

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TRACKING**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Public Health concluded hearings to examine the improvement of surveillance of chronic conditions and potential links to environmental exposures, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Richard J. Jackson, Director, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Henry Falk, Assistant Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and Kenneth Olden, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; John Harris, California Birth Defects Monitoring Program, Oakland, on behalf of the March of Dimes; F. Ed Thompson, Jr., Mississippi State Department of Health, Jackson, on behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; George D. Thurston, New York University School of Medicine Institute of Environmental Medicine, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences' Community Outreach and Education Program; Thomas A. Burke, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland; and Shelley A. Hearne, Trust for America's Health, Washington, D.C.

**CABLE AND SATELLITE COMPETITION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition, and Business and Consumer Rights concluded hearings to examine cable and satellite television competition, focusing on the proposed merger between the two largest satellite television companies in the country, EchoStar Communications and DirecTV, and the question of the application of antitrust laws to such merger, after receiving testimony from Robert Pitofsky, Georgetown University Law Center, former Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, and Edward O. Fritts, National Association of Broadcasters, all of Washington, D.C.; Missouri State Attorney General Jeremiah W. Nixon, Jefferson City; Eddy W. Hartenstein, DirecTV, Inc., El Segundo, California; and Charles W. Ergen, EchoStar Communication Corporation, Littleton, Colorado.

**INTELLIGENCE**

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

Committee meets again on Wednesday, March 13.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Measures Introduced:** 33 public bills, H.R. 3857–3889; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 339–342, and H. Res. 358, 359, 361, 362, were introduced. **Pages H736–37**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1870, to provide for the sale of certain real property within the Newlands Project in Nevada, to the city of Fallon, Nevada, amended (H. Rept. 107–366); and

H. Res. 360 providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3090, to provide tax incentives for economic recovery (H. Rept. 107–367). **Page H736**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 5 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 352 yeas to 43 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 48. **Pages H689, H692–93**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Earlier, the House

agreed to H. Res. 354, the rule that provided for consideration of motions to suspend the rules today by voice vote and to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 218 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 49. **Pages H696–H700**

**Bicentennial Anniversary of West Point:** S.J. Res. 32, congratulating the United States Military Academy at West Point on its bicentennial anniversary, and commending its outstanding contributions to the Nation (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 407 yeas to one nay, Roll No. 50) clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H700–04, H715–16**

**Settlement of Tribal Claims Application of the Statute of Limitations:** S. 1857, to encourage the negotiated settlement of tribal claims clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H704–05**

**Sale of Property to Fallon, Nevada:** H.R. 1870, to provide for the sale of certain real property within the Newlands Project in Nevada, to the city of Fallon, Nevada; **Pages H705–06**

*Water Optimization Feasibility study for Oregon River Basins:* H.R. 1883, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on water optimization in the Burnt River basin, Malheur River basin, Owyhee River basin, and Powder River basin, Oregon; **Pages H706–07**

*George Rogers Clark Northwest Campaign Trail:* H.R. 1963, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route taken by American soldier and frontiersman George Rogers Clark and his men during the Revolutionary War to capture the British forts at Kaskaskia and Cahokia, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System; **Pages H707–08**

*Expressing Support for the Government of Colombia:* H. Res. 358, expressing support for the democratically elected Government of Columbia and its efforts to counter threats from United States-designated foreign terrorist organizations; **Pages H710–15**

**Hunting Seasons for Migratory Mourning Doves:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 275, expressing the sense of the Congress that hunting seasons for migratory mourning doves should be modified so that individuals have a fair and equitable opportunity to hunt such birds. **Pages H708–10**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 353, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution by voice vote. **Pages H693–96**

**Presidential Message—Quotas on Steel Imports:** On Tuesday, March 5, read a message from the President wherein he transmitted documents that describe his actions on the imports of certain steel products—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–185).

See *Congressional Record of March 5 at Page H685*

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H692–93, H700, and H715–16. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer; William Hawks, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Bobby R. Acord, Administrator, Animal and

Plant Health Inspection Service; A.J. Yates, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service; and David R. Shipman, Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2003 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy, Department of Defense: Gordon R. England, Secretary, Adm. Vernon Clark, USN, Chief, Naval Operations; and Gen. James L. Jones, USMC, Commandant, Marine Corps.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on National Endowment for the Humanities, and on National Endowment for the Arts. Testimony was heard from Bruce Cole, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities, and Eileen B. Mason, Acting Chairperson and Senior Deputy Chairperson, National Endowment for the Arts.

### LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Secretary of Health and Human Service's Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Navy and on Air Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary, Installations, Environment and Logistics; and Maj. Gen. Earnest O. Robbins II, HQ, USAF, The Civil Engineer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics.