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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 8, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2254.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion concluded an oversight hearing to examine the development of a national animal identification plan, focusing on the benefits and current status of animal identification systems and the plan of the Department of Agriculture for implementation of a national identification system, after receiving testimony from William Hawks, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Bret D. Marsh, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the U.S. Animal Health Association; Fritz Schmitz-Hsu, Ittigen, Switzerland, on behalf of the Animal Tracking Corporation; Mike John, Columbia, Missouri, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Joy Philippi, Bruning, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Bob Lehfeltdt, Montana Wool Growers Association, Helena, on behalf of the American Sheep Industry Association; and Ronald Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union, Great Falls, on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: GAO/GPO/CBO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the General Accounting Office (GAO), the Government Printing Office (GPO), and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Gene L. Dodaro, Chief Operating Officer, Stanley Czerwinski, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, and Sallyanne Harper, Chief Mission Support Office and Chief Financial Officer, all of the General Accounting Office; Bruce James, Public Printer and William H. Turri, Deputy Public Printer, both of the Government Printing Office; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, and Elizabeth M. Robinson, Deputy Director, both of the Congressional Budget Office.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Roderick Paige, Secretary of Education; Paul G. Vallas, School District of Philadelphia, Sam Evans, American Foundation for Negro Affairs, and C. Delores Tucker, Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence, Inc., all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; James Weaver, Pennsylvania State Education Association, Harrisburg; Melissa Jamula, Reading School District, Reading, Pennsylvania; James R. Scanlon, Quakertown Community School District, Quakertown, Pennsylvania; and Marie Slobojan, Tredyffrin/Easttown School District, Berwyn, Pennsylvania.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements, after receiving testimony from General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; and General John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, United States Central Command.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on compensation, benefits, and health care for active and Reserve military personnel and their families, after receiving testimony from Senators Daschle and Graham (SC); Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and William Winkenwerder, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, both of the Department of Defense;

Joyce Wessel Raezer, National Military Family Association, Sue Schwartz, Military Coalition Health Care Committee, Master Sergeant Michael P. Cline, USA (Ret.), Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, all of Alexandria, Virginia; Deirdre Parke Holleman, Retired Enlisted Association, Aurora, Colorado; and Colonel Dennis M. Duggan, USA (Ret.), American Legion, Washington, D.C.

2005 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee continued in evening session to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2005 budget for the Federal Government.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rhonda Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Services, who was introduced by Senator Cochran and Representative Wicker; Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Dole; W. Douglas Buttrey, of Tennessee, who was introduced by Representative Ford, and Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, who was introduced by Representative Oberstar, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ENERGY OUTLOOK 2004

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Energy Information Administration (EIA) Annual Energy Outlook 2004 forecast regarding the supply, demand, and price projections for oil, natural gas, nuclear, coal and renewable resources, including commercial and market perspectives on the state of oil and natural gas markets, after receiving testimony from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Richard J. Sharples, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, The Woodlands, Texas; Paul D. Koonce, Dominion Energy, Inc., Richmond, Virginia; and Jay Saunders, DeutscheBank, New York, New York.

NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine new nuclear power generation in the United States, focusing on Browns Ferry Unit 1, nuclear power plant license renewal, power uprates (requests to raise the maximum power level at which a nuclear power plant may be operated), and heightened security at U.S. commercial reactors, after receiving testimony from Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., Chairman, Tennessee Valley Authority; William D. Travers,

Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Marvin S. Fertel, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C.; James K. Asselstine, Lehman Brothers, Inc., New York, New York; and Jim M. Bernhard, Shaw Group, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following items:

S. 2144, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2005, for the Peace Corps for fiscal year 2005 through 2007, for foreign assistance programs for fiscal year 2005, with amendments;

S. 2096, to promote a free press and open media through the National Endowment for Democracy;

S. 2127, to build operational readiness in civilian agencies;

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on November 6, 2003, together with a Protocol and an exchange of notes (the "Convention") (Treaty Doc. 108-14);

The Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, Signed at Colombo on March 14, 1985. (Treaty Doc. 99-10);

Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Colombo on March 14, 1985, together with an exchange of notes, signed at Washington on September 20, 2002 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 108-9), with 1 understanding;

The Protocol Additional to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the United States of America, with annexes, signed at Vienna June 12, 1998 (Treaty Doc. 107-7), with 2 conditions and 8 understandings; and

The nominations of Feliciano Foyo, of Florida, and Robert Hurley McKinney, of Indiana, each to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting, Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, and Steven J. Simmons, of Connecticut, each to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Political Director for the United States Presidency of the G-8, and Sanford Gottesman, of Texas, Diane M. Ruebling, of California, and C. William Swank, of Ohio, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors

of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Richard S. Williamson, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

HONG KONG

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the prospects for democratic development in Hong Kong, focusing on the challenge of redefining Hong Kong's economic and political structure, after receiving testimony from Randall G. Schriver, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; Martin Lee Chu-ming and James To, each a member of Hong Kong's Legislative Council, Lee Cheuk-yan, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions, and Law Yuk-Kai, Human Rights Monitor Director, all of Hong Kong; and James V. Feinerman, Georgetown University Law Center, Ellen Bork, Project for the New American Century, and John J. Tkacik, Jr., Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT & THE WORKFORCE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues for reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, focusing on a knowledge-based economy, the relationship between postsecondary education and the workforce, and financial aid, after receiving testimony from Charles H. Bohlen, Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on behalf of the American Association of Community Colleges on the Higher Education Act; James C. Votruba, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights; Beth B. Buehlmann, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Center for Workforce Preparation, Washington, D.C.; Diana G. Oblinger, Microsoft Corporation, Bellevue, Washington; and Ellen O'Brien Saunders, Washington State Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, Olympia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Raymond W. Gruender, of Missouri, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Franklin S. Van Antwerpen, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Judith C. Herrera, to be United States District Judge for the District

of New Mexico, F. Dennis Saylor IV, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Sandra L. Townes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Louis Guirola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, Virginia E. Hopkins, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Kenneth M. Karas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Ricardo S. Martinez, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Gene E. K. Pratter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Neil Vincent Wake, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona,

William S. Duffey, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Michele M. Leonhart, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement,

Domingo S. Herraiz, of Ohio, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, LaFayette Collins, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas, and Ronald J. Tenpas, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, all of the Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded closed hearings on intelligence matters after receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

MONEY LAUNDERING

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine the current status of federal efforts to coordinate and combat money laundering and terrorist financing, after receiving testimony from Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accounting Office; Juan C. Zarate, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Executive Office for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes; Michael T. Dougherty, Director of Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Gary M. Bald, Acting Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Karen P. Tandy, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice; and Raymond W. Baker, Center for International Policy, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 3890–3911; 1 private bill, H.R. 3912; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 378–379, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Pension Funding Equity Act of 2003—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modification committed to conference: Representatives Boehner, McKeon, Sam Johnson (TX), Tiberi, George Miller (CA), and Andrews.

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From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thomas, Portman, and Rangel.

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Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act of 2004: The House passed H.R. 3752, to promote the development of the emerging commercial human space flight industry, to extend the liability indemnification regime for the commercial space transportation industry, to authorize appropriations for the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 39.

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Agreed to:

Boehlert amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of March 3) that makes technical corrections to the bill; and

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Flake amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of March 3) that holds funding for the next three fiscal years for the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation at the current spending level.

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H. Res. 546, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on Wednesday, March 3.

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

Honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its

30th Anniversary: Debated on March 3, H. Res. 412, honoring the men and women of the Drug Enforcement Administration on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 40; and

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Supporting the goals of Japanese American, German American, and Italian American communities in recognizing a National Day of Remembrance: Debated on March 3, 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, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 41.

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Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on the Judiciary have until midnight on March 5 to file a report on H.R. 339, to prevent frivolous lawsuits against the manufacturers, distributors, or sellers of food or non-alcoholic beverage products that comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, March 8, and further that when it adjourn on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9 for Morning-Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 10.

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Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted the text a proposed Protocol Amending the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–169).

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Senate Message: Message from the Senate appears today on page H833.

Senate Referral: S. 2057 was referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H840, H841, and H841–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:58 p.m.