

Hayworth; Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Charles Grim, Director of the Indian Health Service, each of the Department of Health and Human Services.

RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Radiation Exposure Compensation Program, focusing on compensation to individuals, or their surviving beneficiaries, who con-

tracted certain specified cancers or other specified serious diseases as a possible result of their exposure to radiation, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey S. Bucholtz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, and Dianne Spellberg, Acting Director, Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Program, both of the Department of Justice; Rita Torres, Surprise, Arizona; Jeffrey Thompson, Jacksonville, Arkansas; and Helen Bandley Houghton, San Antonio, Texas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 4879–4889; 2 private bills, H.R. 4890–4891; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 476, and H. Res. 736–737, were introduced. **Pages H6555–57**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H6557**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 734, providing for consideration of H.R. 3313, to amend title 28, United States Code, to limit Federal court jurisdiction over questions under the Defense of Marriage Act (H. Rept. 108–623);

H. Res. 735, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4613) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–624);

H.R. 112, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for an additional place of holding court in the District of Colorado (H. Rept. 108–625);

H.R. 4646, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the holding of Federal district court in Plattsburgh, New York, amended (H. Rept. 108–626); and

H.R. 4842, to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 108–627).

H. Res. 738, providing for consideration of H.R. 4842 to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 108–628);

H. Res. 739, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–629); and

H. Res. 740, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported to the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 108–630). **Page H6555**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kirk to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6445**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. James Patterson, Pastor Emeritus, Lakewood United Methodist Church in Erie, Pennsylvania. **Page H6445**

Military Construction Appropriations Act for FY05: The House began consideration of H.R. 4837, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. Further consideration will resume at a later date. **Pages H6460–69**

Agreed to H. Res. 732, the rule providing for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 401, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 400.

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Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the United States Coast Guard, by a yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 404.

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H. Res. 730, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H6457–58**

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

Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing: Debated on Tuesday, July 20: H. Res. 723, recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 402;

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Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation Act: Debated on Tuesday, July 20: H.R. 4608, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Peoria, Illinois, as the “Bob Michel Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 403; **Page H6460**

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the taxation of businesses: H.R. 4840, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify the taxation of businesses, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 405; **Pages H6475–83, H6497**

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain tax rules for individuals: H.R. 4841, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify certain tax rules for individuals; **Pages H6483–89**

Military Housing Improvement Act of 2004: H.R. 4879, to increase the military housing private investment cap, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 406; **Pages H6489–95, H6498**

Supporting the goals of National Marina Day: H. Res. 647, supporting the goals of National Marina Day and urging marinas to continue providing environmentally friendly gateways to boating; **Pages H6498–H6500**

Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse Building Designation Act: H.R. 3884, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 615 East Houston Street in San Antonio, Texas, as the “Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; **Pages H6500–02**

Judge William B. Bryant Annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Building and United States Courthouse Building Designation Act: H.R. 4294, amended, to designate the annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 333 Constitution Ave. Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, as the “Judge William B. Bryant Annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Building and United States Courthouse”; **Pages H6502–03**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to designate the annex to the E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 333 Constitution Avenue Northwest in the District of Columbia as the “William B. Bryant Annex”. **Page H6503**

North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004: H.R. 4011, amended, to promote human rights and free-

dom in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea; and **Pages H6508–15**

Amending the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003: H.R. 4660, amended, to amend the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 to extend the authority to provide assistance to countries seeking to become eligible countries for purposes of that Act. **Pages H6518–19**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further debate will continue on Thursday, July 22.

Commercial Aviation MANPADS Defense Act of 2004: H.R. 4056, amended, to encourage the establishment of both long-term and short-term programs to address the threat of man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) to commercial aviation; **Pages H6503–08**

Urging the Government of the Republic of Belarus to ensure a democratic election process for its elections in the Fall of 2004: H. Res. 652, urging the Government of the Republic of Belarus to ensure a democratic, transparent, and fair election process for its parliamentary elections in the fall of 2004; **Pages H6515–18**

Celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa: H. Con. Res. 436, amended, celebrating 10 years of majority rule in the Republic of South Africa and recognizing the momentous social and economic achievements of South Africa since the institution of democracy in that country; and **Pages H6519–21**

Recognizing the importance in history of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Japan: H. Con. Res. 418, recognizing the importance in history of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Japan; **Pages H6521–23**

Condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina in July 1994: H. Con. Res. 469, condemning the attack on the AMIA Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994; and **Pages H6523–25**

Declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan: H. Con. Res. 467, amended, declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan. **Pages H6525–36**

Member Sworn—1st District, North Carolina: Representative-elect G.K. Butterfield presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier the Minority Leader asked unanimous consent that the

Oath of Office be administered today after the Clerk of the House transmitted the unofficial results of the Special Election held on July 20, 2004 from Gary O. Bartlett, Executive Director, North Carolina State Board of Elections, State of North Carolina.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6445.

Senate Referral: S. 2700 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6458, H6458–59, H6459–60, H6460, H6495–96, H6497, and H6498. There were no quorum calls.

Recess: The House recessed at 11:38 p.m. and reconvened at 7:42 a.m. on Thursday, July 22.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 a.m. on Thursday, July 22.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE SYSTEM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Keith Collins, Chairman, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation; and Ross Davidson, Administrator, Risk Management Agency.

ARMY TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on Army Transformation: Implications for the Future, II. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Small Business Innovation and Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4496, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act.

METHYL BROMIDE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Methyl Bromide: Update on Achieving the Requirements of the Clean Air Act and Montreal Pro-

ocol.” Testimony was heard from Claudia McMurray, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; the following officials of the USDA: Rodney J. Brown, Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; and Burleson Smith, Director, Pest Management Policy; and public witnesses.

DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Digital Television Transition: What We Can Learn from Berlin.” Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; and public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

“SHELL GAMES: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTING FOR OIL AND GAS RESERVES”

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Shell Games: Corporate Governance and Accounting for Oil and Gas Reserves.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2449, amended, Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Act; H.R. 2528, amended, Hudson-Fulton-Champlain 400th Commemoration Commission Act of 2003; H.R. 4324, To amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the provisions limiting certain election opportunities available to individuals participating in the Thrift Savings Plan; H.R. 4556, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1115 South Clinton Avenue in Dunn, North Carolina, as the “General William Carey Lee Post Office Building;” H.R. 4618, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 West Prospect Street in Nanuet, New York, as the “Anthony I. Lombardi Memorial Post Office Building;” H.R. 4632, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19504 Linden Boulevard in St. Albans, New York, as the “Archie Spigner Post Office Building;” H.R. 4657, District of Columbia Retirement Protection Improvement Act of 2004; S. 2415, to designate the facility of the