

Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California, H.R. 762, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Mineral Leasing Act to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair market value of certain rights-of-way granted, issued, or renewed under these Acts, and H.R. 622, to provide for the exchange of certain lands in the Coconino and Tonto National Forests in Arizona, after receiving testimony Tom Thompson, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine repercussions of Iraq stabilization and reconstruction policies, focusing on the consequences of looting, political confusion, regional consequences, and Europe and the Northern Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), after receiving testimony from Peter W. Galbraith, National Defense University, and Geoffrey Kemp, Nixon Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Frank G. Wisner, American International Group, New York, New York.

TWA/AMERICAN INTEGRATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain issues relative to TWA/American Airline workforce integration, after receiving testimony Jeff Brundage, American Airlines, and Captain Edwin C. White, Jr., Allied Pilots Association, both of Fort Worth,

Texas; Karen Schooling, American Airlines, Independence, Missouri; Theodore A. Case, Snellville, Georgia; Sherry Cooper, Jupiter, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 1954, to revise the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to naturalization through service in the Armed Forces, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 141, recognizing "Inventing Flight: The Centennial Celebration", a celebration in Dayton, Ohio of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight;

S. Res. 163, commending the Francis Marion University Patriots men's golf team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Men's Golf Championship; and

The nominations of David G. Campbell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Richard James O'Connell, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, Department of Justice.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full committee consideration, S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect the rights of crime victims.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 8, 2441–2470; and; 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 216–220, and H. Res. 271–275 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 1950, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2004 (H. Rept. 108–105, Pt. 2);

H.R. 2122, to enhance research, development, procurement, and use of biomedical countermeasures to respond to public health threats affecting national security, and for other purposes, amended (H. Rept. 108–147. Pt. 2);

Conference report on S. 342, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act (H. Rept. 108–150);

H.R. 23, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks, amended (H. Rept. 108–151); and

H.R. 1375, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, amended, and referred sequentially to the Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than July 14, 2003 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(k), rule X. (H. Rept. 108–152, Pt. 1). **Page H5364**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Rev. Michael Dolan, Pastor, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish of Lexington Park, Maryland. **Page H5269**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, June 11 by recorded vote of 347 ayes to 74 noes, Roll No. 267. **Pages H5280–81**

Order and Decorum in the Proceedings of the House: The Speaker announced that under clause 2 of rule 1, it is the responsibility of the Speaker to preserve order and decorum in the proceedings of the House. As stated on page 330 of the House Rules and Manual, this responsibility requires that the Chair disallow the use of an exhibit that tends to degrade decorum. Thus, Speakers previously have disallowed the introduction of a person on the floor as a guest of the House as an "exhibit." Pursuant to clause 2 of rule 1, the Chair reiterated the ruling of June 11, 2003, that it is inappropriate to use Pages of the House as part of a visual exhibit during debate. Although Members may enlist the assistance of Pages to manage the placement of exhibits on easels, it is not appropriate to use Pages as though part of an exhibit or otherwise include them in an exhibition. The Chair also will continue to scrutinize the number of charts and other visual exhibits used simultaneously during debate for any tendency to impair decorum. **Page H5269**

Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Akin to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation. **Page H5271**

Supplemental Report: The Committee on International Relations received permission to file a supplemental report on H.R. 1950, the Foreign Relations Authorizations Act, fiscal years 2004 and 2005. **Page H5271**

Class Action Fairness Act: The House passed H.R. 1115, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, to outlaw certain practices that provide inadequate settlements for class members, to assure that attorneys do not receive a disproportionate amount of settlements at the expense of class members, to provide for clearer and simpler information in class action settlement no-

tices, to assure prompt consideration of interstate class actions, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions by yea-and-nay vote of 253 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 272. **Pages H5271–H5307**

Rejected the Weiner motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith with amendments that change the effective date to any civil action commenced upon enactment and strikes the section providing for appeals of class action certification orders by recorded vote of 185 ayes to 240 noes, Roll No. 271. **Pages H5305–06**

The Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–144) was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H5305**

Agreed To:

Sensenbrenner amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–148 that broadens the category of class action cases that would stay in a state court by increasing the aggregate jurisdictional amount in controversy from \$2 million to \$5 million and allows Federal courts the discretion to return cases to state courts after evaluating five factors to determine if the case is of a local character; **Pages H5294–96**

Jackson-Lee amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–148 that sought to remove Federal court jurisdiction in class action suits filed against certain domestic corporations acquired by foreign corporations (rejected by recorded vote of 185 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 268); **Pages H5296–97, H5303**

Lofgren amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–148 that sought to permit the use of private attorney actions to enforce state laws in state courts (rejected by recorded vote of 186 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 269); and **Pages H5297–99, H5303–04**

Sandlin amendment in the nature of a substitute No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–148 that sought to establish the Class Action Improvement Act (rejected by 170 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 270). **Pages H5299–H5303, H5304–05**

H. Res. 269, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by recorded vote of 235 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 266. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 265. **Pages H5279–80**

All-American Tax Relief Act of 2003: The House insisted on its amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices and to provide tax relief and simplification and requested a conference with the Senate thereon. **Pages H5316–42**

Appointed as conferees: Chairman Thomas and Representatives DeLay and Rangel. **Page H5335**

Agreed to the Rangel motion to instruct conferees to include provisions of the Senate amendment that provide immediate payments to taxpayers receiving an additional credit in the same manner as other taxpayers under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act; provide families of military personnel serving in combat zones a child credit based on the military member's earnings; include all other provisions of the Senate amendment and not report back a conference report with additional tax benefits not offset by other provisions; and to the maximum extent possible to include in the conference report other tax benefits for military personnel and the families of the astronauts who died in the Columbia shuttle disaster by yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 275. **Pages H5335–42**

Earlier, upon adoption of the rule and pursuant to its provisions, the Chair announced that the House concurred in the Senate amendment to the title and amendment to the text of the bill with the amendment printed in the H. Rept. 108–149. Pursuant to this amendment, in lieu of the matter inserted by the Senate to the long title of the bill, the following was inserted: "An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance fairness in the internal revenue laws, and for other purposes." **Pages H5330–35**

H. Res. 270, the rule that provided for consideration of the Senate amendments was agreed to by yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 274. Agreed to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 273. **Pages H5316–30**

ORBIT Technical Corrections Act: The House passed H.R. 2312, to amend the Communications Satellite of 1962 to provide for the orderly dilution of the ownership interest in Inmarsat by former signatories to the Inmarsat Operating Agreement by unanimous consent. **Pages H5342–43**

Legislative Program: The Majority Whip announced the legislative program for the week of June 16. **Pages H5343–44**

Meeting Hour—Monday, June 16: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16 for morning-hour debate. **Page H5344**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 18. **Page H5345**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she announced her appointment of Mr. Joseph Cooper of

Baltimore, Maryland to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page H5345**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Coastal Zone Management Act Report: Message wherein he transmitted the Biennial Report to Congress on the Administration of the Coastal Zone Management Act—referred to the Committee on Resources; and **Page H5345**

Comprehensive Review of All Federal Drug and Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, Education, and Research Programs: Message wherein he transmitted a report detailing the findings of a comprehensive review of all Federal drug and substance abuse treatment, prevention, education, and research programs—referred to the Committees on Armed Services, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Government Reform, Judiciary, Small Business, and Veterans' Affairs. **Pages H5345–46**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H5342.

Referral: S. Con. Res. 54 was held at the desk. **Page H5342**

Discharge Petition: Representative Marshall moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 251, Providing for consideration of H.R. 303, to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability (Discharge Petition No. 2). **Page H5367**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5279, H5279–80, H5280–81, H5303, H5303–04, H5304–05, H5306, H5307, H5329, H5330, and H5341–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Homeland Security appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

BRIEFING—IRAQ STATUS OF RECONSTRUCTION AND STABILIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a briefing on the state of reconstruction and stabilization operations in