

receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Jeffrey R. Brown, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Business,

Champaign; Peter J. Ferrara, Institute for Policy Innovation, and the Club for Growth, Jeff Lemieux, Centrists.Org, and Christian E. Weller, Center for American Progress, all of Washington, D.C.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 4569–4583; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 449–450, and H. Res. 676, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–541);

H.R. 4568, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–542);

Report on the Suballocation on the Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2005 (H. Rept. 108–543);

H. Res. 674, providing for consideration of H.R. 4568, making appropriations for the Department of Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H.Rept. 108–544); and

H. Res. 675, providing for consideration of H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–545). **Page H4170**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kirk to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3965**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:34 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Hamid Karzai and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.; and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H3965**

**Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Hamid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan:** The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Hamid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a Committee comprised of Representatives

DeLay, Blunt, Pryce (OH), Cox, Goss, Rohrabacher, Pelosi, Hoyer, Menendez, Harman, Skelton, and Ackerman and Senators Frist, McConnell, Stevens, Santorum, Hutchison, Kyl, Warner, Daschle, Reid, Boxer, and Levin. **Pages H3965–67**

**Renewable Energy Project Siting Improvement Act of 2004:** The House passed H.R. 4513, to provide that in preparing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement required under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to any action authorizing a renewable energy project, no Federal agency is required to identify alternative project locations or actions other than the proposed action and the no action alternative, by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 242. **Pages H3981–90, H4132–33**

Agreed to the Pombo amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 108–540, that clarifies that the environmental review processes in the bill do not apply to oil and gas leasing activities. **Page H3990**

H. Res. 672, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 226 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 239, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 238.

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**Energy Policy Act of 2004:** The House passed H.R. 4503, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 241. **Pages H3990–H4132**

Rejected the Dingell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a yea-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 240.

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H. Res. 671, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 237, after agreeing to

order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 236. **Pages H3973–80**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House began consideration of the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, June 16:

**Gasoline Price Reduction Act of 2004:** H.R. 4545, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce the proliferation of boutique fuels. **Pages H4133–39**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of his intent to enter into a Free Trade Agreement with the Government of Bahrain—referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–193). **Page H4139**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4171–73.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3979, H3979–80, H3980, H3980–81, H4131–32, H4132, and H4133. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 8:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REVIEW FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION TITLE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review Implementation of the Conservation Title of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James R. Little, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; and Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and public witnesses.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Navy Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM Vern Clerk, USN, Chief, Naval Operations; H.T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment; and GEN William Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

### U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM KOREA STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the strategic implications of U.S. troop withdrawals from Korea. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on H.R. 4496, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act. Testimony was heard from Katherine Oliver, Assistant State Superintendent, Career, Technology and Adult Learning, Department of Education, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2023, amended, Asthmatic Schoolchildren's Treatment and Health Management Act of 2003; H.R. 4555, Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 2004; and S. 741, Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2003.

### JUNK FAX PREVENTION ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held hearing on the Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from K. Dane Snowden, Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

### STOCK OPTION ACCOUNTING REFORM ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3574, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act.