

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator, Ann R. Klee, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, Charles Johnson, of Utah, to be Chief Financial Officer, who was introduced by Senator Bennett, and Benjamin Grumbles, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Gary Lee Visscher, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATION'S WATER RESOURCE NEEDS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded a hearing to examine the role of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in meeting the nation's water resource needs in the 21st century, including related provisions of the proposed Water Resources Development Act of 2004, after receiving testimony from former Representative John T. Myers, on behalf of the National Waterways Conference; John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Robert B. Flowers, Chief of Engineers, both of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Steve Levy, Office of the Suffolk County Executive, Hauppauge, New York; Michael A. Leone, American Association of Port Authorities, Alexandria, Virginia; William G. Howland, Lake Champlain Basin Program, Grand Isle, Vermont; Michael W. Cameron, The Nature Conservancy,

Reno, Nevada; Derrick Crandall, American Recreation Coalition, Dominic Izzo, American Society of Civil Engineers, Raymond J. Poupore, National Heavy and Highway Alliance, and Scott Faber Environmental Defense, all of Washington, D.C.; and Gregory A. Zlotnick, Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Jose, California.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Paul V. Applegarth, of Connecticut, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

MADRID TERRORIST ATTACKS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the effects of the Madrid terrorist attacks on U.S. European cooperation in the war on terrorism, after receiving testimony from J. Cofer Black, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; Robert Kagan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Robin Niblett, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Philip H. Gordon, Brookings Institution, and James Dobbins, RAND Corporation, all of Washington D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4077–4097; 4100; 2 private bills, H.R. 4098–4099; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 590–591, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.Res. 592, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee (H.Rept. 108-455); and

H.Res. 593, providing for further consideration of H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid high-

ways, highway safety programs, and transit programs (H.Rept. 108-456).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaHood to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Cynthia O. Baskin, Rector, St. James Episcopal Church in Potomac, Maryland.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 590, electing Representative Chandler to the Committees on Agriculture and International Relations.

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

Providing for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through June 4, 2004: H.R. 4062, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through June 4, 2004.

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Sense of the House regarding compensation rates for civilian employees and members of the uniformed services: The House agreed to H. Res. 581, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding rates of compensation for civilian employees and members of the uniformed services of the United States, by a yea-and-nay vote of 299 yeas to 126 nays, Roll No. 104.

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H. Res. 585, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution was agreed to by a voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:04 p.m. and reconvened at 8:52 p.m. on Thursday, April 1.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H1759–60. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 11:04 p.m. stands in recess subject to the call of the chair.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on FCC. Testimony was heard from Michael Powell, Chairman, FCC.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the SEC. Testimony was heard from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, SEC.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from LTG Ronald Kadish, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Contributions of the Army Corps of Engineers in the Restoration of Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from LTG Robert B. Flowers, USA, Chief, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on U.S. Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from ADM Thomas H. Collins, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Testimony was heard from Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Department of Health and Human Services.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on the Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Thomas B. Fargo, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and GEN Leon J. LaPorte, USA, Commander, Republic of Korea-U.S. Combines Forces Command and Command Forces Korea.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—DOD

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request of the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Thomas B. Fargo, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and GEN Leon J. Laporte, USA, Commander, U.S. Forces Korea.