

**Recess:** House recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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**Risk Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis:** House completed all general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 1022, to provide regulatory reform and to focus national economic resources on the greatest risks to human health, safety, and the environment through scientifically objective and unbiased risk assessments and through the consideration of costs and benefits in major rules; but came to no resolution thereon. Consideration of amendments will resume on Tuesday, February 28.

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Agreed To the Crapo amendment that defines the term “emergency” as a situation that is immediately impending and extraordinary in nature, demanding attention due to a condition, circumstance, or practice reasonably expected to cause death, serious illness, or severe injury to humans, or substantial endangerment to private property or the environment if no action is taken.

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Rejected the Brown of California amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to require major Federal regulatory agencies (except the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission) to set regulatory priorities, consistent with existing law, based on the seriousness of the risks involved and the availability of resources; require affected agencies to conduct risk assessments and cost-benefit analyses for major rules, defining a major rule as one with costs of \$100 million; prevent provisions to supersede existing health, safety, or environmental laws; require the General Accounting Office to conduct an annual review and report to Congress on each agency’s compliance with provisions; specify that no new right to judicial review be created and that failure to follow procedures would not invalidate any rule; provide that nothing in the provisions create an obligation or burden on State and local governments; and require that agencies provide for independent peer review of risk assessments used for major regulations, but that persons with conflicts of interest be barred from serving on peer review panels (rejected by a recorded vote of 174 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 176).

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H. Res. 96, the rule under which the bill is being considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 175.

Pages H2234–43, H2260–61

**Committees To Sit:** It was made in order that the following committees and their subcommittees be permitted to sit on Tuesday, February 28, during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial

Services, Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, Judiciary, National Security, Small Business, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2307–08.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2260–61 and H2285. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Panama Canal Commission, and on Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board. Testimony was heard from Ricardo Martinez, M.D., Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; the following officials of the Panama Canal Commission: Joe Reeter, Chairman; and Gilberto Guardia, Administrator; and Jack Catlin, Chairman, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

### VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Testimony was heard from Ann Brown, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

### REGULATORY REFORM AND RELIEF ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 90 minutes of debate on H.R. 926, Regulatory Reform and Relief Act of 1995, 60 minutes to be equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 30 minutes to be equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule makes in order the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment which shall be considered as read. The substitute shall be considered by title rather than by section. Priority in recognition may be accorded to Members who have pre-printed their amendment in

the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gekas and Reed.

### **METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AMENDMENTS ACT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action H.R. 1036, Metropolitan Washington Airports Amendments Act of 1995.

### **IRS BUDGET PROPOSAL AND 1995 TAX RETURN FILING SEASON**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the IRS Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 1996 and the 1995 Tax Return Filing Season. Testimony was heard from Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Jennie S. Stathis, Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET PROPOSALS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the Administration's budget proposals, including the U.S. Customs Service; International Trade Commission; the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the possible extension of the Generalized System of Preferences program. Testimony was heard from Peter S. Watson, Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission; Michael H. Lane, Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; Ira Shapiro, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Allan Mendelowitz, Managing Director, International Trade, Finance, and Competitiveness Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1995**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development, to review the findings of the Task Force on Alternative Futures for Department of Energy National Laboratories, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Armed Services,* to hold hearings on the nomination of Shelia Cheston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* to hold hearings to examine Federal credit union activities, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to review the findings of the Task Force on Alternative Futures for Department of Energy National Laboratories, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance,* to hold hearings to examine the Medicare Program, focusing on perspectives on the past and implications for the future, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* to hold open and closed (S-407) hearings on the ratification of the Treaty Between the United States and the Russian Federation on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II Treaty) (Treaty Doc. 103-1), 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending nominations, 2 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* business meeting, to mark up S. 219, to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources,* to hold hearings to examine the impact of welfare reform, focusing on children and their families, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

### **NOTICE**

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E454-57 in today's RECORD.

### **House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops, hearing and markup of H.R. 618, to extend the authorization for appropriations for the Community Futures Trading Commission through fiscal year 2000, 9:30 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Agricultural Research Service, and Economic Research Service, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Corps of Engineers: Remaining Items, 10 a.m., Appalachian Regional Commission, 2 p.m., and on TVA, 3 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies, on the Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, and on Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Nobel Laureates Biomedical Research Panel, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Military Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.