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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 4:57 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, February 14, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1309.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUDGET: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and General John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

MORTGAGE MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of government-sponsored enterprises in the mortgage market, focusing on promoting affordable housing and homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income Americans, after receiving testimony from John C. Weicher, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Housing Commissioner; Allen J. Fishbein, Consumer Federation of America, and Richard K. Green, George Washington University School of Business, both of Washington, D.C.; Anthony B. Sanders, The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business, Columbus; and Susan M. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia.

2006 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee held a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

TSUNAMI RESPONSE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine lessons learned regarding the tsunami response, focusing on inquiries from American citizens, coordinating government-wide mechanisms, and engaging the international community, after receiving testimony from Senator Frist; Alan Larson, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs; Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; Daniel Toole, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), New York, New York; and Mary E. McClymont, InterAction, and Nancy Lindborg, Mercy Corps, both of Washington, D.C.

NEW HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the new human resources system of the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on unlocking the potential of employees, pay and performance management, adverse actions and appeals, and labor-management relations, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Ronald J. James, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Ronald P. Sanders, Associate Director for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management; and Darryl A. Perkinson, Federal Managers Association, Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, John Gage, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL–CIO, Richard N. Brown, National Federation of Federal Employees, and Kim Mann, National Association of Agriculture Employees, all of Washington, D.C.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine bankruptcy reform, focusing on S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, after receiving testimony from Kenneth H. Beine, Shoreline Credit Union, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Credit Union National Association; Maria T. Vullo, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, LLP, New York, New York; Malcolm Bennett, International Realty and Investments, Inc., Los Angeles, California, on behalf of National Multi Housing Council and National Apartment Association; Phillip L. Strauss, National Child Support Enforcement Association, San Francisco, California; David McCall, United Steelworkers of America, AFL–CIO, Columbus, Ohio; R. Michael Stewart

Menzies, Sr., Easton Bank and Trust Company, Easton, Maryland, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Elizabeth Warren, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Todd J. Zywicki, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

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: 50 public bills, H.R. 739–788; 1 private bill, H.R. 789; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 53–56, and H. Res. 84–86, were introduced. **Pages H581–84**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H584**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fossella to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H525**

REAL ID Act of 2005: The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 261 yeas to 161 nays, Roll No. 31. The measure was also considered yesterday, February 9. **Pages H527–66**

According to the provisions of H. Res. 75, the manager's amendment (printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–4) was adopted and considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Page H527**

Rejected the Reyes motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 195 yeas to 229 noes, Roll No. 30. **Pages H564–66**

Agreed to:

Sessions amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–4) that promotes the goal of 100 percent repatriation of all aliens ordered deported by clarifying obligations under the Department of Homeland Security's existing delivery bond authority; **Pages H540–44**

Castle amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–4) that requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to enter into the appropriate aviation security screening database the appropriate back-

ground information of any person convicted of using a false drivers' license for the purpose of boarding an airplane; and **Pages H544–46**

Kolbe amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 109–4) that adds a Title III to the bill regarding Vulnerability and Threat Assessment, Ground Surveillance Pilot Program, Enhancement of Border Communications Integration and Information Sharing, and adds the Judiciary Committee to the reporting requirements and removes references to the "Select" Committee on Homeland Security. **Pages H546–48**

Rejected:

Nadler amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–4), that sought to strike section 101 of the bill regarding preventing terrorists from obtaining asylum (by a recorded vote of 185 yeas to 236 noes, Roll No. 28) (Earlier, objection was heard on the unanimous consent request to modify the amendment); **Pages H548–53, H558**

Farr amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–4) that sought to strike section 102 regarding the waiver of laws necessary for improvements of barriers at borders (by a recorded vote of 179 yeas to 243 noes, Roll No. 29). **Pages H553, H558–59**

H. Res. 75, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 27. **Pages H535–36**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, February 14; and further that when it adjourn on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15 for morning hour debate. **Page H568**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 16. **Page H568**

United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to