

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Twelve public bills, H.R. 830–841, were introduced. **Page H1281**

Reports Filed: The following reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 7, to revitalize the national security of the United States (Rept. No. 104–18, Parts I, II, and III);

H.R. 667, to control crime by incarcerating violent criminals (H. Rept. 104–21); and

H.R. 668, to control crime by further streamlining deportation of criminal aliens (H. Rept. 104–22);

H. Res. 60, providing for the consideration of H.R. 665, to control crime by mandatory victim restitution (H. Rept. 104–19);

H. Res. 61, providing for the consideration of H.R. 666, to control crime by exclusionary rule reform (H. Rept. 104–20). **Page H1281**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Nussle as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1213**

Recess: House recessed at 1:09 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H1217**

Committees To Sit: Committees on Education and Economic Opportunities and the Judiciary received permission to sit today during procedures of the House under the five-minute rule. **Page H1265**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

GSP Benefits for Armenia: Message wherein he advises of his intent to add Armenia to the list of beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–26); and **Page H1223**

1996 Budget: Message wherein he transmits his proposed Budget for the United States for fiscal year 1996—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–3). **Page H1223**

Line-Item Veto: By a recorded vote of 294 ayes to 134 noes, Roll No. 95, the House passed H.R. 2, to give the President line-item authority over appropriation Acts and targeted tax benefits in revenue Acts. **Pages H1225–64**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H1261**

Rejected the Collins of Illinois motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Government Re-

form and Oversight with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment defining “targeted tax benefit” as any provision which has the practical effect of providing a benefit in the form of a different treatment to a particular taxpayer or a limited class of taxpayers, whether or not such provision is limited by its terms to a particular taxpayer or class of taxpayers, but which does not include any benefit provided to a class of taxpayers distinguished on the basis of general demographic conditions such as income, number of dependents, or marital status (rejected by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 94). **Pages H1263–64**

Rejected:

The Orton amendment that sought to define “discretionary budget authority” to include the authority to enter into future contractual obligations for which funds are not appropriated in advance (rejected by a recorded vote of 65 ayes to 360 noes, Roll No. 91);

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The Waters amendment that sought to allow the President to rescind any provision which he determines would yield at least 20 percent of its benefit to the top one percent of income earners (rejected by a record vote of 144 ayes to 280 noes, Roll No. 92);

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The Tauzin amendment that sought to allow the President to use the line-item veto only when the Federal budget exceeds the target deficit level toward achieving a balanced budget; and

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The Stenholm amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to add supplemental language, consisting of the text of H.R. 4600, amending the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority which passed the House in 1994; the addition of this language will enable the President to choose between the use of a line-item veto procedure or expedited rescission procedures when proposing rescissions of appropriations or vetoes of targeted tax benefits (rejected by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 93). **Pages H1242–56**

Presidential Message—Budget Rescissions: Read a message from the President wherein he reports 23 rescission proposals of budgetary resources—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–28). **Pages H1264–65**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H1218.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1282.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1254–55, H1255–56, H1256, H1263–64, and H1264.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TRAINING ISSUES

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on Training Issues. Testimony was heard from Clarence Crawford, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

JOB CREATION AND WAGE ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law concluded hearings on H.R. 9, Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act of 1995, issues in the Contract With America dealing with Title VI, Strengthening Regulatory Flexibility; Title VII, Regulatory Impact Analysis; and Title VIII, Protection Against Federal Regulatory Abuse. Testimony was heard from Representatives Franks of New Jersey and McIntosh; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Thomasina Rogers, Chair, Administrative Conference of the United States; C. Boyden Gray, former White House Counsel; James C. Miller, former Director, OMB; and public witnesses.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA—LEGAL REFORM ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on issues related to the Legal Reform issues in the Contract With America. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ramstad and Cox of California; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue February 10.

UNFUNDED MANDATE REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: By unanimous consent, the Committee vacated its proceedings by which the Committee ordered reported a rule to request a conference with the Senate on S. 1, Unfunded Mandate Reform Act, on Wednesday, February 1, 1995.

VICTIM RESTITUTION ACT

Committee on Rules: By a nonrecord vote, granted an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 665, Victim Restitution Act of 1995. The rule makes in order the Judiciary Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as the original bill for the purpose of amendment which shall be considered as read. Priority in recognition will be given to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representative Conyers.

EXCLUSIONARY RULE REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: By a nonrecord vote, granted an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 666, Exclusionary Rule Reform Act. Priority in recognition will be given to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representative Conyers.

MEDICARE RELATED ISSUES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare related issues. Testimony was heard from John M. Eisenberg, M.D., Chairman, Physician Payment Review Commission; Stuart Altman, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; Michael Mangano, Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; William Scanlon, Associate Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources concluded hearings on H.R. 4, Personal Responsibility Act, with emphasis on child support enforcement provisions to be included in the welfare measure. Testimony was heard from Representatives Roukema, Hyde, Johnson of Connecticut, Morella and Kennelly; David Ellwood, Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; Mitchell Adams, Commissioner of Revenue, State of Massachusetts; Wallace Dutkowski, Director, Office of Child Support, Department of Social Services, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.