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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 1376–1396; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 84, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

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, amended (H. Rept. 106–87);

H.R. 928, to require that the 2000 decennial census include either a general or targeted follow up mailing of census questionnaires, whichever, in the judgment of the secretary of Commerce, will be more effective in securing the return of census information from the greatest number of households possible (H. Rept. 106–88);

H.R. 1009, to authorize the awarding of grants to cities, counties, tribal organizations, and certain other entities for the purpose of improving public participation in the 2000 decennial census (H. Rept. 106–89);

H.R. 1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, amended (H. Rept. 106–90);

Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009 (H. Rept. 106–91);

H. Res. 137, waiving points of order against consideration of the conference report to accompany H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009 (H. Rept. 106–92);

H. Res. 138, providing for consideration of H.R. 472, to amend title 13, United States Code, to require the use of postcensus local review as part of each decennial census (H. Rept. 106–93; and

H. Res. 139, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 37, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations (H. Rept. 106–94). Pages H1936–68, H1970

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Mica to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H1869

Recess: The House recessed at 10:11 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. Page H1874

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

Registration and Protection of Trademarks: H.R. 769, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions;

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Technical Corrections to Copyright Act: H.R. 1189, amended, to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code; Pages H1878–79

Democratic Elections in the Republic of El Salvador: H. Res. 110, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999; Pages H1881–83

National Medal for Public Safety Officers: H.R. 46, to provide for a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty (passed by a ye and nay vote of 412 yeas with 2 nays, Roll No. 81); and

Pages H1879–81, H1896

Elections in the State of Qatar: H. Con. Res. 35, congratulating the State of Qatar and its citizens for their commitment to democratic ideals and women's suffrage on the occasion of Qatar's historic elections of a central municipal council on March 8, 1999 (passed by a ye and nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 82). Pages H1883–85, H1896–97

Microenterprise Program in Developing Countries: The House passed H.R. 1143, to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other financial services for microenterprises in developing countries by a voice vote. Pages H1888–96

Agreed to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that makes several technical changes including limiting the principal amount of loans made to any single borrower to a maximum of \$30 million; prohibits the payment for any loss arising out of fraud or misrepresentation for which the party seeking payment is responsible; and makes available up to \$5 million for functions including subsidy cost and other expenses.

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H. Res. 136, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:47 p.m. and reconvened at 1:37 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened at 12:18 a.m.

Page H1936

Recess: The House recessed at 12:19 a.m. and reconvened at 01:02 a.m.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H1875 and H1919.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1973.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1896 and H1897. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 1:03 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings, with emphasis on Natural Resource Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

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

FINALIZING BANK PREPAREDNESS FOR YEAR 2000

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Finalizing Bank Preparedness for the

Year 2000: Testing, Credit Risk, Contingency Planning and Liquidity, and Customer Confidence. Testimony was heard from Edward W. Kelley, Jr., member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency; and Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; Norman D'Amours, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; John P. Burke, Banking Commissioner, Department of Banking, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—REGULATORY CLASSIFICATION OF LOW-POWER TV LICENSEES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on Regulatory Classification of Low-Power Television Licensees. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Mass Media Bureau, FCC: Roy J. Stewart, Chief; and Keith Larson, Associate Chief, Engineering; and public witnesses.

REWARDING PERFORMANCE IN COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

YEAR 2000—ARE CRITICAL PROGRAMS READY?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on "Are the Federal Government's Critical Programs Ready for January 1st, 2000?" Testimony was heard from Deidre Lee, Acting Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Joel Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, GAO; Anne Reed, Chief Information Officer, AID, U.S. Information Development Cooperation Agency; Fernando Burbano, Chief Information Officer, Department of State; and James Flyzik, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Treasury.

DEBT RELIEF FOR AFRICA

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Debt Relief for Africa. Testimony was heard from Representative Waters; William Schuerch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development, Debt and Environmental Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.