

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 35 public bills, H.R. 1678–1712; and; 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 134–136, and H. Res. 218, 220–222 were introduced. **Pages H2148–50**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2150–51**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 866, to make technical corrections to the United States Code (H. Rept. 109–48); and

H. Res. 219, providing for consideration of H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy (H. Rept. 109–49). **Page H2148**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fortenberry to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2107**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Timothy B. Johnson, Pastor, The Church of the Redeemer in Bowie, Maryland. **Page H2111**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2111**

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

Sense of Congress regarding the issuance of the 500,000th design patent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: H. Con. Res. 53, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the issuance of the 500,000th design patent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office; **Pages H2113–14**

Family Entertainment and Copyright Act of 2005: S. 167, to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H2114–20**

Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act of 2005: H.R. 1038, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow a judge to whom a case is transferred to retain jurisdiction over certain multidistrict litigation cases for trial; **Pages H2120–21**

Trademark Dilution Revision Act of 2005: H.R. 683, amended, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 411 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 109; **Pages H2121–23, H2125–26**

Providing for the appointment of Shirley Ann Jackson to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: H.J. Res. 19, providing for the appointment of Shirley Ann Jackson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution,

by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 110; and **Pages H2123–24, H2126–27**

Providing for the appointment of Robert P. Kogod to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: H.J. Res. 20, providing for the appointment of Robert P. Kogod as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 111. **Pages H2124–25, H2127**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2125**

Inspector General for the House of Representatives—Appointment: The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader of Mr. Steven A. McNamara of Sterling, Virginia to the position of Inspector General for the House of Representatives for the 109th Congress, effective January 4, 2005. **Pages H2127–28**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H2111.

Senate Referrals: S. 289 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H2147**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas and nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2126, H2126–27, and H2127. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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 continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION,
TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY,
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 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 IRS. Testimony was heard from Mark W.

Everson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

COLLEGE ACCESS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on College Access: Is Government Part of the Solution, or Part of the Problem? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the State of the International Financial System. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

FEDERAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Federal Health Programs and Those Who Cannot Care for Themselves: What Are Their Rights, and Our Responsibilities?" Testimony was heard from Representative Weldon of Florida; Donald A. Young, M.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

U.S. CENSUS 2010

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held an oversight hearing entitled "Halfway to the 2010 Census: The Countdown and Components to a Successful Decennial Census." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Kathleen Cooper, Under Secretary, Economic Affairs, and Charles Louis Kincannon, Director, Bureau of the Census; and public witnesses.

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN/REAL ESTATE TRUSTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing on H.R. 1578, Real Estate Investment Thrift Savings Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Foley and Neal; the following officials of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board: Andrew M. Saul, Chairman; and Gary A. Amelio, Executive Director; and public witnesses.

FIRST RESPONDER FUNDING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 1544, amended, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005; and the Department of Homeland Security Technology Development and Transfer Act of 2005.

HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT NUCLEAR DETECTION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attacks held a hearing entitled "DHS Coordination of Nuclear Detection Efforts, Part 1." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on the UN Commission on Human Rights: Protector or Accomplice? Testimony was heard from Mark P. Lagon, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a briefing on this subject. Testimony was heard from Danilo Turk, Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations.

USA PATRIOT ACT: INFORMATION SHARING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Effect of Sections 203 (b) and (d) on Information Sharing. Testimony was heard from Representative McCaul of Texas; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Maureen Baginski, Executive Assistant Director, Office of Intelligence, FBI; and Barry Sabin, Chief, Counterterrorism Section for the Criminal Division; and a public witness.

COASTAL OCEAN OBSERVATION SYSTEM INTEGRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1489, Coastal Ocean Observation System Integration and Implementation Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Richard W. Spinrad, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Robert Winokur, Technical Director, Oceanographer of the Navy, Department of the Navy; Chris Kearney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs, Department of the Interior; Debra Hernandez, Director, Policy and Program Development, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, Department of Health and Environmental Control, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour and thirty minutes of

general debate with 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of each of the following committees. Science, Resources, and Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, and provides that those amendments may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Hall of Texas, Chairman Boehlert, Chairman Pombo, Representatives Calvert, Bartlett, Gilchrest, Johnson of Connecticut, Peterson of Pennsylvania, Castle, Porter, Shays, Wamp, Kirk, Dingell, Markey, Stupak, Capps, Allen, Schakowsky, Davis of Florida, Solis, Inslee, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Udall of Colorado, Carnahan, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Emanuel, Udall of New Mexico, Holt, Van Hollen, Millender-McDonald, Berkley, Bishop of New York, Ford, Slaughter, Olver, and Hastings of Florida.

LONG TERM CARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Long Term Care. Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Guard and Reserve Budget, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year

2006 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the District of Columbia Courts, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, and the Public Defender Service, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the readiness of military units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 2 p.m., SR-222.

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

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine International Space Station research benefits, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, and Peter B. Lyons, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development, to hold hearings to examine the Federal role in helping parents of young children, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine a review of the material support to Terrorism Prohibition Improvements Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the small business health care crisis, focusing on alternatives for lowering costs and covering the uninsured, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), 10:15 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 Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration, 2:30 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on U.S. AID, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on NASA, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "How Internet Protocol-Enabled Services Are Changing the Face of Communications: A Look at Video and Data Services," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.