

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 1763–1787; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 53–54, H. Con. Res. 105–107, and H. Res. 168, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 167, providing for consideration of H.R. 1555, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 106–136).

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Year 2000 Readiness and Responsibility Act: By a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 128, the House passed H.R. 775, to establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000.

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By a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 127, rejected the Conyers motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment to establish U.S. Federal court jurisdiction, service of process, and discovery in Year 2000 actions involving corporate defendants outside of the United States.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, made in order by the rule.

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Agreed To:

The Davis amendment that changes the effective date to January 1, 1999 and defines damage to mean punitive, compensatory, and restitutionary relief;

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The Moran amendment that exempts all claims that arise out of an underlying action for personal injury; and

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The Jackson-Lee amendment that allows Year 2000 notifications to be drafted using layman's terms.

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Rejected:

The Scott amendment that sought to strike section 304 that caps the punitive damages awarded (rejected by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 124);

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The Nadler amendment that sought to strike title IV that limits class action lawsuits (rejected by a re-

corded vote of 180 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 125); and

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The Conyers amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to strike provisions that limit punitive damages; provide a cooling off period and alternative dispute resolution procedures; prohibit frivolous class action lawsuits; and impose a duty on plaintiffs to mitigate damages (rejected by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 126).

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H. Res. 166, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yeas and nays vote of 236 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 123. The amendments printed in Part 1 of H. Rept. 106–134, the report accompanying the rule, were considered as adopted.

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Motion to Instruct Conferees—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Representative Upton notified the House of his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the Senate amendment to H.R. 1141, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, to insist that no provision (1) not in H.R. 1141 when passed by the House; (2) not in H.R. 1664 when passed by the House, or directly related to H.R. 1664; and (3) not in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1141, as passed by the Senate, be agreed to by the managers on the part of the House.

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Motion to Instruct Conferees—Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: Agreed to the Deutsch motion instruct conferees on the Senate amendment to H.R. 1141, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, to insist on the funding level of \$621 million contained under the heading “Central America and the Caribbean Emergency, Disaster Recovery Fund” of the House bill for necessary expenses to address the effects of hurricanes in Central America and the Caribbean and the earthquake in Colombia.

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Presidential Message—Funding for Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning his funding request for continued operations of U.S. forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Armed Forces and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–62).

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H3001.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3087–90.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye and nay vote and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3013, H3038, H3039, H3050–51, H3052–53, and H3053. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative approved for full Committee action the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2000.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Merchant Marine approved for full Committee consideration recommendations on H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare and Recreation approved for full Committee consideration recommendations on H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities approved for full Committee action H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

OFHEO'S PROPOSED RISK-BASED CAPITAL RULE

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight's proposed Risk-Based Capital Rule. Testimony was heard from Mark A. Kinsey, Acting Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

REGULATORY BURDEN RELIEF

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on Regulatory Burden Relief. Testimony was heard from Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the

Currency; and Carolyn J. Buck, Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision; Andrew Hove, Vice Chairman, FDIC; Robert Fenner, General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

EVEN START AND FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Even Start and Family Literacy Programs Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Testimony was heard from Andy Hartman, Director, National Institute for Literacy, Department of Education; Cheryl Keenan, Director, Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education, Department of Education, State of Pennsylvania; Mary Brown, Program Supervisor, Even State Family Education Program, Public Schools, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR AND EDUCATION—MANAGEMENT—Y2K COMPUTER PROBLEM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Review of the Management of the Year 2000 Computer Problem by the Department of Labor and the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Marshall Smith, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Education; the following officials of the Department of Labor: Patricia W. Lattimore, Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management; and Patricia A. Dalton, Assistant Inspector General; Joel Willemsen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES: WHAT ARE THEY?

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Russia's Foreign Policy Objectives: What are They? Testimony was heard from Steven R. Sestanovich, Ambassador at Large and Special Adviser to the Secretary for Independent States, Department of State; Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, USAF (Ret.), former Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; and a public witness.

DEMOCRACY IN INDONESIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Democracy in Indonesia: Preparations for the National Election. Testimony was heard from Stanley Roth, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Robert C. Randolph, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, AID, U.S.