

the purpose of obtaining an illegal abortion grandparents of the minor and members of the clergy (by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 252 nays, Roll No. 142).

**Pages H2609–12, H2613–14**

H. Res. 236, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 234 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 139.

**Pages H2562–73, H2579**

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

*Providing for expenses of certain committees of the House in the 109th Congress:* H. Res. 224, amended, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred and Ninth Congress;

**Pages H2573–76**

*Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005:* Debated yesterday, April 26: H.R. 902, amended, to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, create a new bullion coin, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 136; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, create a new bullion coin, provide for the redesign of the reverse of the Lincoln 1-cent coin in 2009 in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.

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*Sense of Congress regarding the two-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba:* Debated yesterday, April 26: H. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the two-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 398 yeas to 27 nays, with 2 voting “present,” Roll No. 137.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings will resume tomorrow, April 28.

*Supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day:* H. Res. 210, amended, supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day and recognizing the importance of intellectual property in the United States and worldwide.

**Pages H2591–93**

**Dismissing Election Contest—6th District of Tennessee:** The House agreed to H. Res. 239, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Tennessee.

**Pages H2576–77**

**Amending the Rules of the House:** The House agreed to H. Res. 241, providing for adoption of H. Res. 240, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to reinstate certain provisions of the

rules relating to procedures of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to the form in which those provisions existed at the close of the 108th Congress, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 20 nays, and one voting “present,” Roll No. 145.

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Pursuant to the rule, upon adoption of the rule, H. Res. 240 was adopted.

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Earlier agreed to consider H. Res. 241 by voice vote.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2553.

**Senate Referral:** S. Con. Res. 28 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eight yeas-and-nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2557–58, H2577, H2577–78, H2578–79, H2579, H2590–91, H2612–13, H2613–14, H2615, H2615–16, and H2624–25. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ASIAN SOYBEAN RUST

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research and the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a joint hearing to Review the Impact of Asia Soybean Rust on the U.S. farm sector. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Joseph Glauber, Deputy Chief Economist; and Joseph J. Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Jim Jones, Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, EPA; and public witnesses.

### 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 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Panel: SAMHSA, NIDA, NIMH, and NIAAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse; Thomas R. Insel, M.D., Director, National Institute on Mental Health; and Faye Calhoun, M.D., Deputy Director, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

**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 Federal Railroad Administration and on AMTRAK. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Robert Jamison, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Jeff Rosen, General Counsel; and Roger Nober, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board; and David Gunn, CEO, AMTRAK.

**FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT  
FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on State Department FY 2006 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Robert Zoellick, Deputy Secretary, Department of State.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; LONG-TERM  
CARE AND MEDICAID**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 1812, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration grant program to provide patient navigator services to reduce barriers and improve health care outcomes; H.R. 184, Controlled Substances Export Reform Act of 2005; H.R. 869, To amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices; and H. Res. 169, amended, Recognizing the importance of sun safety.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled "Long-Term Care and Medicaid: Spiraling Costs and the Need for Reform." Testimony was heard from Mark D. McClellan, M.D., Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; Kathryn G. Allen, Director, Health Care—Medicaid and Private Health Insurance Issues, GAO; Carol V. O'Shaughnessy, Specialist in Social Legislation, Domestic Social Policy Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**INTERNET PROTOCOL COMMUNICATIONS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on How Internet Protocol-Enabled Services Are Changing the Face of Communications: A View from

Government Officials. Testimony was heard from Lewis K. Billings, Mayor, Provo City, Idaho; Kenneth Fellman, Mayor, Arvada, Colorado; Diane Munns, Commissioner, State Utilities Board, Iowa; Charles M. Davidson, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, Florida; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1768, To amend the provision of law establishing the Presidential 9/11 Heroes Medals of Valor to make certain technical corrections to carry out the intent of the provision; H.R. 358, amended, Little Rock Central High School Desegregation 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act; H.R. 1185, amended, Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005; H.R. 1224, amended, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2005; and H.R. 68, amended, NASA and JPL 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act.

**STEROID USE IN SPORTS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Continued hearings on Steroid Use in Sports Part II: Examining the National Football League's Policy on Anabolic Steroids and Related Substances. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Football League: Paul Tagliabue, Commissioner; Harold Henderson, Executive Vice President, Labor Relations; and Gene Upshaw, Executive Director, Players Association; John Lombardo, M.D., NFL Advisor, Anabolic Steroids and Related Substances; Bryan S. Finkle, M.D., NFL Consulting Toxicologist on Anabolic Steroids and Related Substances; Linn Goldberg, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Health Sciences, Oregon University; Gary I. Wadler, Associate Professor, Clinical Medicine, School of Medicine, New York University; Steve Courson, former NFL Player, Pittsburgh Steelers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Bobby Barnes, Head Football Coach, Buckeye Union High School, Arizona; and Willie Stewart, Head Football Coach, Anacostia High School, District of Columbia.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
AUTHORIZATION ACT OF FISCAL YEAR  
2006**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1817, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; MILLENNIUM  
CHALLENGE ACCOUNT**

*Committee on International Relations:* By unanimous consent, the Chairman was authorized to request consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules in the House: H. Con. Res. 127,

Calling on the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law; H. Res. 195, amended, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia; H. Res. 233, amended, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V-E) Day during World War II; H. Res. 193, Expressing support to the organizers and participants of the historic meeting of the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba on May 20, 2005, in Havana; and H. Res. 228, amended, Observing the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Republic of Vietnam to the Communist forces of North Vietnam.

The Committee also held a hearing on Millennium Challenge Account: Does the Program Match the Vision? Testimony was heard from Paul V. Applegarth, Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation; David B. Gootnick, M.D., Director, International Affairs and Trade Team, GAO; and a public witness.

#### EUROPE—ISLAMIC EXTREMISM

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats held a hearing on Islamic Extremism in Europe. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—OFF-RESERVATION TRIBAL GAMING

*Committee on Resources:* Held an oversight hearing entitled “Tribal proposals to acquire land-in-trust for gaming across state lines and how such proposals are affected by the off-reservation discussion draft bill.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Weller and Jackson of Illinois; J. Bradley Burzynski, member Senate, State of Illinois; Craig Foltin, Mayor, Lorain, Ohio; and public witnesses.

#### OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL FOREST REFORESTATION

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Reforestation Problems on National Forests: A GAO Report on the Increasing Backlog. Testimony was heard from Robin Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Ed Shepard, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### AMENDING HOUSE RULES—REINSTATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that upon adoption of the rule, H. Res. 240, Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to reinstate certain provisions of the rules relating to procedures of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to the form in which those provisions existed at the close of the 108th Congress, is hereby adopted.

#### SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of Rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of April 28, 2005, providing for consideration or disposition of conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 or establishing a separate order relating to budget enforcement.

#### DOE—SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PRIORITIES

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Science and Technology Priorities for the Department of Energy in Fiscal Year 2006. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Robert Shane Johnson, Deputy Director, Technology, Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology; Raymond Orbach, Director, Office of Science; Mark Maddox, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Fossil Energy; Kevin Kolevar, Director, Office of Electricity and Energy Assurance; and Douglas Faulkner, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

#### CLOSING THE TAX GAP—IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “Closing the Tax Gap and the Impact on Small Businesses.” Testimony was heard from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1412, amended, Delaware River Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 1496, amended, To return general aviation to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; H.R. 1630, Amtrak Reauthorization Act of 2005; and H.R. 1631, Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century.

## Joint Meetings

### CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense, the global war on terror, and tsunami relief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, April 28, 2005.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings for an overview of Bioterrorism and BioShield, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine defense intelligence in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006; to be followed by a closed hearing in S-407, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 242, to establish 4 memorials to the Space Shuttle *Columbia* in the State of Texas, S. 262, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California, S. 336, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study of the feasibility of designating the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Watertrail as a national historic trail, S. 670, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 777, to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland

as the “Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area,” and H.R. 126, to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine building assets for low-income families, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine access and accountability relating to providing quality post-secondary education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense business practices, focusing on business transformation, 2 p.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, and the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and certain committee matters, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold joint hearings to examine the use of technology to protect the borders relating to strengthening border security between the ports of entry, 3 p.m., SD-138.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine 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 public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on Challenges to Employer Efforts to Preserve Retiree Health Care Benefits, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled “Combating Trafficking in Persons: Status Report on Domestic and International Developments,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* hearing entitled “Who’s Watching the COOP? A Re-Examination of Federal Agencies’ Continuity of Operations Plans,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.