

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 53 public bills, H.R. 657–709; 3 private bills, H.R. 710–712; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 32–33, and H. Res. 61–66, were introduced. **Pages H389–92**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H392–93**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 395, to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees for the implementation and enforcement of a “do-not-call” registry (H. Rept. 108–8). **Page H389**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ballenger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H329**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:52 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H331**

Presidential Message: Message wherein he transmitted the Economic Report of the President and the 2003 Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers—referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed H. Doc. 108–2. **Page H334**

Condemning Libya’s Selection to Chair Commission on Human Rights: H. Con. Res. 27, condemning the selection of Libya to chair the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 2 nays with 8 voting “present,” Roll No. 20); **Pages H334–39, H361–62**

Honoring Czech Republic President Vaclav Havel: H. Con. Res. 22, honoring Czech Republic President Vaclav Havel (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 21); **Pages H339–43, H362**

Commending Israel for its Free and Fair Elections: H. Res. 61, commending the people of Israel for conducting free and fair elections, reaffirming the friendship between the Governments and peoples of the United States and Israel (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 2 nays with 3 voting “present,” Roll No. 22); **Pages H343–45, H363**

Extension of Hydro-Electric Licenses in Alaska: H.R. 337, to extend certain hydro-electric licenses in the State of Alaska; **Pages H345–46**

Extension of Hydro-Electric License in Illinois: H.R. 397, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois; **Page H346**

Commemorating the 92nd Birthday of Former President Ronald Reagan: H.J. Res. 19, recognizing the 92d birthday of Ronald Reagan (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with 11 voting “present”, Roll No. 23); **Pages H346–50, H363–64**

Congratulating the University of Portland Pilots Women’s Soccer Team: H. Res. 41, congratulating the University of Portland women’s soccer team for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I national championship; and **Pages H350–54**

Subsidy Rate for Small Business Loans: S. 141, to improve the calculation of the Federal subsidy rate with respect to certain small business loans—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H354–56**

Consideration of Do-Not-Call Implementation Act: Agreed that it be in order at any time without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House H.R. 395, to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees for the implementation and enforcement of a “do-not-call” registry, that the bill be considered as read for amendment; that it be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion. **Page H350**

Recess: the House recessed at 5:12 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H361**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Membership: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representatives Gallegly and Collins to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H361**

Committee Election—Majority Members: The House agreed to H. Res. 63, electing the following members to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Budget: Representative Shays to rank after Chairman Nussle and Representative Brown-Waite to rank after Representative Hensarling; **Page H364**

Education and the Workforce: Representative Gingrey;

Science: Representative Gilchrest to rank after Representative Biggert and Representative Feeney to rank after Representative Bonner; **Page H364**

Small Business: Representative Chocola; and **Page H364**

Standards of Official Conduct: Representatives Hastings of Washington, Biggert, Hulshof, and LaTourette. Page H364

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H361–62, H362, H363, H363–64. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT REPORT

Committee on Appropriations: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved and Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Budget request for Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Anthony J. Principi, Secretary; and Robert H. Rosell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; and representatives of veterans' organizations.

Joint Meetings

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees on Monday, February 10, met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.J. Res. 2, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; to be followed by a closed meeting to be held in SH–219, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Science

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics to examine the recent space shuttle *Columbia* accident, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, and Fisheries, to hold hearings to examine Coast Guard transition to Homeland Security, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to markup S.195, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to bring underground storage tanks into compliance with subtitle I of that Act, to promote cleanup of leaking underground storage tanks, to provide sufficient resources for such compliance and cleanup, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to continue hearings to examine proposals for economic growth and job creation, focusing on incentives for consumption; to be followed by hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph Robert Goeke, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Glen L. Bower, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Daniel Pearson, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, Charlotte A. Lane, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, and Raymond T. Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 14, 2004, 9:30 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the reconstruction of Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, subcommittee assignments, S. 239, to amend the Public Health Services Act to add requirements regarding trauma care, proposed legislation entitled "Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003", proposed legislation concerning NIH Foundation, proposed legislation concerning birth defects, and proposed legislation entitled "Animal Drug User Fee Act", 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination Ross O. Swimmer, to be Special Trustee—American Indians, Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SR–485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, J. Daniel Breen, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, William H. Steele, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Thomas A. Varlan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Timothy C. Stanceu, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

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Committee on Agriculture, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.