

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 361, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense began fiscal year 2005 appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies began fiscal year 2005 appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Base Realignment and Closure. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Raymond F. DuBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Geoffrey Prosch, Acting Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Army; Hansford T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy; and Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary, Installations, Environment and Logistics, Department of the Air Force.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2005— DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request for the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Gordon R. England, Secretary; Adm. Vern Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005. Testimony was heard from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY CHOICES FOR HEALTHY CHILDREN

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing entitled "Encouraging Healthy Choices for Healthy Children." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BROADCAST DECENCY ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet approved for full Committee action H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; REVIEW— THIS YEAR'S FLU SEASON

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3536, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 Main Street in Malden, Illinois, as the "Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office;" H.R. 3537, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 185 State Street in Manhattan, Illinois, as the "Army Pvt. Shawn Pahnke Manhattan Post Office;" H.R. 3538, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 South Chicago Avenue in Saint Anne, Illinois, as the "Marine Capt. Ryan Beaupre Saint Anne Post Office;" H.R. 3690, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 West Main Street in Batavia, New York, as the "Barber Conable Post Office Building;" H.R. 3769, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 137 East Young High Pike in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "Ben Atchley Post Office Building;" H. Res. 392, Congratulating the Detroit Shock for winning the 2003 Women's National Basketball Association championship; H. Res. 439, Honoring the life and career of Willie Shoemaker and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family and friends on his death; H. Con. Res. 287, Recognizing and honoring the life of the late Raul Julia, his dedication to ending world hunger, and his great contributions to the Latino community and the performing arts; and H. Res. 519, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the earthquake that occurred in San Luis Obispo County, California, on December 22, 2003.

The Committee approved the release of the transcript of the April 10, 2003 interview of Frank Salemme.

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "A Review of This Year's Flu Season: Does Our Public Health System Need a Shot in the Arm?" Testimony was heard from the Department of Health and Human Services: Julie Gerberding, M.D., Director,

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; Janet Heinrich, M.D., Director, Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN: DRUGS AND TERRORISM AND U.S. SECURITY POLICY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Afghanistan: Drugs and Terrorism and U.S. Security Policy. Testimony was heard from Representative Kirk; the following officials of the Department of State: Robert B. Charles, Assistant Secretary, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and William B. Taylor, Jr., Coordinator for Afghanistan; Karen P. Tandy, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; and Brig. Gen. Gary L. North, USAF, Director, Politico-Military Affairs for Asia-Pacific, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

ANTI-COUNTERFEITING AMENDMENTS OF 2003

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 3632, Anti-counterfeiting Amendments of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ENERGY SUPPLY AND THE AMERICAN CONSUMER

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled "Energy Supply and the American Consumer." Testimony was heard from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

LAND CONVEYANCE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 3505, to amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to specify the recipients and consideration for conveyance of the Bend Pine Nursery. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Estill, Deputy Chief of Programs, Legislation and Communication, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT'S VISION FOR SPACE EXPLORATION

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on the President's Vision for Space Exploration. Testimony was heard from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, NASA; and

John Marburger III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

OVERSIGHT—AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Aviation Security: Progress and Problems in Passenger and Baggage Screening. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security: Tom Blank, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Security Policy; and Randy Null, Chief Technology Officer; Cathleen Berrick, Director, Homeland and Justice Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

IRS COMPUTER MODERNIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on IRS Efforts to Modernize its Computer Systems. Testimony was heard from Mark Everson, Commissioner, IRS; Larry Levitan, member, IRS Oversight Board; Robert F. Dacey, Director, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security's Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 Budget." Testimony was heard from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget proposals, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.