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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 3611–3621; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 299–300, and H. Res. 330–333 were introduced.

**Pages H35–36**

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

H. Res. 334, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 1762) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders (H. Rept. 107–354). **Page H35**

**Convening of the Second Session of the One Hundred Seventh Congress:** The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (347 present, Roll No. 1). **Pages H1–2**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of today. **Page H2**

**Committee to Notify the President that a Quorum of Each House Has Assembled:** The House agreed to H. Res. 331, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President that a quorum of each House has assembled, and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Majority Leader Armev and Minority Leader Gephardt to the Committee. Later, the Committee reported to the House that the President had been notified. **Page H2**

**Notifying the Senate that a Quorum of the House is Present:** The House agreed to H. Res. 332, to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business. **Pages H2–3**

**Hour of Meeting:** The House agreed to H. Res. 333, establishing the hour of daily meeting of the House. **Page H3**

**State of the Union Message Tuesday, January 29:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 299, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message

from the President on the state of the Union on Tuesday, January 29, 2002 at 9 p.m. **Page H3**

**Morning House Debate:** Agreed by unanimous consent to authority for morning-hour debate on legislative days of Monday and Tuesday. **Page H3**

**Extension of Remarks:** Agreed by unanimous consent to authority for Members to extend their remarks and include extraneous material in the Congressional Record. **Page H3**

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:** The Speaker appointed Representative Everett to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on Tuesday, January 22, 2002. **Page H4**

**National Council on the Arts:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Ms. Betty McCollum of Minnesota to the National Council on the Arts. **Page H4**

**Presidential Message—National Emergency re Risk of Nuclear Proliferation:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–174). **Page H4**

**First Sponsor:** Agreed that Representative Jeff Miller of Florida will hereafter be considered as first sponsor of H.R. 548, to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints. The bill was originally introduced by former Representative Scarborough of Florida. **Pages H5–6**

**Election of Minority Whip Nancy Pelosi of California:** Minority Leader Gephardt announced the election of Representative Pelosi to the position of Minority Whip. **Page H16**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent that the Speaker be authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules on these measures today: **Page H3**

**Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act:** Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 700, to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 349 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 2)—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H6–7, H15–16**

**Tumacacori National Historical Park, Arizona Boundary Revision:** H.R. 2234, amended, to revise the boundary of the Tumacacori National Historical Park in the State of Arizona (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 3) and **Pages H7–9, H16–17**

**Benefits of Mentoring:** H. Res. 330, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the benefits of mentoring. **Pages H9–15**

**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate appear on page H2.

**Referrals:** S. 392, S. 1099, S. 1400, S. 1834, S. 1858, and S. 1888 were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 990 was referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 1622 and S. 1637 were referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 1803 was referred to the Committee on International Relations; S. 1864 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 1214, 1608, S.J. Res. 12, S. Con. Res. 90 and S. Con. Res. 92 were held at the desk. **Pages H28–29**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One quorum call (Roll No. 1) and two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1, H15–16, and H16–17.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CBO PROJECTIONS

**Committee on the Budget:** Held a hearing on CBO's Projections. Testimony was heard from Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO.

### CONVENTION CENTER—CONSTRUCTION STATUS

**Committee on Government Reform:** On January 18, the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on "Status of Construction of the Convention Center." Testimony was heard from Jeanette M. Franzel, Acting Director, Financial Management Assurance Team, GAO; the following officials of the

District of Columbia: Harold Brazil, member, City Council and Chairman, Committee on Economic Development; Eric Price, Deputy Mayor, Planning and Economic Development; and Natwar Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer; and Lewis H. Dawley III, General Manager/CEO, Washington Convention Center Authority.

### HIGHER EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENTS

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on S. 1762, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, to extend current law with respect to special allowances for lenders. The rule provides one motion to commit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner.

### AVIATION AND TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:** Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on implementation of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act focusing on the 60-day Deadline for Screening and Checked Baggage. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: John Magaw, Under Secretary, Transportation Security; and Kenneth R. Mead, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of December 20, 2001, p. D1287)

H.R. 10, to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries. Signed on December 21, 2001. (Public Law 107–90)

H.R. 1230, to provide for the establishment of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in the State of Michigan. Signed on December 21, 2001. (Public Law 107–91)

H.R. 1761, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8588 Richmond Highway in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Herb Harris Post Office Building". Signed on December 21, 2001. (Public Law 107–92)

H.R. 2061, to amend the charter of Southeastern University of the District of Columbia. Signed on December 21, 2001. (Public Law 107–93)

H.R. 2540, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors