

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

many partners, for hosting “Inventing Flight: The Centennial Celebration,” a celebration of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright’s first flight; H.R. 1465, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the “General Charles Gabriel Post Office”; H.R. 1610, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Ritchie Avenue in Marceline, Missouri, as the “Walt Disney Postal Office Building”; H. Res. 159, expressing profound sorrow on the occasion of the death of Irma Rangel; H. Res. 195, congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for hitting 500 major league home runs; and H.R. 2030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Paia, Maui, Hawaii, as the “Patsy Takemoto Mink Post Office Building.”

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on H.R. 2086, Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

INTERNET TAX NONDISCRIMINATION ACT; BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 49, Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 1428, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Melloy, U.S. Circuit Judge, Court of Appeals of the Eight Circuit; Paul Mannes, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maryland; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEE MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1561, United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 2048, International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H. Res. 30, concerning the San Diego long-range sportfishing fleet and rights to fish the waters near

the Revillagigedo Islands of Mexico. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Mary Beth West, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Fisheries, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Marshall P. Jones, Jr., Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1598, Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003; and H.R. 1732, Williamson County Water Recycling Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representatives Carter and Edwards; Mark Limbaugh, Director, External and Intergovernmental Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—JOBS AND GROWTH TAX RELIEF RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2003

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2, Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the conference report to final adoption without intervening motion except one motion to recommit. Finally, the rule provides that the yeas and nays shall be considered as ordered on the question of adoption of the conference report and that clause 5(b) of rule XXI (requiring a three-fifths vote on any measure containing a federal income tax rate increase) shall not apply to the conference report.

PREMIER CERTIFIED LENDERS PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 923, Premier Certified Lenders Program Improvement Act.

COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003. Testimony was

heard from Adm. Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

WATER: IS IT THE “OIL” OF THE 21ST CENTURY?

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Water: Is it the “Oil” of the 21st Century? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 4.

VA—LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on long-term care programs in the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Veterans’ Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; and Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs.

FBI NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the FBI National Security Programs Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

PROGRESS REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Concluded hearings entitled “How is America Safer? A Progress Re-

port on the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.

Joint Meetings

KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE ACT

Conferees: agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 342, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act.

JOBS AND GROWTH RECONCILIATION TAX ACT

Conferees: agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold closed hearings to examine current United States policy and military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.