

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, February 5, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S598.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005 and future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; and General Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lawrence T. Di Rita, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, and Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration, and 438 military nominations in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled Federal Public transportation Act of 2004.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's Health and Human Services budget priorities for fiscal year 2005, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine workforce issues relating to preserving a strong United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Walter M. Olihovik, National Association of Postmasters of the United States, Steve D. LeNoir, National League of Postmasters, and Ted Keating, National Association of Postal Supervisors, all of Alexandria, Virginia; John Calhoun Wells, San Antonio, Texas, former Director of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; James L. Medoff, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Michael L. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3763–3780; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 357–359, and H. Res. 515–519 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Chaplain: Today's prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Michael J. Easley, Senior Pastor, Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, Virginia.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

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Joint Meeting to Receive His Excellency Jose Maria Aznar, President of the Government of Spain: The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Jose Maria Aznar, President of the Government of Spain. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives DeLay, Blunt, Pryce

(OH), Bereuter, Weller, Pelosi, Hoyer, Menendez, Lantos, and Rodriguez and Senators Frist, Stevens, Santorum, Kyl, Allen, Lugar, Smith, Daschle, and Dodd.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

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Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 3030, to amend the Community Service Block Grant Act to provide for quality improvements by voice vote.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed to:

George Miller of California amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of February 3)