

Mortgage Servicing Clarification Act: H.R. 1025, amended, to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to exempt mortgage servicers from certain requirements of the Act with respect to federally related mortgage loans secured by a first lien;

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Native American Housing Enhancement Act of 2005: H.R. 797, to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and other Acts to improve housing programs for Indians;

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Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month: H. Res. 148, supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, by a 2/3 ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 95;

Pages H1797–H1802, H1821–22

Recognizing and honoring firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation: H. Res. 188, recognizing and honoring firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation; and

Pages H1802–06

Captain Mark Stubenhofer Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1460, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6200 Rolling Road in Springfield, Virginia, as the “Captain Mark Stubenhofer Post Office Building”.

Pages H1806–07

Honoring the life and achievements of Pope John Paul II: The House agreed to H. Res. 190, honoring the life and achievements of His Holiness Pope John Paul II and expressing profound sorrow on his death, by a ye-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 94.

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The measure was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached yesterday, April 5.

House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: Representatives Ney, Aderholt, Sweeney, Millender-McDonald, Holt, and Sherman.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 8, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 13.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear

on pages H1821 and H1822 . There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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 Natural Resources and Environment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Wade Daniel Runnels, Director, Budget Planning and Analysis Division; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Office.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Army Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary; and LTG Joseph Yakovac, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, both with Acquisitions and Logistics.

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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Testimony was heard from Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Kennedy Center. Testimony was heard from Michael M. Kaiser, President, Kennedy Center and Keith Cuttingham and Mark Goldstein, both with GAO.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Defense Health Program, the United States Court of Appeals for

Veterans Claims, the American Battle Monuments Commission, the Arlington National Cemetery, and on the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; LTG Kevin C. Kiley, M.D., U.S. Army Surgeon General Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command; LTG George Peach Taylor, Jr., M.D., Surgeon General, U.S. Air Force; and VADM Donald C. Arthur, Medical Corps Surgeon General Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Donald Ivers, Chief Judge; and William Greene, Judge, both with the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; GEN Fredrick M. Franks, Jr., U.S. Army (ret.), Chairman; and BG John W. Nicholson, U.S. Army (ret.), Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission; John Paul Woodley, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Civil Works) and Timothy C. Cox, Chief Operating Officer, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

IRAQ'S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Iraq's past, present and future. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Wesley Clark, USA (ret.), Combatant Commander, European Command; and Richard Perle, Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Military Service's Requirement on Reconstitution of Equipment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Claude V. Christianson, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, U.S. Army; RADM Mark A. Hugel, USN, Deputy Director, Fleet Readiness (OPNAV N43B), Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, U.S. Navy; LTG Jan C. Huly, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies, and Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and LTG Donald J. Wetekam, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, U.S. Air Force; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

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—Destruction of the U.S. Chemical Weapons Stockpile—Program Status and Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Dale

Klein, Assistant to the Secretary (Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs); Claude Bolton, Assistant Secretary, Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology); Pat Wakefield, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary (Chemical Demilitarization and Counterproliferation); and Mike Parker, Director, U.S. Army Chemical Materiel Agency; Craig Conklin, Chief, Nuclear and Chemical Hazards Branch Preparedness Division, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and Thomas Sinks, Acting Director, National Center, Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

SINGLE-EMPLOYER PENSION PLANS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported unfavorably H. Res. 134, Requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to plan assets and liabilities of single-employer pension plans.

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began markup of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Will continue April 12.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Strengthening America's Communities: A Review of the Administration's FY 2006 Budget Initiative." Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce; Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director, Management, OMB.

FANNIE MAE—OFHEO'S EFFORTS TO ENSURE SAFE AND SOUND OPERATIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Additional Accounting and Management Failures at Fannie Mae—OFHEO's Efforts to Ensure Safe and Sound Operations." Testimony was heard from Armando Falcon, Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ENERGY SECURITY POLICY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled "America's Energy Needs as Our National Security Policy." Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Clay Sell, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CHINA'S ANTI-SECESSION LAW

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held an oversight hearing on China's Anti-Secession Law and Developments across the Taiwan Strait. Testimony was heard from Randall G. Schriver, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats held an oversight hearing on Bosnia-Herzegovina: Unfinished Business. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CHINA'S WESTERN HEMISPHERE INFLUENCE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held an oversight hearing on China's Influence in the Western Hemisphere. Testimony was heard from Roger F. Noriega, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Rogelio Pardo-Maurer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—USA PATRIOT ACT—REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing on the USA PATRIOT Act: A Review for the Purpose of its Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from Alberto R. Gonzales, the Attorney General, Department of Justice.

OVERSIGHT—DIGITAL MUSIC

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Digital Music Interoperability and Availability. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONCESSIONS ACT OF 1998 IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the National Park Service Concessions Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Steve Martin, Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; EXPORT-IMPORT BANK PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Ordered reported the following resolutions: H. Res. 130, Recognizing the contributions of environmental systems and the technicians who install and maintain them to the quality of life of all Americans and supporting the goals and ideals of National Indoor Comfort Week; and H. Res. 22, as amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights.

The Committee also held a hearing on the commitment of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im) to assist small business exporters. Testimony was heard from Philip Merrill, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—PANDEMIC THREAT/AIR TRAVEL

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Efforts to Prevent Pandemics by Air Travel. Testimony was heard from Jon L. Jordan, M.D., Federal Air Surgeon, Office of Aerospace Medicine, FAA, Department of Transportation; CAPT Anne Schuchat, M.D., Acting Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Weapons of Mass Destruction. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SCHNEERSON COLLECTION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the efforts of the Chabad community and the U.S. Government to recover the "Schneerson Collection" of sacred and irreplaceable Jewish books and manuscripts from the Russian Government, after receiving testimony from Ambassador Edward B. O'Donnell, Jr., Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Department of State; Boruch Shlomo Cunin, Los Angeles, California, Isaac Kogan, Moscow, Russia, and Sholom Ber Levinson, and Yehuda Krinsky, both of Brooklyn, New York, all of Agudas Chasidel Chabad-Lubavitch; Marshall B. Grossman, Alschuler Grossman Stein and Kahan, LLP, Santa Monica, California; Yosef Aronoc, Chabad, Ksar Chabad,

Israel; Leon Fuerth, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; Jon Voight, Los Angeles, California; and Joseph Wineberg, Miami, Florida.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Internal Revenue Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Ballistic Missile Defense Programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine regulatory reform of the Government-Sponsored Enterprises, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 378, to make it a criminal act to willfully use a weapon with the intent to cause death or serious bodily injury to any person while on board a passenger vessel, S. 119, to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children, S. 629, to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems, and the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Robert J. Conrad, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, James C. Dever III, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United

States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 1:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education, and Extension, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on OSHA, on Mine Safety and Health Administration, and on National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on GSA, 3 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on BRAC/Global Posture Review; 9:30 a.m., and on public witnesses, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request-Military Resale and Morale Welfare and Recreation Overview, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "No Computer Left Behind: A Review of the Federal Government's D+Information Security Grade," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the recent revolution in Kyrgyzstan and the prospects now for consolidating democracy, focusing on the implications for Central Asia, Belarus, Russia and the United States, 1 p.m., SR-428A.