

people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 89. **Pages H1674–75**

**Spring District Work Period:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 103, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page H1675**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 6. **Page H1675**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 21, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 103, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Page H1675**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf, or if not able to perform this duty, Representative Tom Davis (VA) to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through April 5. **Page H1675**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1632, H1639–40, H1640, H1653, H1654, H1664–65, H1674, and H1674–75. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and at 6:15 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 103, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, March 21, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of the concurrent resolution, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2005.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Under Secretary for Rural Development. Testimony was heard from Gilbert Gonzalez, Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA.

### **DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Air Force Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department

of the Air Force: Peter B. Teets, Acting Secretary; and GEN John P. Jumper, Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Air Force Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Peter B. Teets, Acting Secretary; and LTG John D. W. Corley, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisitions.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a hearing on Citizenship and Immigration Services. Testimony was heard from Eduardo Aguirro, Jr., Director, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

### **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Labor. Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor.

### **DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, JUDICIARY, D.C., AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Alphonso R. Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

### **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Bureau of Indian Affairs. Testimony was heard from James Casen, Assistant Deputy Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

### **SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the SBA. Testimony was heard from Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, SBA.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Federal Prison System. Testimony was heard from Harley G. Lappin, Director, Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice.

#### **IRAQ—CURRENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL TRANSITION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on current operations and the political transition in Iraq. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—United States Special Operations Command policy and programs. Testimony was heard from officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict; and GEN Bryan D. Brown, USA, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

#### **HIGHER EDUCATION—TRACKING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness and the Subcommittee on Select Education held a joint hearing entitled "Tracking International Students in Higher Education: A Progress Report." Testimony was heard from Victor X. Cerda, Counsel to the Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen A. Edson, Managing Director, Visa Services Directorate, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; Randolph C. Hite, Director, Information Technology Architecture and Systems Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

#### **NIH PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Setting the Path for Reauthorization: Improving Portfolio Management at the NIH." Testimony was heard from Elias Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **SECURITIES ARBITRATION SYSTEM**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "A Review of the Securities Arbitration System." Testimony was heard from William Francis Galvin, Secretary, MA; and public witnesses.

#### **DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM ACT**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 1185, Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Donald E. Powell, Chairman, FDIC.

#### **STEROID USE IN BASEBALL**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "Restoring Faith in America's Pastime: Evaluating Major League Baseball's Efforts to Eradicate Steroid Use." Testimony was heard from Senator Bunning; Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of Major League Baseball: Allan H. Selig, Commissioner; and Elliott J. Pellman, M.D., Medical Advisor for Major League Baseball, Office of the Commissioner; Sandy Alderson, Executive Vice President of Baseball Operations, Major League Baseball; the following Major League Baseball baseball players: Curt Schilling, Frank Thomas, Sammy Sosa, and Rafael Palmeiro; and the following former Major League baseball players: Jose Canseco and Mark McGuire.

#### **AFGHANISTAN—U.S. COUNTERNARCOTICS POLICY**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held an oversight hearing on U.S. Counternarcotics Policy in Afghanistan: Time for Leadership. Testimony was heard from Maureen E. Quinn, Coordinator on Afghanistan, Department of State; Mary Beth Long, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Counternarcotics, Department of Defense, and Michael A. Braun, Special Agent, Chief of Operations, DEA, Department of Justice.

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS—GLOBAL VIEW**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held an oversight hearing on A Global Review of Human Rights: Examining the State Department's 2004 Annual Report. Testimony was heard from Michael G. Kozak, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—U.N. AND THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held an oversight hearing on the United Nations and the Fight Against Terrorism. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. Testimony was heard from Stephen J. Stedman, Special Advisor to Secretary-General United Nations.

#### **OVERSIGHT—U.N. OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing on The United Nations Oil-for-Food Program: The Cotecna and Saybolt Inspection Firms. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CHILD INTERSTATE ABORTION NOTIFICATION ACT; OVERSIGHT—U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 748, Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Commission Civil Rights: Russell Redenbaugh, and Michael Yaki, both Commissioners; Kenneth Marcus, Staff Director; and George Harbison, Director, Human of Resources and Active Chief of Budget and Finance.

### OVERSIGHT—PATENT APPEALS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Holmes Group, the Federal Circuit, and the State of Patent Appeals. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### STOP COUNTERFEITING IN MANUFACTURED GOODS ACT; ORGANIZED CRIME

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 32, Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Responding to Organized Crimes Against Manufacturers and Retailers. Testimony was heard from Chris Swecker, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—OFF RESERVATION GAMING RESTRICTIONS

*Committee on Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on a measure to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUDGET

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Park Service Budget. Testimony was heard from Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1023, Charles 'Pete' Conrad Astronomy Awards Act; H.R. 1158, To reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; H.R. 28, amended, High-Performance Computing Revitalization Act of 2005; H. Con. Res. 96, amended, Recognizing the significance of African American

women in the United States scientific community; and H.R. 798, amended, Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2005.

### NATURAL GAS PRICES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing entitled "The High Price of Natural Gas and its Impact on Small Businesses: Issues and Short Term Solutions," Testimony was heard from Representative Terry; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on The Administration's "Strengthening America's Communities" Initiative and its impact on economic development. Testimony was heard from David A. Sampson, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### MEDICAL IMAGING SERVICES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Managing the Use of Imaging Services. Testimony was heard from Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

### GLOBAL UPDATES; BUDGET HEARING

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2005

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing on Quality Teachers, Principals and High Schools, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia and Independent Agencies, on Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "A Review of Security Initiatives at DOE Nuclear Facilities," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.