

HEALTHY MARRIAGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded a hearing to examine how to promote a healthy marriage, focusing on the Healthy Marriage Initiative, the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program, and discouraging teen pregnancy, after receiving testimony from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Service for Children and Families; Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, Rutgers University National Marriage Project, Amherst, Massachusetts; Roland C. Warren, National Fatherhood Initiative, Germantown, Maryland; Frank Keating, American Council of Life Insurers, McLean, Virginia; Stan E. Weed, Institute for Research and Evaluation, Salt Lake City, Utah.

TRIBAL CONTRACT SUPPORT COST

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from William A. Sinclair, Director, Office of Self-Governance and Self-Determination, Department of the Interior; Charles W. Grim, Assistant Surgeon General, Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; W. Ron Allen, James-

town S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians; Chadwick Smith, Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Herbert L. Fenster, McKenna, Long, and Aldridge, LLP, Denver, Colorado; and Lloyd B. Miller, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller and Munson, LLP, Anchorage, Alaska.

PLAYWRIGHTS LICENSING ANTITRUST INITIATIVE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2349, to modify the application of the antitrust laws to permit collective development and implementation of a standard contract form for playwrights for the licensing of their plays, focusing on safeguarding the future of American live theater, after receiving testimony from Gerald Schoenfeld, Shubert Organization, Inc., on behalf of League of American Theatres and Producers, Inc., Roger S. Berling, Berling Productions, Inc., Stephen Sondheim, and Wendy Wasserstein, all of New York, New York; and Arthur Miller, Roxbury, Connecticut.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 4225–4246; 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 409 and H. Res. 608–611, were introduced. **Pages H2482–83**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2483–84**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2771, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program (H. Rept. 108–476). **Page H2482**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2409**

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

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004, Part II: H.R. 4219, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway

Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 134;

Pages H2412–19, H2427–28

Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse Designation Act: S. 1904, to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse”, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 135—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H2419–20, H2428–29**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 376, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; **Pages H2420–22**

Ronald Reagan Federal Building Designation Act: S. 2043, to designate a Federal building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the “Ronald Reagan Federal Building”—clearing the measure for the President; Page H2422

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 388, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service; and Pages H2422–23

Increased Capital Access for Growing Business Act: H.R. 3170, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to provide incentives for small business investment. Pages H2423–24

Recess: The House recessed at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 1:50 p.m. Page H2429

Permanent Extension of the Marriage Penalty Provisions in the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 323 yeas to 95 noes, Roll No. 138. Pages H2429–49

The amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 108–470 was considered as adopted. Page H2429

Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–470 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 189 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 136. Pages H2438–46

Rejected the Stenholm motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions by a yeas-and-nays vote of 199 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 137. Pages H2447–48

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the marriage penalty relief provided under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001. Page H2449

H. Res. 607, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. Pages H2424–27

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn on Friday, April 30 it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4 for Morning Hour debate. Page H2451

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 5. Page H2451

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative McIntyre to

the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Page H2451

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2409.

Senate Referral: S. 2315 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Page H2481

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2427–28, H2428–29, H2446, H2448, and H2448–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Agricultural Trade Negotiations. Testimony was heard from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture; and Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative.

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 Global Disease. Testimony was heard from Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on GPO. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GPO: Bruce R. James, Public Printer of the United States; William H. Turri, Deputy Public Printer; Steven T. Shedd, Chief Financial Officer; and Marc A. Nichols, Inspector General.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Capitol Police Board: Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives, Chairman; William H. Pickle, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Senate; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and Terrance W. Gainer, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police; and Members of the Board.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies held a