

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 2488–2500; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 221, were introduced. **Page H5467**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5468–69**

Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 281, providing for consideration of H.R. 8, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent (H. Rept. 108–157);

H. Res. 282, providing for consideration of H.R. 1528, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect taxpayers and ensure accountability of the Internal Revenue Service (H. Rept. 108–158); and

H.R. 2330, to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, amended (H. Rept. 108–159, Pt. 1). **Page H5467**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. David Halpern, Rabbi, Flatbush Park Jewish Center of Brooklyn, New York. **Pages H5416–17**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:10 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5416**

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

Commending the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs for winning the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship: H. Res. 171, commending the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs for winning the NCAA 2003 National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 280); **Pages H5418–21, H5437–38**

SEC Accountant, Compliance, and Enforcement Staffing Act: H.R. 658, to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 281); and **Pages H5421–24, H5438**

Support for Activities to Provide Decent Homes for the People of the United States: S. Con. Res. 43, expressing the sense of Congress that Congress should participate in and support activities to pro-

vide decent homes for the people of the United States (agreed to by $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 283). **Pages H5424–31, H5444**

Keeping Children and Families Safe Act: The House agreed to the conference report on Consideration of the conference report on S. 342, to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act by yeas and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 282. **Pages H5439–44**

The House agreed to H. Res. 276, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report by voice vote. Earlier agreed to order the previous question by yeas and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 279. **Pages H5431–37**

Availability of Classified Documents: Chairman Goss announced that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has authorized access to any Member of the House who wishes to review certain documents provided to the Committee by the Director of Central Intelligence relating to the available intelligence concerning Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program and Iraq's ties to terrorist groups prior to the commencement of hostilities in Iraq. Chairman Goss also announced that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ordered H.R. 2417, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, reported favorably to the House with an amendment. The Classified Schedule of Authorizations and the Classified Annex that accompanies the bill will be available for review by Members after the bill is filed. **Pages H5438–39**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:34 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m. **Page H5443**

Late Report: The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence received permission to have until midnight on June 17 to file a report on H.R. 2417, Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2004. **Page H5445**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on pages H5411.

Referral: S. 246, S. 500, S. 520, S. 625, S. 635, S. 1015. **Page H5466**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas and-nay votes and recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5436–37, H5437–38, H5438, H5443–44, H5444–45. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD SECURITY ACT AMENDMENTS; BIOTECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 11907, to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to ensure the availability of funds to provide technical assistance for certain conservation programs of the Department of Agriculture.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing to review Biotechnology in Agriculture. Testimony was heard from David Hegwood, Special Counsel to the Secretary, USDA; Lester M. Crawford, Deputy Commissioner, Food and Drugs, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and Stephen L. Johnson, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA.

HOMELAND SECURITY AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS; SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS REPORTS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004; Homeland Security; and Military Construction.

The Committee also approved the following: Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations Report, Fiscal Year 2003; and the Suballocation of Budget Allocations Report, Fiscal Year 2004.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2004.

ULLICO SCANDAL—IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. WORKERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on “The ULLICO Scandal and its Implications for U.S. Workers.” Testimony was heard from Warren E. Nowlin, Partner, Williams Mullen and Damon Silvers, Special Counsel to the Chairman, ULLICO Inc.

In failing to respond to questions, Robert A. Georgine, former President, Chairman and CEO, ULLICO Inc., invoked constitutional privileges.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH- FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 1583, Occupational Safety and Health-Fairness Act of 2003, focusing on Small Business and Workplace Safety. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began consideration of H.R. 2473, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003.

Will continue tomorrow.

FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT— BACKGROUND CHECKS AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on the role of FCRA in employee background checks and the collection of medical information. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECTION 8 HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity continued hearings on Section 8 Housing Assistance Program: Promoting Decent Affordable Housing for Families and Individuals who Rent. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL DEBT MANAGEMENT—ARE AGENCIES USING COLLECTION TOOLS EFFECTIVELY?

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing on “Federal Debt Management—Are Agencies Using Collection Tools Effectively?” Testimony was heard from Richard L. Gregg, Commissioner, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury; William H. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Theresa S. Shaw, Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid, Department of Education; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported H. Res. 277, expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong.

The Committee also unfavorably reported H. Res. 260, requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents