

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Leo S. Mackay, Jr., of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, Robin L. Higgins, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Maureen Patricia Cragin, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Jacob Lozada, of Puerto Rico, to be Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration, and Gordon H. Mansfield, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Mackay was introduced by Senator Hutchison, and Ms. Cragin was introduced by Senator Collins.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

## ILLEGAL DRUG TRANSIT ZONE

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* Caucus concluded hearings to examine counterdrug interdiction strategy and operations in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific, known as the Transit Zone, after receiving testimony from Edward H. Jurith, Acting Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Donnie R. Marshall, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; Adm. James M. Loy, Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, United States Interdiction Coordinator; and Charles Winwood, Acting Commissioner, United States Customs Service, Department of the Treasury.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 27 public bills, H.R. 1858–1884; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 136, were introduced. **Pages H2279–80**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:  
H. Res. 143, providing for consideration of H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind (H. Rept. 107–69). **Page H2279**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2187**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Whit W. Grace, First United Methodist Church of Long Beach, Mississippi. **Page H2187**

**Journal Vote:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, May 15, by a ye-and-nay vote of 348 yeas to 53 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 114. **Pages H2187, H2189**

**Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation:** The House passed H.R. 1836, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 104 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2002 by a

yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 118. **Pages H2207–23**

By a ye-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 117, rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to establish the Tax Reduction Act that would include a one-time rebate, payable to all individuals who had income tax liability for tax year 2000, up to a maximum of \$300 for single taxpayers or \$600 for married couples, make individual income tax rate reductions, modify the earned income tax credit, and provide marriage penalty relief. **Pages H2216–23**

H. Res. 142, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 116. **Pages H2204–07**

**Order of Business—Foreign Relations Authorization:** Agreed that during further consideration of H.R. 1646, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, that it be in order to offer en bloc amendments numbered 5, 6 (as modified), 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, and 26 printed in House Report 107–62. **Pages H2223–24**

**Foreign Relations Authorization Act:** The House passed H.R. 1646, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2002 and 2003 by a recorded vote of 352 yeas to 73 noes, Roll

No. 121. The House previously considered the bill on May 10.

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Rejected the Hastings of Florida motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on International Relations with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment that sought to establish within the Department of State a United States Special Coordinator for Korea by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 120.

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Agreed to:

Hyde amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 107–62 that strikes Sections 131 through 133 which would have allowed funding to foreign nongovernmental organizations that perform or promote abortions (agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 115).

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Hyde en bloc amendments printed in H. Rept. 107–62:

No. 5, extending the publication of the State Department report on compliance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction for another year; No. 6, as modified, requiring a State Department report on the German foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility, and the Future” including status information on the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC); No. 7, correcting a drafting error in P.L. 106–113 that imposed a two year waiting period for filing certain grievances and clarifying the provisions of a separation for cause from the Foreign Service; No. 9, requiring a Agency for International Development (AID) study to determine what industries are under-represented by small businesses in its procurement contracts; No. 10, requiring an annual report on the use of children soldiers; No. 11, authorizing support for local in-country nongovernmental organizations to assist victims of trafficking and violence; No. 12, requiring a report by the Attorney General on the efforts between the United States and foreign governments to extradite individuals charged with major offenses including murder, kidnapping, abduction, drug trafficking, terrorism, or rape;

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No. 13, allowing the payment of anti-terrorism judgments to 6 American TWA victims; No. 14, recommending that the State Department develop a process for negotiating effective extradition treaties working closely with the Justice Department to accomplish this objective; No. 15, encouraging the Secretary of State to send election monitors to Fiji and offer technical support to East Timor and Peru to support free and fair elections in these nations; No. 16, urging the State Department to continue to raise the issue of the murder of John M. Alvis with the Government of Azerbaijan and to make this issue a priority item in U.S. relations with Azer-

baijan; No. 17, condemning Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for his inflammatory remarks on March 27 and May 5, 2001; No. 19, encouraging an objective non-governmental study to examine environmental contamination and health effects emanating from former U.S. military facilities;

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No. 20, suggesting that the Secretary of State, subject to security considerations, give favorable consideration to requests by the Director of the Peace Corps to maintain offices at locations separate from the United States embassy; No. 21 extending sympathy to civilian men and women prisoners incarcerated by the Axis Powers during world War II; No. 22, encouraging all entities receiving assistance to purchase only American-made equipment and products; No. 24, withholding contributions to the International Atomic Energy Agency for programs and projects in Iran unless the Secretary of State certifies that such programs and projects are consistent with U.S. nuclear nonproliferation and safety goals; No. 25, establishing the East Timor Transition to Independence Act; and No. 26, making available not less than 1 percent of the funding under the Diplomatic and Consular Programs heading for salaries and expenses of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor to monitor human rights activities and developments;

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Bartlett amendment No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 107–62 that further restricts the release of arrearage payments to the United Nations upon the receipt of a General Accounting Office Report on United States contributions to U. N. Peacekeeping Operations;

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Lantos amendment No. 18 printed in H. Rept. 107–62 that requests the Secretary of State to review the travel warning for Israel, the West Bank, and Gaz to determine which areas present the highest threat to American citizens in the region and which areas may be visited safely; and

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Lantos amendment No. 23 printed in H. Rept. 107–62 that prohibits international military education and training funding to Lebanon unless the President certifies that the Lebanese armed forces have been deployed to the internationally recognized border between Lebanon and Israel and that the Lebanese government effectively secures the borders where the armed forces are deployed (agreed to by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 119).

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The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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H. Res. 138, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on May 10.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:31 p.m. and reconvened at 11:33 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2189, H2203, H2206–07, H2222–23, H2223, H2247, H2250–51, and H2251. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the FBI and on the State Department Management. Testimony was heard from Louis H. Freeh, Director, FBI, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Department of State: Richard Armitage, Deputy Secretary; and Grant Green, Jr., Under Secretary, Management.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on Management Reform. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; the following officials of the District of Columbia: John A. Koskinen, Deputy Mayor/City Administrator; Natwar Gandhi, Chief Financial Officer; Suzanne Peck, Chief Technology Officer; Milou Carolan, Director, Personnel; and Jacques Abadie, Acting Chief Procurement Officer.

### LABOR, HHS AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education held a hearing on NIH Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Ruth L. Kirschstein, M.D., Acting Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

### VA, HUD APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the NSF. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Eamon Kelly, Chairman, National Science Board; and Rita Colwell, Director.

### SMALL BUSINESS LIABILITY RELIEF ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action H.R. 1831, Small Business Liability Protection Act.

### MEDICARE REFORM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health continued hearings on Medicare Reform: Providing Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors. Testimony was heard from Dan Crippen, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### NARAB AND BEYOND: ACHIEVING NATIONWIDE UNIFORMITY IN AGENT LICENSING

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Government Sponsored Enterprises, and Insurance held a hearing entitled “NARAB & Beyond: Achieving Nationwide Uniformity in Agent Licensing.” Testimony was heard from Representative Kelly; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on Federal deposit insurance reform. Testimony was heard from Donna Tanoue, Chairwoman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

### U.S. POSTAL SERVICE'S UNCERTAIN FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on “The U.S. Postal Service’s Uncertain Financial Outlook—Part II.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SUDAN PEACE ACT; BRIDGING INFORMATION DIVIDE IN AFRICA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 931, Sudan Peace Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Bridging the Information Technology Divide in Africa. Testimony was heard from Lane Smith, Coordinator, USAID Leland Initiative, Bureau for Africa, Office of Sustainable Development, AID, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following: H.R. 37, amended, to amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability studies of 4 national historic trails and provide for possible additions to such trails; H.R. 617, amended, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians, to provide a process for the reorganization of a Native Hawaiian government and the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian government; H.R. 640, amended, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary; H.R.