

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 3712–3726; 1 private bill, H.R. 3727; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 86 and H. Res. 496–500, were introduced. **Pages H88–89**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H89–90**

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simmons to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H39**

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

***Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools:*** H. Res. 492, honoring the contributions of Catholic schools, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 2; **Pages H40–44, H58**

***Sense of the House regarding the benefits of mentoring:*** H. Res. 491, honoring individuals who are mentors and supporting efforts to recruit more mentors, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 3; **Pages H44–48, H58–59**

***Recognizing the achievements related to the Mars Exploration Rover Mission:*** H. Res. 490, recognizing and commending the achievements of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and Cornell University in conducting the Mars Exploration Rover mission, and recognizing the importance of space exploration, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 389 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 4; and **Pages H48–52, H59–60**

***Agreeing with the Senate on S. Res. 281:*** H. Res. 489, stating the agreement of the House of Representatives with the sentiment expressed by the Senate in Senate Resolution 281, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 5. **Pages H52–57, H60**

**Committee Election Vacated:** Read a letter from Representative Gonzalez wherein he announced his resignation from the Committees on Financial Services and Small Business, and the Select Committee on Homeland Security, effective January 20, 2004. **Page H61**

**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 495, electing Representative Gonzalez to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H61**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2004, and further that when it adjourn

on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27 for morning hour debate. **Page H62**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, January 28, 2004. **Page H62**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, January 27, 2004. **Page H62**

**Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Mr. Robert Shireman of Oakland, California to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. **Page H87**

**Message from the Clerk:** Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he notified the House that he received a message from the Senate on Tuesday, January 20, 2004. **Pages H57–58**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H58, H58–59, H59–60, and H60. There were no recorded votes or quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### USDA'S BSE RESPONSE

***Committee on Agriculture:*** Held a hearing to review the USDA's Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Response. Testimony was heard from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture.

### RESERVE COMPONENT HEALTHCARE

***Committee on Armed Services:*** Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on Reserve Component Healthcare: Medical Holdovers in Current and Future Deployments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Sgt. Craig Allen LaChance, USA, Medical Holdover Company; and Col. John M. Kidd, USA, Garrison Commander, Third Infantry Division (Mechanized), both at Fort Stewart, Georgia; Col. Keith Armstrong, USA, Garrison Commander, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, USA, Surgeon General; Daniel Denning, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Inge, USA, Commanding General, First Army; the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Vice. Adm. Michael L. Cowan, USN,