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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Blunt wherein he resigned from the Committee on Energy & Commerce. **Page H222**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Bell wherein he resigned from the Committees on Science and Government Reform.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 505, electing Representatives Hall and Sullivan to the Committee on Energy & Commerce, Representative Blunt to the Committee on International Relations, and Mr. Hall to the Committee on Science.

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**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 504, electing Representative Bell to the Committee on Financial Services.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 4.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Friday, January 30, and further that when it adjourn on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3 for morning hour debate.

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**Antitrust Modernization Commission:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. Donald G. Kempf, Jr. of New York, New York and Mr. John L. Warden of New York, New York to the Antitrust Modernization Commission.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of his issuance of Presidential Determination 2003–39 and exercised the authority to grant certain exemptions under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act—referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Read a message from the President wherein he certified the effectiveness of the Australia Group—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** 4 yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H215–216, H218, H218–219, and H221–222. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE SECTOR—TEMPORARY GUEST WORKER PROPOSALS IMPACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review the Potential Impact of Recent Temporary Guest Worker Proposals on the Agriculture Sector. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM FORCE ROTATION PLAN

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Operation Iraqi Freedom Force Rotation Plan. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, Army; Gen. Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant, Marine Corps; Lt. Gen. James E. Cartwright, USMC, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment, and Lt. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, USAF, Director, Operations, both with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### FREDDIE MAC'S ACCOUNTING RESTATEMENT: ARE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS WORKING?

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Freddie Mac’s Accounting Restatement: Are Accounting Standards Working?” Testimony was heard from Armando Falcon, Jr., Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Martin Bauman, Chief Financial Officer, Freddie Mac.

### STROKE TREATMENT AND ONGOING PREVENTION ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3658, Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act.

### BROADCAST INDECENCY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “‘Can you say that on TV?’: An Examination of the FCC’s Enforcement with Respect to Broadcast Indecency.” Testimony was heard from David H. Solomon, Chief, Enforcement Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL BANK RULES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Congressional Review of OCC Preemption.” Testimony was heard from Julie L. Williams, First Senior

Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PAY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled “Avoiding ‘Financial Friendly Fire’: A Review of Efforts to Overcome Army National Guard Pay Problems.” Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ernest J. Gregory, Acting Assistant Secretary, Financial Management and Comptroller; and Lt. Gen. Roger C. Schultz, USA, Director, Army National Guard, both with the Department of the Army; and Patrick T. Shine, Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Military and Civilian Pay Services; and Kenneth Chavez, Unit Commander, B Company, Special Forces, Colorado Army National Guard.

### POSTAL REFORM

*Committee on Government Reform:* Special Panel on Postal Reform and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Answering the Administration’s Call for Postal Reform—Part I.” Testimony was heard from Brian C. Roseboro, Acting Under Secretary, Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the U.S. Postal Service: S. David Fineman, Chairman, Board of Governors; and John E. Potter, Postmaster General; George A. Omas, Chairman, Postal Rate Commission; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

### OVERSIGHT—RELIEVING BURDEN ON SMALL BUSINESS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight of the Committee on Small Business held a joint hearing entitled “What is the Administration’s Record in Relieving Burden on Small Business?” Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Patrick Pizzella, Assistant Secretary, Administration and Management, Department of Labor; Jeffrey Rosen, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Kimberly Terese Nelson, Assistant Administrator, Environmental Information, EPA; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1073, To repeal section 801 of the Revenue Act of 1916; H.R. 1768, amended, Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act of 2003; H. Res. 412, Honoring the men and women of the

Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary; H.R. 3095, Community Recognition Act of 2003; H.R. 339, amended, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act; H.R. 2824, amended, Internet Tobacco Sales Enforcement Act; and H. Res. 56, Supporting the goals of the Japanese American, German American, and Italian American communities in recognizing a National Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the restriction, exclusion, and internment of individuals and families during World War II.

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3551, Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2003.

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—LONG-TERM CARE POLICIES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs long-term care policies. Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Healthcare—Veterans’ Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: John D. Daigh, Jr., M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Health Care Inspections, Office of Inspector General; and Robert H. Rosell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing to review Federal and State Oversight of Child Welfare Programs. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Cornelia Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; Wayne Stevenson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Children, Youth, and Families, State of Pennsylvania; William Bell, Commissioner, Administration for Children and Families, New York City; and public witnesses.

### BORDER SECURITY TECHNOLOGY

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a hearing entitled “Integrity and Security at the Border: The US VISIT Program.” Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary, Border and Transportation Security Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the protocol additional to the safeguards agreement between the United States of America and the IAEA, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 2 through February 7, 2004

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 1 p.m., Senate will be in a period of morning business; at 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1072, SAFE Transportation Equity Act, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to occur at 5:45 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 3, to hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for Fiscal Year 2005 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* February 3, to hold hearings to examine fund operations and governance relating to current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

February 4, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine national flood insurance repetitive losses, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

February 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's rules on national bank preemption and visitorial powers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* February 3, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

February 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget proposals, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* February 4, business meeting to consider pending calendar items, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

February 4, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1354, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act re-

lated to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, S. 1575, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, H.R. 1092, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, S. 1778, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska, S. 1819, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries, and H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* February 4, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's Health and Human Services budget priorities, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* February 3, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

February 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine AIDS and hunger, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* February 3, to hold hearings to examine workforce issues relating to preserving a strong United States Postal Service, 2 p.m., SD-342.

February 4, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine workforce issues relating to preserving a strong United States Postal Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* February 5, to hold hearings to examine maintaining confidence in consumer products relating to mad cow disease, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* February 4, to hold hearings to examine President's fiscal year 2005 budget request, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* February 4, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William Gerry Myers III of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, William S. Duffey, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Lawrence F. Stengel, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 10 a.m., SD-226.

### House Chamber

To be announced.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* February 4, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Public Diplomacy, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* February 4, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* February 3, hearing on the Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 2005, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.