

spending category items in division F, including National Park Service grants to States and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service programs, at no less than current rate, and (5) increase funding for training, equipment, and assistance for first responders provided through the Office of Domestic Preparedness to levels as close to the levels requested by the President by a yea-and-nay vote of 193 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 31.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 71, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report and provided for the corrections in the enrollment of H.J. Res. 2, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003 by voice vote.

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Enrollment Correction: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 71, and upon the adoption of the omnibus appropriations conference report, the House was considered to have agreed to H. Con. Res. 35, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a technical correction in the enrollment of H.J. Res. 2, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003.

Disposition of Rules Committee Resolution: Agreed to lay H. Res. 48, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 18, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, on the table.

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Committee Resignation—Minority Member: Without objection, the Chair accepted the resignation from Representative Jackson-Lee of Texas from the Committee on Science.

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Presidential Message—Effectiveness of the Australia Group: Message whereby he certified pursuant to condition 7(C)(I), Effectiveness of the Australia Group, of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, that the Australia Group members continue to maintain equally effective control over exports and that it remains a viable mechanism for limiting the spread of chemical and biological weapons related materials and technology—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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President's Day District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 41, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Message from the Senate Pertaining to Conference Report and Concurrent Resolution: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2003 unless it sooner has received a message or mes-

sages from the Senate transmitting both its adoption of the conference report to accompany H.J. Res. 2 and its adoption of H. Con. Res. 41, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, Feb. 26.

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George Washington Birthday Observance: Agreed that it be in order for the Speaker to appoint two members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's Birthday to be held on Friday, February 21, 2003.

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Speaker Pro Tempore During District Work Period: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative JoAnn Davis of Virginia or if not available to perform this duty Representative Bartlett to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 25.

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United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Bereuter, Chairman, and Representatives Regula, Hefley, Gillmor, Goss, Ehlers, McInnis, and Bilirakis to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H529–30, H549–50, H551–52, H552, H671–72, and H672–73. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 9:52 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 41, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2003, unless it sooner has received a message or messages from the Senate transmitting both its adoption of the conference report to accompany H.J. Res. 2 and its adoption of H. Con. Res. 41, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 41.

Committee Meetings

STATE DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2004

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of State Budget priorities Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES ACT; KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 13, Museum and Library Services Act of 2003; and H.R. 14, amended, Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003.

PENSION SECURITY ACT—NEW PENSION PROTECTIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on “The Pension Security Act: New Pension Protections to Safeguard the Retirement Savings of American Workers.” Testimony was heard from Ann L. Combs, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank; H.R. 258, amended, American 5-Cent Coin Design Continuity Act of 2003; H.R. 239, Brownfields Redevelopment Enhancement Act; H.R. 659, Hospital Mortgage Insurance Act of 2003; and H.R. 657, Emergency Securities Response Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved for submission to the Committee on the Budget a committee print entitled “Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004.”

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Government Reform: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved the following: an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress; and Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

OVERSIGHT—NORTH KOREA’S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held an oversight hearing on North Korea’s Nuclear Program: The Challenge to Stability in Northeast Asia. Testimony was heard from James A. Kelly, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

FEDERAL R&D BUDGET OVERVIEW

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on An Overview of the Federal R&D Budget for fiscal year 2004. Testimony was heard from John Marburger, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Samuel W. Bodman, Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce; Rita R. Colwell, Director, NSF; and Robert Card, Under Secretary, Energy, Science and Environment, Department of Energy.

MEDICARE REGULATORY AND CONTRACTING REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform. Testimony was heard from Thomas Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FREE ELECTRONIC FILING NATIONAL TAXPAYER ADVOCATE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Free Electronic Filing National Taxpayer Advocate Annual Report. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Robert Wenzel, Acting Commissioner; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposal to create a terrorist threat integration center, including consolidating intelligence analysis, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.