

S. 420, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1423, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, with an amendment.

INDIAN MONEY ACCOUNT CLAIMS SATISFACTION ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on S. 1770, to establish a voluntary alternative claims resolution process to reach a settlement of pending class action litigation, after receiving testimony from James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior; John E. Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado; Tex G. Hall, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; D. Fred Matt, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Pablo, Montana; and Jim Gray, Osage Tribal Council, Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine competitive and economic effects

of the Bowl Championship series on and off the field, focusing on the impact on the academic missions of universities, student-athletes, bowl games and fans, financial contributions to higher education, increased fan attendance, media exposure, the economic impact on the host community, and charitable responsibility, after receiving testimony from Senator Bennett; Harvey S. Perlman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska; Myles Brand, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Indianapolis, Indiana; Scott S. Cowen, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana; Keith R. Tribble, Orange Bowl Committee, and the Football Bowl Association, Miami, Florida; LaVell Edwards, Provo, Utah, formerly with Brigham Young University.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James B. Comey, of New York, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 3385–3405; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 314–315 and H. Res. 423, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 2115, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration (H. Rept. 108–334);

H. Res. 421, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–335); and

H. Res. 422, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2115) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration (H. Rept. 108–336).

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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 H9985**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Bryce Anderson, Pastor, Church of the Living Word in Vincennes, Indiana. **Page H9985**

Departments of Transportation and Treasury Appropriations Act for FY 2004—Motion to go to conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2989, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference.

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The House agreed to the Olver motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a voice vote. **Page H9989**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Istook, Wolf, Lewis (CA), Rogers (KY), Tiahrt, Northup, Aderholt, Sweeney, Culberson, Young (FL), Hoyer, Olver, Pastor, Kilpatrick, Clyburn, Rothman, and Obey. **Page H9989**

Continuing Appropriations for FY 2004: The House agreed to H. Res. 417, the rule providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, by a yea-and-nay vote of 311 yeas to 112 nays, Roll No. 574.

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Interior Department Appropriations Act for FY 2004—Conference Report: The House agreed to H. Res. 418, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, by a yea-and-nay vote of 289 yeas to 136 nays, Roll No. 575.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

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

Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act: H.R. 1720, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, establishing, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 576;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read “a bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out construction projects for the purpose of improving, renovating, establishing, and updating patient care facilities at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, and for other purposes”.

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National Cemetery Expansion Act of 2003: Senate amendments to H.R. 1516, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in southeastern Pennsylvania, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 577;

Pages H10054–58, H10080–81

Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act: H.R. 3365, to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces and to exclude such gratuity from gross income, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay” Roll No. 578;

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Encouraging China to fulfill its commitments to international trade rules: H. Res. 414, to encourage the People’s Republic of China to fulfill its commitments under international trade agreements, support the United States manufacturing sector, and establish monetary and financial market reforms, by a

$\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 579; and

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Congratulating the Florida Marlins for winning the 2003 World Series: H. Res. 415, congratulating the Florida Marlins for winning the 2003 World Series.

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Suspension Postponed: The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until a later date.

Sense of Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States: H. Con. Res. 302, expressing the sense of Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States on October 31, 2003.

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Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003: The House agreed to H. Res. 416, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, by a voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:07 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the Obey motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, by a voice vote.

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Representative DeLauro announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003: Representative Becerra announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit.

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Energy Policy Act of 2003: The House debated the Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until a later date.

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Representative Filner announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003: The House debated the Davis of Florida motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to

amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until a later date.

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Representative Capps announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9985.

Senate Referral: S. 247 was ordered held at the desk.

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Presidential Messages: Read messages from the President wherein he transmitted a report concerning the National Emergency with Respect to the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–138); and a report concerning the National Emergency with Respect to Sudan—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed. (H. Doc. 108–139).

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H10131.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported the following measures: H.J. Res. 74, recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for the important service it provides for the Nation; H.R. 1367, amended, National Veterinary Medical Services Act; H.R. 2304, amended, to resolve boundary conflicts in the vicinity of the Mark Twain National Forest in Barry and Stone Counties, Missouri, that resulted from private landowner reliance on a subsequent Federal survey; H.R. 3157, amended, to provide for the designation of a Department of Agriculture disaster liaison to assist State and local employees of the Department in coordination with other disaster agencies in response to a federally declared disaster area as a result of a disaster; and H.R. 3217, to provide for the conveyance of several small parcels of National Forest System land in the Apalachicola National Forest, Florida, to resolve boundary discrepancies involving the Mt. Trial Primitive Baptist Church of Wakulla County, Florida.

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION AND STABILITY OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on “Iraq Reconstruction and Stability Operations: The Way Forward.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PENSION UNDERFUNDING CRISIS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on “The Pension Underfunding Crisis: How Effective Have Funding Reforms Been?” Testimony was heard from Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

WORLD BANK LENDING TO IRAN

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing on World Bank lending to Iran. Testimony was heard from William Schuerch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY—A NEW HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held an oversight hearing entitled “Decision Time: A New Human Resources Management System at the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from Ronald L. James, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Steven R. Cohen, Senior Adviser, Homeland Security, OPM; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled “Agency Compliance with FFMA—Private Sector Views.” Testimony was heard from Sally Thompson, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING—ONGOING TRAGEDY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled “The Ongoing Tragedy of International Slavery and Human Trafficking: An Overview.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: John Miller, Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons; and Kent Hill, Assistant Administrator, AID; and public witnesses.