

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee resumed mark-up of S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, June 26.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 148, to provide for the Secretary of Homeland Security to be included in the line of Presidential succession;

S. Res. 178, to prohibit Members of the Senate and other persons from removing art and historic objects from the Senate wing of the Capitol and Senate office buildings for personal use; and

S. Res. 138, to amend rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate relating to the consideration of nominations requiring the advice and consent of the Senate.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Measures Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 2569–2594; and; 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 61; H. Con. Res., 227–229 and H. Res. 294 and 296, were introduced. **Pages H5813–14**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5814–15**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 295, providing for consideration of H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 108-176). **Page H5813**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boozman to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5717**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:11 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H5718**

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

**Small Business Advocacy Improvement:** H.R. 1772, amended, to improve small business advocacy; **Pages H5720–24**

**Premier Certified Lenders Program Improvement:** H.R. 923, amended, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to allow certain premier certified lenders to elect to maintain an alternative loss reserve (agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 303); **Pages H5724–27, H5742–43**

**Veterans Entrepreneurship and Benefits Improvement Act:** Debated on June 23, H.R. 1460, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit the use of education benefits under such title for certain entrepreneurship courses, to permit veterans enrolled in a vocational rehabilitation program under chapter 31 of such title to have self-employment as a vocational goal (agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 304). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve education and entrepreneurship benefits, housing benefits, and certain other benefits for veterans.”; and **Pages H5743–44**

**Homeland Security Technical Corrections:** H.R. 1416, amended, to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 311). **Pages H5727–33, H5795–96**

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act:** The House passed H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, by yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 310. **Pages H5734–95**

Agreed To:

Terry amendment that sought to increase funding for first responders by \$20 million with \$10 million for grants to State and local law enforcement for terrorism prevention activities and \$10 million for firefighter assistance grants with offsets of \$20 million from the Transportation Security Administration; **Pages H5761–64**

Hayes amendment that prohibits that any funding to be used in contravention of the applicable provisions of the Buy American Act; and **Page H5776**

Markey amendment that prohibits any funding to be used to approve, renew, or implement any aviation cargo security plan that permits the transporting of unscreened or uninspected cargo on passenger planes (agreed to by recorded vote of 278 ayes to 146 noes, Roll No. 308). **Pages H5776–79, H5790–91**

Rejected:

Filner amendment that sought to increase funding for Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) by \$5 million to reduce the backlog of applications for the program with offsets from Departmental Administration Salaries and Expenses funding of \$5 million (rejected by recorded vote of 149 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 307); and

**Pages H5789–90**

Tancredo amendment that sought to prohibit any funding to States or localities that restrict information to the Bureau of Immigration and Customs regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status as prohibited under section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (rejected by recorded vote of 102 ayes to 322 noes, Roll No. 309). **Pages H5791–95**

Withdrawn:

LoBiondo amendment no. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 23 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase Coast Guard funding by \$110 million with \$35 million for review of vessel security plans and \$75 million for deep water acquisition with \$110 million offset from the Immigration and Customs enforcement, Transportation security Administration, Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Science and Technology Research, Development, Acquisition, and Operations; **Page H5759**

Maloney amendment no. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 23 was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for discretionary grants for use in high-density urban areas and high threat areas by \$300 million with offsets from Disaster Relief funding; **Pages H5764–66**

Brady amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to increase funding for discretionary grants for use in high-density urban areas and high threat areas by \$200 million with offsets from basic formula grants funding; **Pages H5766–76**

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn that sought to simplify and expedite the grant process by allowing a percentage of funding be provided directly to localities and citizen groups without being first allocated to State government agencies; and **Pages H5781–83**

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to provide \$3 million for a grant to the University of Texas Center for Biosecurity. **Pages H5786–89**

Point of Order Sustained Against:

Obey amendment that sought to increase funding for Coast Guard Port Facility Security Grants by \$400 million, vessel threat information analysis by \$100 million; container ship inspection by \$100 million for 1300 inspectors; northern border security by \$200 million; airport perimeter, cargo security and overseas aircraft maintenance security by \$150 million and information analysis and infrastructure protection by \$50 million offset by the tax reduction of taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of \$1 million by 5.66 percent. (Representative Obey appealed the ruling of the Chair and the Committee then agreed to sustain the ruling by recorded vote of 222 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 305); **Pages H5757–59**

Sec. 514, pertaining to fees for credentials or background checks; **Page H5758**

Sec. 521, pertaining to contracts with corporations reincorporated off shore; **Page H5758**

Sec. 522, pertaining to the prohibition of funding for the Computer Assisted Passenger Pre-Screening System (CAPPS2); **Page H5758**

Manzullo amendment no. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 23 that sought to prohibit the procurement of manufactured materials unless section 2 of the Buy American Act is applied by substituting "at least 65 percent" for "substantially all". (Representative Filner appealed the ruling of the Chair and the Committee then agreed to sustain the ruling by recorded vote of 385 ayes to 28 noes, Roll No. 306); **Pages H5779–81**

Baldwin amendment no. 6 printed in the Congressional Record that sought to prohibit any funding for Coast Guard vessels in the National Security Cutter class or Offshore Patrol Cutter class unless the main propulsion diesel engines are manufactured in the United States by a domestically operated entity; **Pages H5783–84**

Waters amendment that sought to require a review of the proposed project for construction of a remote passenger check-in facility at Los Angeles International Airport to determine whether the project as designed will protect the safety of air passengers and the general public; and **Pages H5784–85**

Tancredo amendment that sought to prohibit any funding to States or localities that restrict information to the Department of Homeland Security regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status as prohibited under section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. **Pages H5785–86**

Agreed to H. Res. 293, the rule that providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by recorded vote of 220 ayes to 197 noes, roll No. 302.

Earlier agreed to order the previous question by yeand-nay vote of 221 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 301.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H5718.

**Referrals:** S. 239 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and S. 1157 was referred to the Committees on House Administration and Transportation and Infrastructure. Page H5811

**Amendment:** Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5815–17.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeand-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5741–42, H5742, H5742–43, H5743–44, H5758–59, H5781, H5789–90, H5790–91, H5794, H5795, and H5796. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

## Committee Meetings

### KC-767 TANKER LEASE INITIATIVE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the KC-767 tanker lease initiative. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and Maj. Gen. Paul W. Essex, USAF, Director, Plans and Programs, Headquarters Air Mobility Command; and Neil P. Curtin, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

### LABOR—MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT—UNION DEMOCRACY REFORMS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on “Union Democracy Reforms to the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act: H.R. 992, Union Members’ Right-to-Know Act; H.R. 993, Labor-Management Accountability Act; and H.R. 994, Union Member Information Enforcement Act.” Testimony was heard from Lary Yud, Deputy Director, Office of Labor-Management Standards, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY FROM COAL—FUTURE OPTIONS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on “Future Options for Generation of Electricity from Coal.” Testimony was heard from George Rudins, Deputy

Assistant Secretary, Coal and Power Systems, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### IMPORTED, COUNTERFEIT, AND UNAPPROVED DRUGS AVALANCHE INTO U.S.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing on “A System Overwhelmed: The Avalanche of Imported, Counterfeit, and Unapproved Drugs into U.S.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: William K. Hubbard, Associate Commissioner, Policy and Planning; and John Taylor, Associate Commissioner, Regulatory Affairs; Elizabeth Durant, Director, Trade Programs, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the State of Florida: Robert Penezic, Assistant Statewide Prosecutor; Gregg Jones, Pharmaceutical Program Manager, Drugs, Device, and Cosmetic Regulation and Cesar Arias, Drug Inspector Supervisor, both with the Bureau of Statewide Pharmaceutical Services, Department of Health.

### FIGHTING IDENTIFY THEFT—ROLE OF FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Fighting Identity Theft—The Role of FCRA.” Testimony was heard from J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Daniel L. Mihalko, Inspector in Charge, Congressional and Public Affairs, Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Postal Service; Tim Caddigan, Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—SCHOOL CHOICE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on “School Choice in the District of Columbia: Opening Doors for Parents and Students.” Testimony was heard from Representative Boehner; Rod Paige, Secretary of Education; and Anthony Williams, Mayor, District of Columbia.

### EMERGING THREATS: ASSESSING NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX FACILITY SECURITY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on “Emerging Threats: Assessing Nuclear Weapons Complex Facility Security.” Testimony was heard from Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Glenn S. Podonsky, Director, Office