

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boozman to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H2379

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:57 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H2382

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

**Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building Re-designation Act:** H.R. 3942, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Commercial Boulevard in Middletown, Rhode Island, as the "Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building", by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 395 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 131;

Pages H2384–85, H2392–93

**Honoring the life and legacy of Melvin Jones:** H. Res. 399, honoring the life and legacy of Melvin Jones and recognizing the contributions of Lions Clubs International, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 395 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 132; and

Pages H2385–87, H2393

**Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month:** H. Res. 578, supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 391 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 133.

Pages H2388–92, H2394

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H2392

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Tauzin wherein he resigned from the Select Committee on Homeland Security, effective immediately. Pages H2395–96

**Committee Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Barton of Texas to the Select Committee on Homeland Security. Page H2396

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Edwards moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 584, to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan (Discharge Petition No. 8).

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2383.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2392–93, H2393, and H2394. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LABOR, HHD, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### VOCATIONAL EDUCATION EXAMINING SUCCESS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing entitled "Examining Success in Vocational Education." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NUCLEAR SECURITY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Nuclear Security: Can DOE Meet Physical Facility Security Requirements?" Testimony was heard from Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Linton F. Brooks, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Glenn S. Podonsky, Director, Office of Security and Safety Performance Assurance; and a public witness.

### INTERNAL REVENUE CODE— PERMANENTLY EXTEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 4181, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the increased standard deduction, and the 15-percent individual income tax rate bracket expansion, for married taxpayers filing joint returns, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted, and that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel of New York, or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Weller, Gerlach and Rangel.

## RUSSIA

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Russia. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 28, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

## Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine medical programs in the armed services, 10 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold a closed briefing on the performance of force protection equipment for ground forces in Iraq, including the Up-Armored HMMWV, and potential alternatives to meet force protection needs of the Combatant Commander, 11 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to continue hearings to examine telecommunications policy, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine fraud and abuse in Medicare's power wheelchair program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Francis Moriarty, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Nepal, Michele J. Sison, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Thomas Charles Krajeski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Yemen, Richard LeBaron, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Kuwait, and Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Lebanon, and David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Jordan, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Constance Berry Newman, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Aubrey Hooks, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Thomas Neil Hull III, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Sierra Leone, and Roger A. Meece, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Congo, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the use and prevention of abuse of government purchase cards, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, to hold hearings to examine mental health in children and youth, focusing on issues throughout the developmental process, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine how to promote a healthy marriage, 2 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine S. 2172, to make technical amendments to the provisions of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act relating to contract support costs, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the Playwrights Licensing Antitrust Initiative Act, focusing on safeguarding the future of American live theater, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review Agricultural Trade Negotiations, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Global Disease, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, on GOP, and Capitol Police, 1 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, on Federal Transit Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of the Labor Department's Final Overtime Regulations on Workers and Employers Overtime Regulations," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, to mark up a measure authorizing the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprise and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled: "A Review of TRIA and Its Effect on the Economy: Helping America Move Forward", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, hearing entitled "Money Matters: Coin and Currency Design and Counterfeiting Issues; followed immediately by consideration of H.R. 3916, Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2004, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration,* oversight hearing on GPO, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program: Issues of Accountability and Transparency, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, joint hearing on North Korea: Human Rights, Refugees and Humanitarian Challenges, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, to mark up H. Res. 577, Recognizing 50 years of relations between the United States Government and the European Union, 3 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.