

the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries;

S. 263, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, with an amendment; and

S. 264, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize certain projects in the State of Hawaii.

BUDGET: EPA

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

SIX POWER TALKS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing of an update on six-party talks from Joseph DeTrani, Special Envoy to the Six Power Talks.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 265, to amend the Public Health Service Act to add requirements regarding trauma care;

S. 306, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment;

S. 302, to make improvements in the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health;

S. 285, to reauthorize the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Program;

S. 288, to extend Federal funding for operation of State high risk health insurance pools; and

The nominations of A. Wilson Greene, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Katina P. Strauch, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, and Edward L. Flippen, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by all committees of the Senate.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 60 public bills, H.R. 3, 679–737; 1 private bill, H.R. 738; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 17; H. Con. Res. 50–52, and H. Res. 76–83, were introduced. **Pages H520–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H520**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 75, providing for further consideration of H.R. 418, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, and to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence (H. Rept. 109–4).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H417**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by Rev. David F. Allen, Pastor, Welcome Baptist Church in Beckley, West Virginia. **Page H417**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Pearce wherein he resigned from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, effective immediately. **Page H419**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Harris wherein she resigned from the Committee on Government Reform, effective immediately. **Page H419**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 73, electing the following members to the Committee on Homeland Security, with previously elected members restated for the purpose of ranking: Representatives Young (AL), Smith (TX), Weldon (PA), Shays, King (NY), Linder, Souder, Tom Davis

(VA), Lungren, Gibbons, Simmons, Rogers (AL), Pearce, Harris, Jindahl, Reichert, McCaul, and Dent.

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

Sense of the House that the Department of Defense should continue to support the activities of the Boy Scouts of America: H. Con. Res. 6, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Department of Defense should continue to exercise its statutory authority to support the activities of the Boy Scouts of America, in particular the periodic national and world Boy Scout Jamborees, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 24;

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Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen for their bravery in World War II: H. Con. Res. 26, honoring the Tuskegee Airmen for their bravery in fighting for our freedom in World War II, and for their contribution in creating an integrated United States Air Force, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 25;

Pages H422–30, H480–81

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: H. Con. Res. 30, amended, supporting the goals and ideals of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 26; and

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Honoring the life and accomplishments of the late Ossie Davis: H. Res. 69, honoring the life and accomplishments of the late Ossie Davis.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 74, electing the following Members and Delegates to certain standing committees:

Committee on the Budget: Representative Schwartz (PA).

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Committee on the Judiciary: Representatives Smith (WA) and VanHollen.

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Committee on Homeland Security: Representatives Loretta Sanchez (CA), Markey, Dicks, Harman, DeFazio, Lowey, Norton, Zoe Lofgren (CA), Jackson-Lee (TX), Pascrell, Christensen, Etheridge, Langevin, and Meek (FL).

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Representatives Jones (OH), Gene Green (TX), Roybal-Allard, and Doyle.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Simmons wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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REAL ID Act of 2005: The House began consideration of H.R. 418, to establish and rapidly imple-

ment regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, and to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence. Further consideration of the bill will resume tomorrow, February 10.

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H. Res. 71, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of the resolution and it was agreed to proceed with consideration by a yeas-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 23.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report on implementation during 2003 of the plan for securing nuclear weapons, material, and expertise of the states of the former Soviet Union—referred to the Committee on International Relations.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H441–42, H479–80, H480–81 and H481. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Francis J. Harvey, Secretary; and GEN Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff.

Hearings continue February 16.

SOCIAL SECURITY; DEFINING THE PROBLEM

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Social Security: Defining the Problem. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and a public witness.

JOB TRAINING IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 27, Job Training Improvement Act of 2005.