

**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.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—DOD'S BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION EFFORTS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense's Business Transformation Efforts. Testimony was heard from Gregory D. Kutz, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: JoAnn Boutelle, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Margaret E. Myers, Principal Deputy Under Secretary (Comptroller) and the Deputy Under Secretary, Management Reform; Gary L. Winkler, Director, Enterprise Integration, CIO/G6, Department of the Army; David M. Wennergren, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Navy; John M. Gilligan, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Air Force; BG John R. Thomas, USMC, Director C/4 Chief Information Officer, U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—RESERVE COMPONENT TRANSFORMATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request on Reserve Component Transformation and Relieving the Stress on the Reserve Component. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Albert C. Zapanta, Chairman, Reserve Forces Policy Board; Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Chief, National Guard Board; LTG Roger C. Schultz, USA, Director, Army National Guard and LTG James Helmly, USA, Chief, U.S. Army Reserve, all with the Department of the Army; VADM John G. Cotton, USN, Director, U.S. Naval Reserve and LTG Dennis M. McCarthy, USMC, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, both with the Department of the Navy; and LTG Daniel James III, USAF, Director, Air National Guard and LTG James E. Sherrard III, USAF, Chief, Air Force Reserve, both the Department of the Air Force.

### U.S.-CHINA TRADE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "U.S.-China Trade: Preparations for the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade." Testimony was heard from Charles W. Freeman III, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

### REVIEW TARGETING PROGRAM FOR SEA CARGO

*Committee on Energy Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "A Review to Assess Progress with the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection's Targeting Program for Sea Cargo." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jayson Ahern, Assistant Commissioner; Vera Adams Port Director, Long Beach, CA., and Kevin McCabe, Chief Inspector, Newark, New Jersey, all with the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, and Clark Kent Ervin, Inspector General; and a public witness.

### INCREASE INSURANCE CHOICES FOR CONSUMERS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Working with State Regulators to Increase Insurance Choices for Consumers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—"10 YEARS OF GPRA—RESULTS DEMONSTRATED"

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled "10 Years of GPRA—Results, Demonstrated." Testimony was heard from Patricia Dalton, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4019, Concerning participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization; H.R. 4011, amended, North Korea Human Rights Act of 2004; H.R. 4060, Peace Corps Safety and Security Act of 2004; H.R. 4061, Assistance for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act of 2004.

The Committee also favorably considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 4053, United States International Leadership Act of 2003; H. Res. 402, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the urgent need for freedom, democratic reform, and international monitoring of elections, human rights, and religious liberty in the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H. Res. 535, amended, Expressing the concern and support of the House of Representatives for local elected officials under threat of assassination, kidnapping, forcible displacement, and coercion by terrorist organizations in the Republic of Colombia; H. Res. 563, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding

the one-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba; H. Res. 576, amended, Urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to improve its protection of intellectual property rights; H. Con. Res. 326, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the arbitrary detention of Dr. Wang Bingzhang by the Government of the People's Republic of China and urging his immediate release; H. Con. Res. 336, Expressing the sense of Congress that the continued participation of the Russian Federation in the Group of 8 nations should be conditioned on the Russian Government voluntarily accepting and adhering to the norms and standards of democracy; H. Con. Res. 352, Recognizing the contributions of people of Indian origin to the United States and the benefits of working together with India towards promoting peace, prosperity, and freedom among all countries of the world; H. Con. Res. 378, Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Thaddeus Nguyen Van Ly; and H. Con. Res. 398, Expressing the concern of Congress over Iran's development of the means to produce nuclear weapons.

#### **BELARUS AND ITS FUTURE**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on Belarus and Its future: Democracy or Soviet-Style Dictatorship? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ANABOLIC STEROID CONTROL ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3866, Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004.

#### **OVERSIGHT—LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Legal Services Corporation: Inquiry into the Activities of the California Rural Legal Assistance Program and Testimony Relating to the Merits of Client Co-Pay. Testimony was heard from Helaine M. Barnett, President, Legal Services Corporation; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4077, Piracy Deterrence and Education Act of 2004; H.R. 3632, Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2003; and H.R. 3754, Fraudulent Online Sanctions Act.

#### **OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS—FEDERAL RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROCESS**

*Committee on Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on the Federal recognition and acknowledgment process by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Connecticut; R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### **TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 3550, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. The rule provides for no further general debate except for the final period of ten minutes following consideration of the bill for amendment contemplated in the order of the House of March 30, 2004. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 of the resolution provides that the amendment considered as adopted under the first section of the resolution shall be considered an amendment offered under section 411 of House Concurrent Resolution 95.

#### **SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-

thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of Thursday, April 1, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of the bill (H.R. 3550) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3980, National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004; and H.R. 4030, Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education Act. of 2004.

The Committee also began markup of H.R. 3970, Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2004.

Will continue tomorrow.

#### RAILROAD ECONOMIC REGULATION STATUS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held a hearing on the Status of Railroad Economic Regulation. Testimony was heard from Roger Nober, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### DOV'S EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES—PROCEDURES FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS AND CREDENTIALING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on current Department of Veterans Affairs employment practices with regard to procedures for background checks and credentialing. Testimony was heard from Cynthia Grubbs, R.N., Director, Office of Policy and Planning, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Health Care—Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; and Frances M. Murphy, M. D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health Policy Coordination, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

#### BRIEFING IRAQ WMD UPDATE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Iraq Weapons of Mass Destruction Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

#### COUNTERINTELLIGENCE BUDGET

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Counterintelligence

Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### 2005 BUDGET

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine future challenges facing the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for programs under its jurisdiction, 1 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on the military strategy and operational requirements of the unified and regional commands; to be followed by a possible closed session in SR-222, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on military installation programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to mark up the proposed Federal Housing Enterprise Regulatory Reform Act of 2004, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA fiscal year 2005 budget request, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.