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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 4180–4192; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 407–408, and H. Res. 600–601 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 602, providing for consideration of H.R. 2844, to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 21 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances (H. Rept. 108–466).

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

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Woodrow Hudson, Chaplain, Georgia Department of Corrections in Atlanta, Georgia.

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

Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2004: H.R. 3970, amended, to provide for the implementation of a Green Chemistry Research and Development Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 121;

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Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education Act of 2004: H.R. 4030, amended, to establish the Congressional Medal for Outstanding Contributions in Math and Science Education program to recognize private entities for their outstanding contributions to elementary and secondary science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 122;

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Senator Paul Simon Federal Building Designation Act: S. 2022, to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Il-

linois the “Senator Paul Simon Federal Building”—clearing the measure for the President;

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James V. Hansen Federal Building Designation Act: H.R. 3147, amended, to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the “James V. Hansen Federal Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 123;

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Addressing the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization: H.R. 4019, amended, to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 124; and

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Guardsmen and Reservists Financial Relief Act of 2003: H.R. 1779, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans during the period that a military reservist or national guardsman is called to active duty for an extended period, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 125.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:21 p.m. and reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2203.

Senate Referral: S. 1814 was referred to the Committees on Resources, Agriculture, and Education & the Workforce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2224, H2224–25, H2225–26, H2226, and H2226–27. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

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 NIH, with emphasis on Budget/Road Map. Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, MD, Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the IRS. Testimony was heard from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, NASA.

IRAQ'S TRANSITION TO SOVEREIGNTY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Iraq's Transition to Sovereignty. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary; GEN Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Judith Yaphe, Senior Fellow, National Defense University; Mark I. Grossman, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State; Amatzia Baram, Resident Fellow, United States Institute of Peace; and GEN John Keane, USA (ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

DOD PERFORMANCE OF ACQUISITION PROCESS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Performance of the Department of Defense Acquisition Process in Support of Force Protection for Combat Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics); LTG Joseph L. Yakovac, Jr., USA, Military Deputy and Director, Army Acquisition Corps, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); and

MG Buford C. Blount III, USA, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, both with the Department of the Army; LTG Edward Hanlon, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and BG William D. Catto, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command, both with the Department of the Navy.

RAISING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT—IMPORTANCE OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on the Importance of Highly Qualified Teachers in Raising Academic Achievement. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOD—CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AFFECTING READINESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality and the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a joint hearing entitled "Current Environmental Issues Affecting the Readiness of the Department of Defense." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Raymond DuBois, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; and BG Louis W. Weber, USA, Director of Training; Marianne Lamont Horinko, Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; the following officials of the State of Colorado: Douglas H. Benevento, Executive Director, Department of Public Health and Environment; and Dan Miller, First Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environmental Section, Department of Law; and public witnesses.

FASB STOCK OPTIONS PROPOSAL—EFFECT ON U.S. ECONOMY AND JOBS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "The FASB Stock Options Proposal: Its Effect on the U.S. Economy and Jobs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOD'S COUNTERNARCOTICS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "DOD's Counternarcotics: What Is Congress Getting For Its Money?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Tom O'Connell, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict; and BG Benjamin Mixon, USA, U.S. Southern Command, J-3 Operations Office; and RADM David Kunkel, USCG, U.S. Pacific Command, J-3