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AGING BABY BOOM GENERATION

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain innovative services and technologies to promote healthy and independent aging, focusing on opportunities for scientific, engineering, government and commercial organizations to collaborate on large-scale efforts that meet the needs of individuals, families, caregivers, and social and medical institutions that provide services to

older adults, after receiving testimony from Josefina G. Carbonell, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Aging; Maria Greene, Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Aging Services, and Gregory D. Abowd, Georgia Institute of Technology College of Computing, both of Atlanta; Kevin J. Mahoney, Boston College Graduate School of Work, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, on behalf of Cash and Counseling Demonstration and Evaluation; and Ronald H. Aday, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 2155–2176; 1 private bill, H.R. 2177; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 185–186 and H. Res. 242–244, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1925, to reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–118);

H.R. 1189, to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (H. Rept. 108–119); and

H. Res. 245, providing for consideration of H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004 (H. Rept. 108–120).

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

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. David Anderson, Pastor, Faith Baptist Church of Sarasota, Florida.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Veterans' Memorials Preservation and Recognition: S. 330, to further the protection and recogni-

tion of veterans' memorials (agreed to by 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 196)—clearing the measure for the President;

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National Correctional Officers and Employees Week: H. Res. 180, supporting the goals and ideals of "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week" and honoring the service of correctional officers and employees;

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Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act: H.R. 1925, amended, to reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act (agreed to by 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 404 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 197); and

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Commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers: H. Res. 217, commending the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following motions. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, May 21.

Enhanced Cooperation Between the VA and DOD: H.R. 1911, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance cooperation and the sharing of resources between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense;

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Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment: H.R. 1683, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for

survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; and

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Selected Reserve Home Loan Equity Act: H.R. 1257, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the authority for qualifying members of the Selected Reserve to have access to home loans guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and to provide for uniformity in fees charged qualifying members of the Selected Reserve and active duty veterans for such home loans.

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Healthy Forests Restoration Act: The House passed H.R. 1904, to improve the capacity of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to plan and conduct hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands aimed at protecting communities, watersheds, and certain other at-risk lands from catastrophic wildfire, to enhance efforts to protect watersheds and address threats to forest and rangeland health, including catastrophic wildfire, across the landscape by recorded vote of 256 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 200.

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Rejected the Udall of New Mexico motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment that sought to strike Sec. 106, Special Requirements Regarding Judicial Review of Authorized Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects and Sec. 107, Standard for Injunctive Relief for Agency Action to Restore Fire-adapted Forest or Rangeland Ecosystems by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 199.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in Part A of H. Rept. 108–109 that clarifies that perennial streams feeding at-risk municipal water supply systems are eligible for authorized hazardous fuels reduction projects; makes explicit the requirement to do environmental assessment or environmental impact statements for authorized reduction projects; requires that each project notice and comment is provided in a manner sufficient to permit interested persons a reasonable opportunity to participate; requires courts to balance the short and long term effects of undertaking the agency action against the short-term and long-term action of not undertaking the agency action; specifies that the Secretary of Agriculture shall comply with applicable endangered species and riparian protections; and requires that silvicultural assessment peer review teams include non-Federal experts, was considered as adopted.

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 184 yeas to 239 nays, Roll No. 198, rejected the George Miller of California amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of H. Rept. 108–109 that sought

to establish the Hazardous Fuels Reduction Act; allow projects within ½ mile of threatened communities to be excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act; codifies guidance regarding environmental documents for projects outside the ½ mile zone; focuses resources on efforts to protect communities; provides a process that brings communities and Federal land managers together to identify areas in need of thinning; gives new authority for Federal land managers to enter into cooperative agreements with local governments and communities to plan projects across public and private ownership boundaries; and requires that 85 percent of funding be used for areas close to homes, communities, and watersheds.

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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. 239, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by yea-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 195.

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Order of Business—United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act: Agreed that it shall be in order at any time

without intervention of any point of order to consider a motion to take H.R. 1298, to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, from the Speaker's table, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to concur in the Senate amendment; the motion be debatable for 60 minutes; the amendment considered read; and the previous question be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2003 Comprehensive Report on U.S. Trade and Investment Policy for Sub-Saharan Africa and Implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–74).

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Commission on International Religious Freedom:

The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment, of Ms. Nina Shea of Washington, D.C., to succeed herself, to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a two-year term ending May 14, 2005.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4262.

Referral: S. Con. Res. 44 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform. S. Con. Res. 46 was held at the desk.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4369.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4285, H4286, H4286–87, H4321–22, H4323–24, and H4324. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DAIRY INDUSTRY—REVIEW CURRENT STATE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review the current state of the Dairy industry. Testimony was heard from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on GPO. Testimony was heard from the following officials of GPO: Bruce R. James, Public Printer; William H. Turri, Deputy Public Printer; Frank A. Partlow, Jr., Chief of Staff; and Judith C. Russell, Superintendent of Documents.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from the following members of the Capitol Police Board: William H. Pickle, Chairman, and Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Senate; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and Terrance W. Gainer, Chief, Capitol Police and Ex-Officio member of the Board.

AMERICA'S TEACHER COLLEGES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on "America's Teacher Colleges: Are They Making the Grade?" Testimony was heard from Joyce R. Coppin, Chief Executive, Division of Human Resources, Department of Education, New York City; and public witnesses.

HYDROGEN ENERGY ECONOMY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "The Hydrogen Energy Economy." Testimony was heard from David Garman, Assistant Secretary, Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2143, Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act; H.R. 1474, amended,

Check Clearing for the 21st Century; H.R. 1375, amended, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2003.

CAN FACTUAL DATA ANALYSIS STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SECURITY?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census continued hearings entitled "Can the Use of Factual Data Analysis Strengthen National Security?—Part Two." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ANTI-TERRORISM INVESTIGATIONS AND THE FOURTH AMENDMENT AFTER SEPTEMBER 11

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on "Anti-Terrorism Investigations and the Fourth Amendment After September 11: Where and When Can the Government Go to Prevent Terrorist Attacks?" Testimony was heard from Viet D. Dinh, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

COPYRIGHT ROYALTY AND DISTRIBUTION REFORM ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1417, Copyright Royalty and Distribution Reform Act of 2003.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, providing two hours of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that amendments will be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, except as specified in section