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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 6:53 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 13, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S3502–03.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Mike Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture.

### IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding assessment of Iraqi Security Forces from General Gary E. Luck, USA (Ret.), Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Lieutenant General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Lieutenant General Walter L. Sharp, USA, Director of Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5, The Joint Staff.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded closed and open hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding and industrial base status in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Admiral Vernon E. Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy; Ronald O'Rourke, National Defense Specialist, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Michael W. Toner, General Dynamics Corporation, Falls Church, Virginia; and Philip A. Dur, Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

### NOMINATIONS:

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael D. Griffin, of Virginia, to be

Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Sarbanes; Joseph H. Boardman, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, who was introduced by Senator Schumer; Nancy Ann Nord, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and William Cobey, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, who was introduced by Senators Dole and Burr, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### OIL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine developing a reliable supply of oil from domestic oil shale and oil sands resources, focusing on opportunities to advance technology that will facilitate environmentally friendly development of oil shale and oil sands resources, after receiving testimony from Mark Maddox, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy; Ted Barna, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Technology; Thomas Lonnie, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty, and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Russell George, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Denver; Stephen Mut, Shell Exploration and Production Company, Washington, D.C.; Jim Evans, Associated Governments of Northwestern Colorado, Rifle; and Steve Smith, The Wilderness Society, Denver, Colorado.

### NATIONAL MALL

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine management and planning issues for the National Mall, including the history of the development, security projects and other planned construction, and future development plans, after receiving testimony from John Parsons, Associate Regional Director, Lands, Resources, and Planning, National Capital Region, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and W. Kent Cooper, National Mall Third Century Initiative, John V. Cogbill, III, National Capital Planning Commission, and David M. Childs, Commission of Fine Arts, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be U.S. Representative to

United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, after the nominee further testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Carl W. Ford, Jr., former Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.

#### NOMINATION

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee, who was

introduced by Senator Stevens, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### RETIREMENT PLANS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of employer-sponsored retirement plans in increasing national savings, focusing on 401(k) plans, individual retirement accounts (IRAs), and financial literacy, after receiving testimony from Mark J. Warshawsky, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy; and J. Mark Iwry, The Brookings Institution, C. Eugene Steuerle, The Urban Institute, and James A. Klein, American Benefits Council, and John M. Kimpel, Fidelity Investments, all of Washington, D.C.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 46 public bills, H.R. 1541–1586 and; 12 resolutions, H. Con. Res., 127–130 and H. Res. 203–210 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 29, to protect users of the Internet from unknowing transmission of their personally identifiable information through spyware programs, amended (H. Rept. 109–32);

S. 167, to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights (H. Rept. 109–33, Pt. 1);

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, adverse (H. Rept. 109–34);

H. Res. 202, providing for consideration of H.R. 8, to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent (H. Rept. 109–35);

H.R. 28, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991, amended (H. Rept. 109–36);

H.R. 1023, to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish an awards program in honor of Charles “Pete” Conrad, astronaut and space scientist, for recognizing the discoveries made by amateur astronomers of asteroids with near-Earth orbit trajectories (H. Rept. 109–37); and

H.R. 749, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to provide expanded access for persons in the field of membership of a Federal credit union to money order, check cashing, and money transfer services, amended (H. Rept. 109–38).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Barrett of South Carolina to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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

*Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2005:* H.R. 135, to establish the “Twenty-First Century Water Commission” to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 22 nays, Roll No. 96;

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*Pine Springs Land Exchange Act:* H.R. 482, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico;

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*Conveyance of certain lands in Lander County and Eureka County, Nevada:* H.R. 541, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 97;

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