Otay Wilderness Act of 1999; H.R. 54, to extend the authorization for the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council; H.R. 150, Education Land Grant Act; H.R. 154, to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units; H.R. 449, Gateway Visitor Center Authorization Act of 1999; H.R. 509, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property; and H.R. 510, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest.

OVERSIGHT—HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT BUDGET

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held an oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget: Human Space Flight. Testimony was heard from Joe Rothenberg, Associate Administrator, Office of Space Flight, Headquarters, NASA; Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

UNSCREWING THE FASTENER QUALITY ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing on Unscrewing the Fastener Quality Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 818, Disaster Mitigation Coordination Act of 1999; and H.R. 774, Women's Business Center Amendments of 1999.

The Committee also approved Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

DOMESTIC OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION INCENTIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Incentives for Domestic Oil and Gas Production and Status of the Industry. Testimony was heard from Donald C. Lubick, Assistant Secretary, Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Jay Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

STEEL TRADE ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on Steel Trade Issues. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cardin, English, Regula, Visclosky, Traficant, Greenwood, Klink, Stupak, Buyer, Doyle, Berry and Kucinich; William Daley, Secretary of Commerce; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—Iraqi DEVELOPMENTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Iraqi Developments: An Intelligence Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings to review the legislative recommendations of certain veteran's organizations, after receiving testimony from Boyd Barclay, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Washington, D.C.; Charles L. Calkins, Fleet Reserve Associations, Alexandria, Virginia; Frederick P. Athans, Retired Enlisted Association, Grand Rapid, South Dakota; Margaret M. Peterson, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Vineland, New Jersey; and James D. Staton, Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, Maryland.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1999

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on Oversight of the Year 2000 Problem: The Y2K Status of the Department of Health and Human Services, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on

Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1998, 12 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 1 through March 6, 1999

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will meet in pro forma session.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will consider S. 314, Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act, with a vote to occur thereon, and S. Res. 7, Special Committee on the Y2K Technology Problems Funding Increase, with a vote to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

(On Tuesday, Senate will recess to attend a closed briefing on Y2K issues.)

(On Tuesday, Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Special Committee on Aging: March 1, to hold hearings to examine the impact of the President's Social Security reform proposal on the income of American workers and retirees, 1 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: March 2, to hold hearings on child nutrition program issues, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: March 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 4, Subcommittee on Treasury, General Government and Civil Service, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: March 2, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 3, Subcommittee on Personnel, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on recommendations pertaining to military retirement, pay and compensation, and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 3, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings on the 21st century seapower vision overview and maritime implications of 21st century threats, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget: March 3, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 2, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant