

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 118 public bills, H.R. 5, 531–648; 1 private bill, H.R. 649; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 20–21; H. Con. Res. 30–31, and H. Res. 51–59, were introduced. **Pages H317–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H323–24**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rev. Sara A. Gausmann, St. Paul Lutheran Church of York, Pennsylvania. **Page H277**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of today. **Page H277**

Expressing Condolences to the Families of the Crew of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*: The House agreed to H. Res. 51, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of the crew of the space shuttle *Columbia* by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 19. Earlier agreed to consider the resolution by unanimous consent. **Pages H279–H307, S312–13**

Presidential Message: Read the following messages from the President:

Millennium Challenge Account and Millennium Challenge Corporation: Message wherein he transmitted his legislative proposal to establish the Millennium Challenge Account and the Millennium Challenge Corporation—referred to the Committees on International Relations, Ways and Means, Judiciary, Resources, and Government Reform and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–37); and **Pages H307–08**

Social Security Agreement between the United States and Norway: Message wherein he transmitted the agreement between the United States and Norway on social security, with a related administrative agreement, both signed at Oslo on November 30, 2001 and a report prepared by the Social Security Administration explaining the key points of the agreement—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–38). **Page H308**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:03 p.m. **Page H308**

Making Further Continuing Appropriations Through February 20: The House passed H.J. Res. 18, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003 by voice vote. **Pages H308–12**

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back promptly with an

amendment further amending Section 101 of Public Law 107–229 to maintain Medicare payment rates for physician services at FY 2002 levels and to set the base amount for computing Medicare payments to hospitals in small urban areas and rural areas equal to the higher base amount applicable to hospitals in large urban areas by a yea-and-nay vote of 195 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 18. **Pages H310–12**

The joint resolution was considered pursuant to an earlier unanimous consent agreement. **Page H308**

Director of the Congressional Budget Office: The Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate appointed Mr. Douglas Holtz-Eakin as Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term of office expiring on January 3, 2007. **Page H313**

Committee Resignations: Without objection, the Chair accepted the various resignations from the following members from certain standing committees of the House: Representative Hefley from the Committee on Resources, Representative George Miller of California from the Committee on Resources, Representative Baird from the Committee on Science, Representative Boswell from the Committee on Agriculture, Representative Larsen of Washington from the Committee on Agriculture, Representative Smith of Washington from the Committee on Resources, Representative Davis of Tennessee from the Committee on Financial Services, Representative Israel from the Committee on Science, and Representative Jim Turner of Texas from the Committee on Government Reform. **Pages H313–14**

Committee Election—Minority Members: The House agreed to H. Res. 52, electing the following members and delegates to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Agriculture: Representatives Alexander, Ballance, Cardoza, Scott of Georgia, Marshall, and Case; **Page H314**

Committee on Armed Services: Representatives Israel, Larsen of Washington, Cooper, Marshall, Mr. Meek of Florida, Bordallo, and Alexander; **Page H314**

Committee on the Budget: Representative Majette; **Page H314**

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Representatives Case, Grijalva, Majette, Ryan of Ohio, and Van Hollen; **Page H314**

Committee on Financial Services: Representative Emanuel (to rank immediately after Miller of North Carolina) and Davis of Alabama; **Page H314**

Committee on Government Reform: Representatives Van Hollen, Linda T. Sánchez, and Ruppertsberger; **Page H314**

Committee on House Administration: Representatives Larson of Connecticut, Millender-McDonald, and Brady of Pennsylvania.; **Page H314**

Committee on International Relations: Representatives Smith of Washington, McCollum, and Bell; **Page H314**

Committee on Resources: Representatives Grijalva, Cardoza, and Bordallo; **Page H314**

Committee on Science: Representatives Bell, Bishop, Miller of North Carolina, and Davis of Tennessee; **Page H314**

Committee on Small Business: Representatives Ballance and Ryan of Ohio; **Page H314**

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Representative Mollohan; and **Page H314**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representative Michaud. **Page H314**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of Feb. 10, 2003. **Pages H314–15**

Meeting Hour—Friday, February 7: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 7. **Page H315**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, February 11: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, February 7, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, for morning hour debate. **Page H315**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of February 12. **Page H315**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H311–12 and H312. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m. as a further mark of respect to the memory of the valiant crew members of the *Columbia* shuttle mission.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2004; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2004 Defense Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; Gen. Richard Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of

Staff; and Dov Zakheim, Under Secretary (Comptroller).

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes and approved an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY—BUDGET PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2002

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR HEALTH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Health of the Telecommunications Sector: A Perspective from Investors and Economists.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT REPORT

Committee on Financial Services: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN; HOUSE PERIMETER SECURITY PLAN

Committee on House Administration: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved the following: an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress; and the House Perimeter Security Plan.

VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the State of Veterans' Employment. Testimony was heard from Angela B. Styles, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB; CMSgt. Elizabeth S. Schouten, (USAF), Deputy Director, Operations, U.S. Air Force Band; Linda G. Williams, Associate Administrator, Government Contracting, SBA; Kevin Boshears, Director, Office of Small Business Development, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the Veterans Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor, Frederico Juarbe, Jr., Assistant Secretary; and Ron Bachman, Regional Administrator Chicago/Denver; and representatives of veterans' organizations.