

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee held hearings to examine the requirements for ballistic missile defenses, receiving testimony from Keith Payne, National Institute for Public Policy, Fairfax, Virginia; Kathleen Bailey, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California; and Ted Gold, Hicks & Associates, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### GOVERNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee held hearings to examine the role of the Federal Government in the twenty-first century, receiving testimony from William J. Bennett, Empower America, Robert L. Woodson, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, Stephen Moore, Cato Institute, and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, all of Washington, D.C.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

### FEDERAL REVENUE ESTIMATES

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings to examine the Federal revenue estimating process used to determine the effects of proposed tax legislation on fiscal year budget receipts, receiving testimony from Alan J. Auerbach, University of California, Berkeley; R. Glenn Hubbard, Columbia University, New York, New York; and J.D. Foster, Tax Foundation, Inc., and William A. Niskanen, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NORTH KOREA NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine the impact of the agreement between the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea regarding the North Korean nuclear program on overall efforts to reduce the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, receiving testimony from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State; William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; and Robert L. Gallucci, U.S. Ambassador at Large.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### LINE-ITEM VETO

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights concluded hearings on S.J. Res. 2 and S.J. Res. 16, measures proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to grant the President line-item veto authority, after receiving testimony from Senators Thurmond and Biden; Walter Dellinger, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Louis Fisher, Senior Specialist, American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Timothy Flanigan, former Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; South Carolina Governor Carroll Campbell, Columbia; and Stephen Moore, Cato Institute, Robert Barr, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, David L. Keating, National Taxpayers Union, and J. Gregory Sidak, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** Twenty public bills, H.R. 645–664; and two resolutions, H.J. Res. 63 and H. Con. Res. 18, were introduced. Pages H592–93

**Report Filed:** One report was filed as follows: H. Res. 44, providing for the consideration of H. Con. Res. 17, relating to the treatment of Social Security under any Constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget amendment; and providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 1, the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States (H. Rept. 104–4). Page H592

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Stearns to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H539

**Recess:** House recessed at 10:17 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. Page H545

**Journal:** By a yea-and-nay vote of 278 yeas to 135 nays, Roll No. 30, the House approved the Journal of Monday, January 23. Pages H545–46

**Presidential Message—Middle East:** Read a message from the President wherein he reports that he has declared a national emergency with respect to acts of violence committed by foreign terrorists that threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process

and issues an Executive order regarding that emergency—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. No. 104-23).

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**Unfunded Mandates Reform:** House continued consideration of H.R. 5, to curb the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on States and local governments, to ensure that the Federal Government pays the cost incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations, and to provide information on the cost of Federal mandates on the private sector; but came to no resolution thereon.

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Agreed to the Becerra amendment en bloc that excludes from the provisions of the bill any Federal mandates that allow discrimination on the basis of age (agreed to by a recorded vote of 416 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 32).

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Rejected:

The Kanjorski amendment that sought to exclude from the provisions any Federal mandates that require States to maintain a national database for tracking child molesters, child abusers, persons convicted of sex crimes, those under a restraining order or those failing to pay child support (rejected by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 33);

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The Maloney amendment en bloc that sought to exclude from the provisions any Federal mandate that protects the health of children (rejected by a recorded of 161 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 35); and

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The Owens amendment en bloc that sought to exclude from the provisions any Federal mandate that protects the health of individuals with disabilities (rejected by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 36).

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**Recess:** House recessed at 5:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

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**President's State of the Union Message:** President Clinton delivered his State of the Union Message before a joint session of Congress. He was escorted to and from the House Chamber by a committee composed of Senators Dole, Lott, Cochran, Mack, Nickles, D'Amato, Thurmond, Inhofe, Thompson, Daschle, Ford, Mikulski, Kerry, Rockefeller, Breaux, Reid, Kerrey, and Dorgan; and Representatives Armey, DeLay, Boehner, Cox, Dickey, Hutchinson, Gephardt, Bonior, Fazio, Kennelly, Thornton, and Lincoln.

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The message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed as a House Document (H. Doc. 104-1).

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H541.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two quorum calls (Roll Nos. 31 and 34), four recorded votes and one yeand-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H545-46, H560, H560-61, H570, H578, H578-79, and H582.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings, with emphasis on the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Restructuring Government. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Henry G. Cisneros, Secretary; and Susan Gaffney, Inspector General; Judy England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT—PUBLIC SAFETY EXEMPTION

*Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Public Safety Exemption. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia met for organizational purposes.