

S. 554, to allow media coverage of court proceedings;

S. 1023, to increase the annual salaries of justices and judges of the United States, with amendments;

S. 858, to extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission;

S. Res. 136, recognizing the 140th anniversary of the founding of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and congratulating members and officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for the union's many achievements;

S. Res. 92, designating September 17, 2003 as "Constitution Day";

S. Res. 145, designating June 2003, as "National Safety Month"; and

The nominations of Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, to be Associate Attorney General, and Peter D. Keisler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Richard C. Wesley, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Clinton, and Representative Reynolds; J. Ronnie Greer, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, who was introduced by Senators Frist and Alexander, Thomas M. Hardiman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, Mark R. Kravitz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who was introduced by Senator Dodd, and John A. Woodcock, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, who was introduced by Senators Snowe and Collins, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 76 public bills, H.R. 2203–2278; 3 private bills, H.R. 279–281; and 18 resolutions, H.J. Res. 57–58, H. Con. Res. 190–201, and H.Res. 250–252, 254, were introduced.

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Additional Sponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1086, to encourage the development and promulgation of voluntary consensus standards by providing relief under the antitrust laws to standards development organizations with respect to conduct engaged in for the purpose of developing voluntary consensus standards (H. Rept. 108–125); **Page H4733**

Conference report on H.R. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004 (H. Rept. 108–126);

H.R. 1119, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector (H. Rept. 108–127);

H.R. 238, to provide for Federal energy research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities, amended (H. Rept. 108–128, Part 1); and

H. Res. 253, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2, to provide for reconcili-

ation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004 (H. Rept. 108–129). **Pages H4625–H4706, H4733**

Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act:

The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Thomas and Representatives DeLay, and Rangel. **Pages H4534–42**

Agreed to the Stenholm motion that instructs conferees to (1) include in the conference report the fiscal relief provided to States by section 371 of the Senate amendment, and (2) to the maximum extent possible within the scope of conference agree to a conference report that will neither increase the Federal budget deficit nor increase the amount of the debt subject to the public debt limit. **Pages H4534–42**

Same Day Consideration Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act Conference Report:

The House agreed to H. Res. 249, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules by recorded vote of 218 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 212; and agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 202 noes, Roll No. 211. **Pages H4558–64**

Agreeing to the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004 by yealand-nay vote of 231 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 225. **Pages H4716–30**

Agreed to H. Res. 253, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report by voice vote and agreed to order the previous question by yealand-nay vote of 221 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 224. **Pages H4706–16**

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

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment: Debated on May 20, 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 (agreed to by 2/3 yealand-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 209); and **Pages H4556–57**

Selected Reserve Home Loan Equity Act: Debated on May 20, 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 (agreed to by 2/3 yealand-nay vote of 428 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 210). **Page H4557**

National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 2004: The House passed H.R. 1588, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2004 by recorded vote of 361 yeas to 68 noes, Roll No. 221. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes." The bill was also considered on May 21. **Pages H4571–83, H4585–H4625**

Rejected the Cooper motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments that establish an Employee Bill of Rights by recorded vote of 204 yeas to 224 noes, Roll No. 220. **Pages H4610–12**

Agreed To:

Goss amendment No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 108–120 and debated on May 21 that requires a report from the Secretary of Defense on appropriate steps that can be taken in response to foreign governments who initiate legal actions against current or former officials of the United States or members of the Armed Forces relating to the performance of their official duties (agreed to by recorded vote of 412 yeas to 11 noes, Roll No. 217); **Pages H4572–73**

Saxton amendment No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 108–120 and debated on May 21 that repeals the statutory requirement that the United States defense attache to France must hold, or be on the promotion list, the grade of brigadier general or rear admiral, lower half (agreed to by recorded vote of 302 yeas to 123 noes, Roll No. 218); **Pages H4573–74**

Hunter en bloc amendment consisting of amendments printed in H. Rept. 108–122 and numbered 1, that grants the Secretary of Education waiver authority to provide student loan relief to those affected by military mobilization; No. 2, includes health agencies as recipients to the DOD Excess Personal Property Disposal Program; No. 3, encourages the Navy to resume regular port visits to Haifa, Israel by the Sixth Fleet; No. 5, establishes a pilot program to improve the use of Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard Modular Airborne Fire-Fighting Systems to fight wildfires; No. 7, strikes the repeal of reporting requirement regarding foreign military training programs abroad;

No. 8, directs study on the use of small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses in the efforts to rebuild Iraq; No. 10, encourages the maintenance of functions and missions of the Army Peacekeeping Institute; No. 11, as modified, establishes the Nuclear Security Initiative with respect to the Russian Federation and other independent states of the former Soviet Union; No. 12, requires support to Iraqi children who were injured during Operation Iraqi Freedom; No. 13, authorizes imminent danger pay to military service members responding to terrorist attacks on the United States; No. 14, allows existing vessels to be documented under United States flag providing that certain telecommunications and electronic standards are met;

No. 15, provides an additional \$100 million to the fourth Stryker brigade; No. 16, requires a review of the effects of disqualification factors on the granting of security clearances; No. 17, expands the scope of industrial base assessment to include the business rationale for transferring work overseas; No. 18, directs the examination of the costs and benefits of purchasing all ex-Soviet weapons-grade uranium and plutonium and safeguarding it from theft; No. 19, requires a study on the effects of perchlorate in

drinking water on human beings; No. 20, requires a report on the military construction requirements necessary to support homeland defense missions;

No. 21, as modified, provides for the identification of all contractors and subcontractors that use machine tools in carrying out any defense contract in an amount that is \$5 million or greater; No. 22, specifies that DOD shall not consider the provisions of trade agreements when the application of the Buy American Act is inconsistent with the public interest; No. 23, directs DOD to assist with the United States Air and Trade Show; No. 24, allows for roads used for public access to be available after military installations are closed or placed in an inactive status; No. 25, requires purchases subject to the Buy American Act to be at least 65 percent domestic content instead of 50 percent;

No. 26, urges the demolition of the Tacony Warehouse in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; No. 27, clarifies that the domestic source limitation in section 821 applies only to pre-formed retort packaging in direct contact with main entree meals; No. 28, makes permanent a demonstration project in Monterey, California that allows a contract for municipal services; No. 29, authorizes the Navy to convey land at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard to the city of Bremerton, Washington; and No. 30, transfers certain vessels from the Maritime Administration to the Beauchamp Tower Corporation for use as moored support ships and as memorials to the Fulton and Victory-class ships.

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Tom Davis of Virginia amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–122 that establishes the Human Capital Performance Fund to be administered by OPM; and

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Hastings of Florida amendment No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 108–122 that strikes the repeal of Title 10 reporting requirements on the President's objectives when forces are deployed, costs of military humanitarian assistance; and the management of the civilian workforce.

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Rejected:

Loretta Sanchez amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–120 and debated on May 21 that sought to permit abortions at DOD facilities outside of the United States (rejected by recorded vote of 201 ayes to 227 noes, Roll No. 215);

Pages H4571–72

Tauscher amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–120 and debated on May 21 that sought to transfer Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator program funding of \$15 million and advanced concepts initiative activities funding of \$6 million to conventional programs to defeat hardened and deeply buried targets (rejected by recorded vote of 199 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 216); and

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Dreier amendment No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 108–122 that sought to repeal the Million Theoretical Operations Per Second (MTOPS) based method for controlling computer exports 120 days after enactment (rejected by recorded vote of 207 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 219).

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

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The House agreed to H. Res. 247, the rule that provided for further consideration of the bill by recorded vote of 222 ayes to 199 noes with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 208; and agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 198 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 207. On May 21, the House agreed to H. Res. 245, the first rule that provided for consideration of the bill.

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Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 2003: The House passed H.R. 2185, to extend the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 by recorded vote of 409 ayes to 19 noes, Roll No. 223.

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Rejected the Cardin motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions that the Committee report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment that sought to extend temporary extended unemployment compensation by yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 222.

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Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 248, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by recorded vote of 216 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 214; and agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 213.

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Memorial Day District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 191, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate by yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 226.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 4.

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Pending Concurrence of the Senate in Adjournment Resolution: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 191, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Tom Davis of Virginia or, if not available to perform this duty, Representative Pence to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Monday, June 2. **Page H4731**

Presidential Message—National Emergency re Development Fund for Iraq: Read a message from the President wherein he announced that he has exercised his authority to declare a national emergency to deal with the unusual threat posed to the national security by the threat of attachment or other judicial process against the Development Fund for Iraq—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–76). **Page H4731**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:21 p.m. and reconvened at 10:39 p.m. **Page H4706**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H4531 and H4613.

Referral: S. 515 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H4732**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Nine yea-and-nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4555, H4556, H4556–57, H4557, H4562–63, H4563, H4570, H4570–71, H4571–72, H4572, H4573, H4573–74, H4600–01, H4611–12, H4612, H4623–24, H4624–25, H4715, H4729, and H4730. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 2:17 a.m. on Friday, May 23, pursuant to the previous order of the House of today, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 191, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

CROP INSURANCE INDUSTRY—FINANCIAL STATUS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the financial status of the Crop Insurance industry. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Ross J. Davidson, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and Keith Collins, Chief Economist; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on Impact of Chinese Imports on U.S. Companies. Testimony was heard from Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Grant D. Aldonas, Under Secretary, International Trade, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Douglas M. Browning, Deputy Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

NIH—DECODING FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN GENOMIC RESEARCH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “National Institutes of Health: Decoding our Federal Investment in Genomic Research.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Francis Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH; and Muin J. Khoury, M.D., Director, Office of Genomics and Disease Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Aristides Patrinos, Director, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

HEDGE FUNDS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “The Long and Short of Hedge Funds: Effects of Strategies for Managing Market Risk.” Testimony was heard from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “The Section 8 Housing Assistance Program: Promoting Decent Affordable Housing for Families and Individuals who Rent.” Testimony was heard from Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2122, amended, Project BioShield Act of 2003; H.R. 2087, amended, Bob Hope American Patriot Award Act of 2003; H. Con. Res. 162, honoring the city of Dayton, Ohio, and its