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## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert B. Charles, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), who was introduced by Senator Snowe, and H. Douglas Barclay, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, after the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf.

## FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY REFORM

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the need for federal real property reform, focusing on actions needed to address long-standing and complex problems, useful data on real property assets, and reliance on costly leasing, after receiving testimony from Johanna L. Hardy, Senior Counsel, and James R. McKay, Counsel, both of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of

the United States, General Accounting Office; William C. Stamper, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Facilities Management and Policy; and Martha B. Knisley, District of Columbia Department of Mental Health, Washington, D.C.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing on the nomination of Dora L. Irizarry, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf. Testimony was also received from Thomas Z. Hayward, Jr., and Patricia M. Hynes, each of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary, Washington, D.C.; James F. Castro-Blanco, Shearman and Sterling, New York, New York, former Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York; and Lewis L. Douglas, Justice, New York State Supreme Court, on behalf of the New York State Commission on Minorities, and Michael L. Pesce, Presiding Justice, New York State Supreme Court, both of Brooklyn.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 3213–3226; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 71; H. Con. Res. 290, and H. Res. 384–388, were introduced. **Pages H9129–30**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H9130–32**

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

H. Res. 364, a resolution of inquiry requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of adoption of this resolution the report prepared for the Joint Chiefs of Staff entitled "Operation Iraqi Freedom Strategic Lessons Learned" and documents in his possession on the reconstruction and security of post-war Iraq, amended, (H. Rept. 108–289, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 383, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany S. 3, to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion (H. Rept. 108–290); and

Conference report on H.R. 1474, to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, (H. Rept. 108–291).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Shaw to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H9035**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Imam Hassan Qazwini, Leader, The Islamic Center of America in Detroit, Michigan. **Page H9035**

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

*American Dream Downpayment Act:* H.R. 1276, amended, to provide downpayment assistance under the HOME Investment Partnerships Act;

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*National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2003:* H.R. 2608, amended, to reauthorize the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program;

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*Health Care Safety Net Amendments Technical Corrections Act of 2003:* H.R. 3038, to make certain technical and conforming amendments to correct the Health Care Safety Net Amendments of 2002;

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*National Bone Marrow Donor Registry Reauthorization Act:* H.R. 3034, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry;

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*Animal Drug User Fee Act of 2003:* H.R. 1260, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act

to establish a program of fees relating to animal drugs; and  
**Pages H9054–59**

**Congratulating Fort Detrick:** H. Con. Res. 271, amended, congratulating Fort Detrick on 60 years of service to the United States.  
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Agreed to amend the title so as to read “Concurrent resolution congratulating Fort Detrick, Maryland, on 60 years of service to the Nation.”  
**Pages H9060–61**

**Department of the Interior Appropriations—Motion to go to Conference:** Agreed by unanimous consent to disagree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference.  
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The House agreed to the Dicks motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a ye-and-nay vote of 259 yeas to 165 nays, with one voting “present”, Roll No. 527.  
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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Taylor of North Carolina, Regula, Kolbe, Nethercutt, Wamp, Peterson of Pennsylvania, Sherwood, Crenshaw, Young of Florida, Dicks, Murtha, Moran of Virginia, Hinchey, Olver, and Obey.  
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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 12:41 p.m.  
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**Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Case motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003 by a ye-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 528.  
**Pages H9062–67, H9072**

Later Representative Flake announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.  
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Representative Bishop of New York also announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.  
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**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House rejected the Davis of Alabama motion to instruct on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act by a ye-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 529.  
**Pages H9067–73**

**Energy Policy Act of 2003—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** Representative Inslee announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, Energy Policy Act of 2003.  
**Pages H9073–74**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 3:35 p.m.  
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**Senate Message:** Message from the Senate appears today on page H9035.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1680 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and S. 1261 was referred to the Committee on Energy & Commerce.  
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**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REVIEW MANDATORY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review mandatory country of origin labeling. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3030, Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2898, amended, E-911 Implementation Act of 2003; H.R. 3140, amended, Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act; and H.R. 3143, International Consumer Protection Act of 2003.

The Committee also approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of subpoenas with respect to matters involved in, related to, or arising from the Committee’s investigation of the HealthSouth Corporation.

### REMITTANCES: REDUCING COSTS, INCREASING COMPETITION, AND BROADENING ACCESS TO MARKETS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “Remittances: Reducing Costs, Increasing Competition, and Broadening Access to the Market.” Testimony was heard from Wayne Abernathy, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### CHINA’S EXCHANGE RATE REGIME—EFFECTS ON U.S. ECONOMY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “China’s Exchange Rate Regime and its Effects on the U.S. Economy.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Green of Wisconsin and English; John Taylor, Under Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Grant Aldonis, Under Secretary, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—HUMAN CAPITAL SUCCESSION PLANNING

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held an oversight hearing entitled “Human Capital Succession Planning: How the Federal Government Can Get a Workforce to Achieve Results.” Testimony was