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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2005

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 2, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM MURPHY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, when the American people visit Capitol Hill, You often stir within them a deeper sentiment of patriotism. Foreign visitors too are impressed with our history and the activities of a free society. Today we pray for all of our visitors.

May Your strong hand guide and protect them in their travels. We commend to You, Lord, all of those who accompany or assist our visitors while they are here. Bless the guides, staffers, and the Capitol Police in their daily work. Create among them bonds of friendliness and unity which will foster lasting impressions of our Nation's respect for the dignity of every person and the mutual respect which guides strong character and leads to a beloved community.

Lord, You teach all of us that patriotism is a love for everything that has to do with our Nation's land, its history, traditions, writings, natural features, as well as lasting memorials. For growth in patriotism extends also to the work of all of our compatriots and all the benefits their contributions make to establish this Nation we love.

To You be all honor and thanks now and forever.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monohan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 382. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions

against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 976. An act striking the Specific Privatization Criteria in ORBIT for Intelsat Separated Entities (New Skies) and Immarsat and Other Technical Corrections

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, and as further amended by Public Law 107-228, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom:

Most Reverend Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B. of New Mexico, for a term of two years (May 15, 2005-May 14, 2007).

The message also announced that pursuant to S. Con. Res. 130 (106th Congress) the Chair on behalf of the President pro tempore appoints the following individual to the Task Force on Slave Laborers.

Curtis H. Sykes of Arkansas and notes the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. LINCOLN) will serve as the designee of the Democratic Leader.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, April 29, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, The Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have been nominated by President Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate for the position of United States Trade Representative. Therefore, I have submitted my resignation as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, effective 12 noon, April 29, 2005. I am forwarding to you a copy of my letter of resignation to Ohio Governor Bob Taft.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a high honor to represent the Second Congressional District of Ohio for the past twelve years, and to serve with the distinguished men and women of the House of Representatives. I look forward to working with the Members of the House and serving the Nation in my new position.

Sincerely,

ROB PORTMAN,
Representative.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, April 29, 2005.

Hon. ROBERT TAFT,
Governor, State of Ohio,
Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR GOVERNOR TAFT: I have been nominated by President Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate for the position of United States Trade Representative. Therefore, I hereby resign as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, effective 12 noon, April 29, 2005.

It has been a honor to represent the Second Congressional District of Ohio for the past twelve years, and an honor to work with you and the Ohio delegation. I look forward to working with you and serving Ohio and the Nation in my new position.

Sincerely,

ROB PORTMAN,
Representative.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434.

APPOINTMENT AS HISTORIAN OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 7 of rule II and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Chair announces that on Thursday, April 28, 2005, the Speaker appointed Dr. Robert V. Remeni as Historian of the United States House of Representatives.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 29, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington,
DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 29, 2005 at 11:38 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 41.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H. Con. Res. 95.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. J. Res. 19.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. J. Res. 20.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH,
Clerk.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 382. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 976. An act striking the Specific Privatization Criteria in ORBIT for Intelsat Separated Entities (New Skies) and Inmarsat and Other Technical Corrections; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2005, for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1750. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting Evaluation and report on Tricare Program effectiveness for FY 2005, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1073 note; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1751. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2004 Performance Report to Congress required by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act (MDUFMA); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1752. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report entitled "Supporting Democracy and Human Rights: The U.S. Record 2004-2005," pursuant to Public Law 107-228, section 665; to the Committee on International Relations.

1753. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Fifth Annual Report to Congress on the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption; to the Committee on International Relations.

1754. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's Federal Employee Antidiscrimination Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) Report for FY 2004; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1755. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's annual report for FY 2004, summarizing data and analysis of complaints filed for the past five fiscal years and how the Department is working to fulfill the requirements of the Act, pursuant to Public Law 107-174, section 203 of Title II; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1756. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting an annual report regarding discrimination and whistleblower cases, pursuant to Public Law 107-174, section 203; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1757. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting a copy of the Board's No Fear Act Report for FY 2004, pursuant to Public Law 107-174; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1758. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, OCAO, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-01; Introduction — received March 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1759. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, OCAO, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Improvements in Contracting for Architect-Engineer Services [FAC 2005-01; FAR Case 2004-001; Item I] (RIN: 9000-AK15) received March 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1760. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, OCAO, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Increased Justification and Approval Threshold for DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard [FAC 2005-01; FAR Case 2004-037; Item II] (RIN: 9000-AK12) received March 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1761. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, OCAO, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Extension of Authority for Use of Simplified Acquisition Procedures for Certain Commercial Items, Test Program [FAC 2005-01; FAR Case 2004-034; Item III] (RIN: 9000-AK11) received March 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1762. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, OCAO, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Addition of Landscaping and Pest Control Services to the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program [FAC 2005-01; FAR Case 2004-036; Item IV] (RIN: 9000-AK14) received March 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1763. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, OCAO, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition

Regulation; Nonavailable Articles — Policy [FAC 2005-01; FAR Case 2003-021; Item V] (RIN: 9000-AJ95) received March 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1764. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, OCAO, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Cost Accounting Standards Administration [FAC 2005-01; FAR Case 1999-025; Item VI] (RIN: 9000-AI70) received March 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1765. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, OCAO, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Elimination of Certain Subcontract Notification Requirements [FAC 2005-01; FAR Case 2003-024; Item VII] (RIN: 9000-AK10) received March 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1766. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, OCAO, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Use of FAR Clause 52.244-6, Subcontracts for Commercial Items [FAC 2005-01; FAR Case 2002-021; Item VIII] (RIN: 9000-AJ75) received March 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1767. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, OCAO, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments [FAC 2005-01; Item IX] received March 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1768. A letter from the Acting Senior Procurement Executive, OCAO, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide — received March 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1769. A letter from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting the information required pursuant to the annual reporting requirement set forth in Section 203 of the "Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002" (NoFear), Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1770. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting

a report about the Commission's activities in FY 2004 to ensure accountability for anti-discrimination and whistleblower laws related to employment, pursuant to Public Law 107-174, section 203 of Title II; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1771. A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Defense, transmitting consistent with the requirements of Public Law 106-65, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000," section 1402, "Annual Report on Transfers of Militarily Sensitive Technology to Countries and Entities of Concern," October 5, 1999, a report on the assessment of policies and procedures related to the export of technologies and technical information to countries and entities of concern; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, International Relations, and Intelligence (Permanent Select).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule III, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[The following report was filed on April 29, 2005]

Mr. OXLEY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 1185. A bill to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 109-67). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CASTLE (for himself, Mr. BASS, and Mr. BACHUS):

H.R. 2041. A bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. McNULTY:

H.R. 2042. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents

(known as "Gold Star parents") of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.J. Res. 47. A joint resolution increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

By Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California (for herself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. BERMAN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GALLEGLY, Ms. WATSON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. OWENS, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. MEEHAN, Ms. MCKINNEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. FARR, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. FORD, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. WEINER, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, and Mr. KELLER):

H. Con. Res. 142. Concurrent resolution congratulating Disneyland and the Walt Disney Company on the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Disneyland; to the Committee on Government Reform.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS TO PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 354: Mr. GALLEGLY.

H.R. 363: Mr. FILNER.

H.R. 531: Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan.

H.R. 716: Mr. CARDOZA.

H.R. 745: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 923: Mr. PAUL.

H.R. 1191: Mr. GILCHREST and Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 1262: Mr. CLAY and Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 1282: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 1522: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia and Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1678: Mr. GOODE, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. SODREL, and Mrs. KELLY.

H. Res. 180: Ms. WOOLSEY.

H. Res. 195: Mrs. BLACKBURN.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING JIM LEHENY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM A DISTINGUISHED CAREER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2005

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Professor Jim Leheny on his retirement from the position of Associate Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. This is a position he held at the University for the past twenty two years.

Jim Leheny will certainly be missed. In addition to his many academic and administrative duties, Jim has served as the University's federal lobbyist for many years. After retiring from his current position, Jim will continue to consult part-time for the University and direct its English Department's Oxford Summer Seminar.

Jim earned his M.A. from Washington University in St. Louis and his Ph.D. at Washington University. Jim's interest was specifically in "Politics and the Arts."

The University of Massachusetts in Amherst, the flagship campus of the state's system of public higher education, has at the helm, Chancellor John Lombardi. Under his guidance, and to the benefit of many of my constituents, the University has prospered immensely. Jim Leheny has been part of that important success. I wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H. CON. RES. 95, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 28, 2005

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the budget before us today.

In a time when our schools are struggling to keep up with increasing Federal standards, this budget actually cuts funding to our schools.

It cuts funding for programs that promote equal education opportunities for low-income students, such as programs in my district in California.

It also eliminates funding for school violence and drug prevention programs.

It freezes bilingual education funding. Twenty-four percent of the students in my county of San Bernardino are English learners and depend on these programs. We should not hold back children by preventing them from learning English.

The budget will endanger the health of millions of Americans, by cutting funding to food

stamps, the nation's number one investment in nutrition and defense against hunger.

Families will be forced to make hard choices between buying groceries and paying their bills.

It will also cut funding to Medicaid by \$10 billion.

These cuts will be devastating to low-income families.

This budget also falls millions short of what is needed for Veterans' medical care. Veterans hospitals will either have to cut health care services or require local veterans to pay more for services.

Our men and women in uniform are dying in Iraq and Afghanistan to protect us, and we aren't providing the funding to protect them when they come home!

This budget also slashes funding to COPS program. The program has funded 15,801 additional police officers and 504 school resource officers in California.

It completely eliminates funding for the \$301 million State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, leaving state and local governments to pay for the jailing of undocumented immigrants convicted of crimes. San Bernardino County received more than \$1 million in these funds in 2003.

The President and Republicans in Congress talk about conservative compassion, but where's the compassion in this budget?

Instead of funding the programs that working families depend on, the President has offered tax cuts totaling over \$100 billion over five years. Most of these cuts will benefit the richest one percent of all Americans.

This budget also spends every last penny in the Social Security trust fund, \$2.6 trillion over the next 10 years.

The President entered his term with a budget surplus he inherited from President Clinton, and now he has created the largest deficit in our nation's history.

My colleagues, I urge you to vote "no" on this resolution.

RECOGNIZING SARAH GORODEZKY OF NAPA, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2005

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Gorodezky of Napa, California as she retires from 22 years of distinguished public service.

Since 1983, Sarah has selflessly dedicated her life to improving the lives of others through her work at various Hospices and organizations throughout Northern California. She began her career as the Executive Director for the Northern California Hospice Association. From 1985 until 1991 she directed the Oakland Hospice Program at Kaiser Permanente. In 1991 she joined Alive Hospice as the Executive Director where she worked for the next six years.

Mr. Speaker, Sarah has served the past 8 years as Executive Director for the Hospice of Napa Valley, commonly referred to as HNV. Under her leadership, the HNV earned independent non-profit status and established the Adult Day Services of Napa Valley. She also helped spearhead the campaign to raise \$7 million for a new HNV facility.

Mr. Speaker, Sarah, has played an active role on numerous boards and commissions throughout California including the California Hospice Foundation, the California Association of Adult Day Services, Napa County Coalition of Non-Profit Agencies, and the Napa County Commission on Aging. While working at the HNV, Sarah served on the Board of Directors and Council of State's Leaders for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

Throughout her career Sarah has been recognized for her compassion, devotion, and outstanding public service. The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization awarded her with the 1995 Heart of the Hospice Award and the 2003 Founders Award. In 2000, she was the recipient of the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association's Pierce Salmon Award.

Sarah graduated from the University of California Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences and earned her Masters in Adult Continuing Education from the University of Michigan.

I am sure Sarah is looking forward to spending more time with her husband Michael, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Sarah Gorodezky's work has touched many lives throughout our community and it is appropriate that we take this time to thank Sarah for her 22 years of public service. I wish her the best as she begins her retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND ANGEL VILLARONGA

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2005

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the late Reverend Angel Villaronga.

A selfless leader in our South Florida community, Reverend Villaronga touched the lives of innumerable people through his service to the St. Robert Bellarmine, Centro Hispano Católico and Movimiento Familiar Cristiano.

Host of a daily radio program called Conflictos Humanos, Reverend Villaronga was one of the first religious leaders in the South Florida community to broadcast religious programming.

Those who were fortunate enough to know him will always remember his dedication to his work and passion for others.

Reverend Villaronga was a true and sincere symbol of generosity and compassion. I am

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certain that in his passing, he has left a legacy that will not be forgotten.

I urge my colleagues to join me as we remember and honor a man whose faith undoubtedly strengthened and empowered all who crossed his path.

May the memories of Reverend Villaronga serve to benefit others as his benevolence clearly did throughout his 80 years of life.

ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6) to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I rise to explain the purpose of Section 924(c) of this bill, Standardization Report and Program, which originated as my amendment and was approved by the Committee on Science.

The purpose of the amendment is to transfer important knowledge related to energy conservation from the government to the private sector. The Department of Energy and other agencies involved in building research, development, and construction have acquired a wealth of knowledge on high performance buildings. These are buildings that are optimized over their life for energy conservation and other important values such as security and environmental quality. DOE and other agencies have worked with a government-chartered non-profit organization, the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), to accumulate this knowledge on the Whole Building Design Guide website. In turn, these agencies require their contractors to use the information in the design, construction, operation, and up-grading of federal buildings.

The private sector construction industry can benefit greatly from this information but the companies involved are often too small to use the information in its current form. Therefore, in my amendment I have called on NIBS, under a DOE contract, to work with voluntary consensus standards organizations and other appropriate industry groups to examine voluntary consensus standards as a whole to see which ones need to be upgraded to take into account whole building values contained on the website on a building life cycle basis such as energy efficiency, environmental quality, sustainability, safety and security, and accessibility.

A goal is to look forward ten to twenty years and design buildings so that they can be retrofitted easily to remain state of the art structures. Another goal is to think through what standards are now in use and to work with the developers of those standards so that an easy-to-use set of procedures and standards can be put in place both for construction and for renovation. Once the study is complete, hopefully no longer than a year and a half from the date of enactment, the section directs the Secretary, in cooperation with NIBS as appropriate, to establish a program of technical assistance and grants to aid the affected

standards development organizations and other appropriate industry groups in bringing to fruition the user friendly system this section envisions.

HONORING WANDA B. RYAN ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2005

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Wanda B. Ryan for her 41 years of outstanding service to the youth of Camden, New Jersey. She has shown tremendous dedication to our community, serving and living in Camden throughout her entire career.

Ms. Ryan has an amazing track record at the Washington School: she has not missed a day of school in her entire 41 year career! Since September of 1964, she has been there every day for her elementary school students, who have certainly benefited from Ms. Ryan's lessons, and have gone on to live more enlightened, fruitful lives. Her efforts have certainly benefited not only the students, but all those involved in the Washington School and its community.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the outstanding career of Wanda Ryan. She has certainly accomplished much throughout her time at the Washington School, and I applaud her steadfast commitment to her community and students. I wish her all the best in her retirement.

HONORING FATHER ART

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2005

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, there are those who make their mark on the community with great fanfare, a need for recognition, or in service of a particular agenda. And there are those who serve the community quietly, with grace and humility—like Reverend Arthur R. Bartlett, a man whose life has been marked by love for his country and remarkable concern for others.

Most in the sea-side community of San Pedro, in the southern part of my Congressional district, know him as "Father Art," a testament to the Reverend's lifelong dedication to a community that is a gateway to the Pacific, home to generations of seafarers, and has twice been the hub of a world-wide war effort. As a young man, Father Art built ships, worked the docks, supplied countless Navy sailors and taught U.S. Army soldiers to fly B-17 bombers.

But Father Art is best known for the aid and support he has given to merchant seafarers of all nations, creeds and faiths. As Program Director for the Seamen's Center in San Pedro for the past 47 years, he has provided the stabilizing influences of church, home and community to many who passed through San Pedro Harbor. Through training programs, counseling and hospital visits, he has provided hope to those who had none or nowhere else to turn.

Father Art has also touched the lives of many who settled in San Pedro and fell victim

to the ravages of alcoholism. He is the founder of Beacon House, the only recovery facility for male alcoholics in San Pedro and a true ray of hope for the entire community.

The respect and admiration that he earned from local residents and the concern that he demonstrated for San Pedro Harbor led Mayor Tom Bradley to appoint Father Art to the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners in 1981.

Mr. Speaker, it is with enormous pride and gratitude that I recognize The Reverend Arthur R. Bartlett's life achievements and commend him on receiving the Seamen's Church Institute's 2005 Guiding Angel Award.

S. 256, THE BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

HON. LUCILE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 2, 2005

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to S. 256, the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005. This bill would negatively affect millions of hard-working Americans, particularly veterans and victims of identity theft.

The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 is a bad bill because it favors credit card companies at the expense of hard-working Americans, veterans, and victims of identity theft. It creates a means test which would make it impossible for families to be protected even when they have suffered debt due to illness or unemployment, preventing them from being able to start over in life. While the bill makes it harder for these individuals to eliminate their debt, it unnecessarily strengthens the hands of creditors. For example, this bill does not guarantee that hard-working parents can make child support payments over credit card debt payments.

Another concern is that this bill would leave veterans and victims of identity theft vulnerable to credit card companies.

An example is our brave citizen soldiers of the National Guard and the Reserve who are serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. Having left their civilian jobs to serve and protect our great Nation for extended periods of time, many will return to face significant debt, because their military wages are less than their regular wages. Yet this bill does not spare them from the means test, leaving them vulnerable to credit card companies.

Furthermore, many brave men and women return from duty with injuries that alter their lives, often resulting in debt. Although there are some exemptions, this bill still leaves some of those disabled veterans subject to the means test, even when their debt resulted from a disability acquired from their service to our country.

I am disappointed that efforts made by my Democratic colleagues to better protect our veterans were rejected by the majority. The Republicans defeated an amendment that would have provided complimentary credit counseling to those veterans of our armed forces who found themselves with credit problems.

Finally Mr. Speaker, in its current form, this bill leaves our Nation's victims of identity theft

vulnerable to debt for which they had no responsibility.

According to a recent survey by the Better Business Bureau, in 2004, 9.3 million Americans were victims of identity theft. It is clear that every day the number of Americans at risk of suffering identity theft is increasing, as more and more companies disclose that criminals have gained access to their massive databases of sensitive consumer information. A perfect example is the recent reporting of identity theft by DWS of thousands of its customers.

Yet this bill does nothing to address the very real problem of identity theft. Under this legislation, victims of identity theft would, in many cases, be held accountable for the debt accrued by someone else.

In short, the bill favors credit card companies at the expense of hard-working Americans, veterans, and victims of identity theft. For all these reasons, I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this legislation.

ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6) to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy:

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Chairman, those of us who come from coal-producing states, like Illinois, believe that DOE's fossil energy research and development program is very important to the future of coal utilization. Over the years, the coal R&D program of the Department of Energy has been broad-based and has led to many of the combustion and gasification technologies now in use. These technologies represent both environmental and energy-efficiency improvements over the technologies they have replaced. In last year's energy bill passed by the House, Science Chairman BOEHLERT and I reached agreement on a set of coal programs of research, development and demonstration priorities for the next decade. We also agreed that the authorizations for the coal programs set out in what are now sections 963, 965 and 967 should be at least 60 percent of the total authorization in section 968(a). The agreed-upon language from last year has been omitted from the version of H.R. 6 before us today. The requirement that at least 60 percent of fossil energy research and development funds be spent on coal remains in the Committee on Science's report, but not in the H.R. 6 bill language. There, the traditional categories of coal research funding are removed and replaced with a series of objectives, which are consistent with the roadmap for these programs developed by the Department in conjunction with industry. Therefore, it is my assumption and will be my position going forward into Conference that the intent of the House of Representatives towards coal research and development has not changed. We still favor a

fossil R&D program that allocates at least the historical 60 percent of funds to coal R&D and that the House is not mandating significant structural changes in the program that we set out in last year's version of H.R. 6.

ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. SHERWOOD BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6) to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy:

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Chairman, my colleague from Illinois, Mr. COSTELLO, has made a statement which points out that the language of H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2005, unlike last year, does not include a provision requiring that 60 percent or more of the total fossil energy research and development budget be allocated to coal research and development. This allocation is the position of the Committee on Science as set out in its report on H.R. 6. In conference, I will be happy to support and work towards including the 60 percent or more funding language in the conference text of H.R. 6.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 10

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine data broker services, and the treatment of such services under existing State and Federal privacy laws.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the National Park Service's funding needs for administration and management of the national park system.

SD-366

MAY 11

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal recognition of Indian tribes.

SR-485

Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation's translation program.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 895, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents.

SD-366

2 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 100, to authorize the exchange of certain land in the State of Colorado, S. 235 and H.R. 816, bills to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, S. 404, to make a technical correction relating to the land conveyance authorized by Public

Law 108-67, S. 741, to provide for the disposal of certain Forest Service administrative sites in the State of Oregon, S. 761, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base.

SD-366

MAY 12

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 20

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 2 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R. 2041–2042; and; 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 47; H. Con. Res. 142, were introduced. **Page H2743**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2743**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on April 29: H.R. 1185, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, amended, (H. Rept. 109–67). **Page H2743**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Murphy to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2741**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Portman, wherein he resigned as Representative of the 2nd Congressional District of Ohio, effective at 12 noon on April 29, 2005. **Pages H2741–42**

House Historian—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Dr. Robert V. Remeni as Historian of the House of Representatives. **Page H2742**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2741.

Senate Referral: S. 382 was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and Agriculture; S. 976 was referred to the Committee on Energy & Commerce. **Page H2742**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 426)

H.R. 787, to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 I Street in Sacramento, California, as the "Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse". Signed on April 29, 2005. (Public Law 109–10)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, on the Architect of the Capitol, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and the Committee on Homeland Security, oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Sections 201, 202, 223 of the Act that Address Criminal Wiretaps, and Section 213 of the Act that Addresses Delayed Notice, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 366, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act; and H.R. 1185, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, 5 p.m., H-3113 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, May 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 3

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of Suspensions:

(1) H. Res. 218, Congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education;

(2) H. Res. 216, to honor the late playwright Arthur Miller and the University of Michigan for its intention of building a theatre in his name;

(3) H. Res. 195, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia;

(4) H. Res. 233, recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V-E) Day during World War II;

(5) H. Con. Res. 127, calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law; and

(6) H. Res. 228, honoring the contributions of Vietnamese Americans to American Society over the past three decades.

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