

the potential benefits and risks of the change, and the efforts of the Office of Small Disadvantaged Utilization to reach out to small businesses and encourage them to do business with DOE, after receiving testimony from Kyle E. McSlarrow, Deputy Secretary of Energy; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Ann Sullivan, Women Impacting Public Policy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Joan B. Woodard, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Robert Thompson, Energy Communities Alliance, Richland, Washington.

### IRAQ'S TRANSITION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held a hearing to examine the way ahead in Iraq, focusing on the transition to sovereignty and democracy and securing a stable, peaceful, and economically vital region, receiving testimony from Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense, and Lieutenant General Walter L. Sharp, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; and Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Venezuela, and John D. Rood, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Bahamas, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### ANIMAL RIGHTS TERRORISM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the threat of animal rights extremism and eco-terrorism, focusing on law enforcement needs to pursue and prosecute those who commit violent acts against institutions that conduct animal research, after receiving testimony from McGregor W. Scott, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of California; John E. Lewis, Deputy Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; William Green, Chiron Corporation, Emeryville, California; Jonathan Blum, Yum! Brands Inc., Louisville, Kentucky and Stuart M. Zola, Emory University Yerkes National Primate Research Laboratory, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the National Association for Biomedical Research.

### SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine social security reform issues, and comparing the U.S. social security system with other nations', focusing on pension systems in Japan, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Chile, demographic factors, taxes, scheduled benefits, and investment returns, after receiving testimony from James B. Lockhart III, Deputy Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Yoshinori Ohno, Member, Japan's House of Representatives, Tokyo; Vincent J. Truglia, Moody's Investors Service, New York, New York; Axel Boersch-Supan, University of Mannheim Research Institute for the Economics of Aging, Mannheim, Germany; David O. Harris, Watson Wyatt Worldwide, London, England; and L. Jacobo Rodriguez, CATO Institute, Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 4378–4388; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 429–430, and H. Res. 646–647 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 108–498);

H. Res. 648, providing for consideration of H.R. 4200, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2005 (H. Rept. 108–499); and

H. Res. 649, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 95, original concurrent resolution 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 (H. Rept. 108–500).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bishop of Utah to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3095**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Maury Davis, Pastor, Cornerstone Church in Madison, Tennessee. **Page H3095**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:01 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H3095**

**Occupational Safety and Health Small Business Day in Court Act of 2004:** The House passed H.R. 2728, amended, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for adjudicative flexibility with regard to an employer filing of a notice of contest following the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, by a ye-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 183. **Pages H3107–15, S3160–61,**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce that is printed in the bill was considered as adopted. **Page H3108**

Pursuant to section 6 of H. Res. 645, the text of H.R. 2729, H.R. 2730, H.R. 2731, and H.R. 2432 will be appended to the engrossment of H.R. 2728; and H.R. 2729, H.R. 2730, H.R. 2731, and H.R. 2432 are laid on the table. **Page H3161**

Also pursuant to section 6 of H. Res. 645, the title of H.R. 2728 is conformed to reflect the additions of the text of all the bills. Conformed so as to read: to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for adjudicative flexibility with regard to an employer filing of a notice of contest following the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; to provide for greater efficiency at the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission; to provide for an independent review of citations issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; to provide for the award of attorney's fees and costs to very small employers when they prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of citations by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and to amend the Paperwork Reduction Act and titles 5 and 31, United States Code, to reform Federal paperwork and regulatory processes.

H. Res. 645, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 180.

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**Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Efficiency Act of 2004:** The House passed H.R. 2729, amended, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for greater efficiency at the Occupational Safety and Health Re-

view Commission, by a ye-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 184. **Pages H3115–23, H3130–31**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce that is printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 108–497 was considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 645, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 180.

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**Occupational Safety and Health Independent Review of OSHA Citations Act of 2004:** The House passed H.R. 2730, amended, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for an independent review of citations issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 185. **Pages H3124–30, H3131–32**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce that is printed in the bill, as modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–497 was considered as adopted. **Page H3124**

H. Res. 645, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 180.

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**Occupational Safety and Health Small Employer Access to Justice Act of 2004:** The House passed H.R. 2731, amended, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for the award of attorney's fees and costs to very small employers when they prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of citations by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, by a ye-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 189. **Pages H3132–40, H3160–61**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce that is printed in the bill, as modified by the amendment printed in part C of H. Rept. 108–497 was considered as adopted. **Page H3133**

H. Res. 645, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 180.

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**Paperwork and Regulatory Improvements Act of 2003:** The House passed H.R. 2432, to amend the Paperwork Reduction Act and titles 5 and 31, United States Code, to reform Federal paperwork and regulatory processes, by a ye-and-nay vote of 373 yeas to 54 nays, Roll No. 188. **Pages H3141–3160**

The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform that is printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

**Pages H3152–53**

Agreed to the Ose amendment (No. 1 printed in part D of H. Rept. 108–497) that authorizes annual funding for the General Accounting Office's regulatory analysis function and removes the requirement for the Office of Management and Budget to integrate its annual regulatory accounting statement and associated report into the President's fiscal budget documents.

**Pages H3153–55**

Rejected the Waxman amendment (No. 2 printed in part D of H. Rept. 108–497) that sought to create an expert commission to study the politicization of science and make recommendations for how to protect science in the regulatory process from political and ideological manipulation and interference, by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 187.

**Pages H3155–60**

H. Res. 645, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 180.

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**Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House agreed to table the George Miller of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 181.

**Pages H3106–3107**

**Suspension Failed—Undocumented Alien Emergency Medical Assistance Amendments of 2004:** The House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3722, to amend section 1011 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to impose conditions on Federal reimbursement of emergency health services furnished to undocumented aliens, which was debated on Monday, May 17, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 88 yeas to 331 nays, Roll No. 182.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, May 17:

**Oscar Scott Woody Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3740, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 South Main Street in Roxboro, North Carolina, as the "Oscar Scott Woody Post Office Building", by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 186; and

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**Bobby Marshall Gentry Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 4176, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 West Elwood Avenue in Raeford, North Carolina, as the "Bobby Marshall Gentry Post Office Building", by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 190.

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**Budget Resolution for FY 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the Stenholm motion to instruct conferees on S. Con. Res. 95, original concurrent resolution 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. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, May 19.

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Representative Price of North Carolina announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct on the measure.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3095.

**Senate Referral:** S. Con. Res. 103 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

**Amendments:** Amendment ordered printed pursuant to the rule appears on page H3230.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Nine yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3105, H3106–3107, H3107, H3130, H3130–31, H3131–32, H3132, H3159–60, H3160, H3160–61, and H3161–62. There were no quorum calls.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:08 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19.

**Pages H3185, H3187**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:09 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19 and reconvened at 9:54 a.m.

**Pages H3228**

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:55 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19.

## Committee Meetings

### SUPPORTING OUR INTERCOLLEGIATE STUDENT-ATHLETES: PROPOSED NCAA REFORMS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Supporting Our Intercollegiate Student-Athletes: Proposed NCAA Reforms." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### NIH ETHICS CONCERNS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled