

Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense business practices, focusing on fiscal trends that prompt questions about the affordability and sustainability of the rate of growth in defense spending, business management challenges that DOD needs to address to successfully transform its business operations, and key elements for achievements of reforms, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; and Bradley M. Berkson, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine access and accountability relating to providing quality post-secondary education, focusing on the Federal government's role in making post-secondary education financially available for Americans, after receiving testimony from Kati Haycock, Education Trust, Washington, D.C.; Brian Bosworth, FutureWorks, Arlington, Massachusetts; Robert M. Shireman, The Institute for College Access and Success, Inc., Berkeley, California; Phillip F. Van Horn, Wyoming Student Loan Corporation, and Western States Learning Corporation, Cheyenne; and Trinity Thorpe, Malibu, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee began markup of S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, but did not complete consideration thereon, and recessed subject to call.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security to examine the use of technology to strengthen border security between the Ports of Entry, focusing on the operations and law enforcement initiatives of the Office of Border Patrol, after receiving testimony from David Aguilar, Chief, Office of Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Kirk Evans, Director, Mission Support Office, Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency, Science and Technology Directorate, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 90 public bills, H.R. 1950–2039; 1 private bill, H.R. 2040; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res 46; H. Con. Res. 141, and H. Res. 249–252, were introduced. **Pages H2734–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2738–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on 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 (H. Rept. 109–62);

H. Res. 248, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising ap-

propriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 (H. Rept. 109–63);

H.R. 1036, to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to copyright royalty judges (H. Rept. 109–64);

H.R. 1544, to provide faster and smarter funding for first responders, amended (H. Rept. 109–65), and H.R. 22, to reform the postal laws of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 109–66, Pt. I).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Dr. Ivan N. Raley, Pastor, First Baptist Church in Byrdstown, Tennessee. **Page H2651**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 345 yeas to 75 nays, with one voting "present", Roll No. 148.

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Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2006—Conference Report: The House agreed to 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 149. **Pages H2703–16**

Agreed to H. Res. 242, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of Rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 146. **Pages H2653–59**

Agreed to H. Res. 248, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 147. **Pages H2693–H2702**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:33 a.m. and reconvened at 2:46 p.m. **Page H2659**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:47 p.m. and reconvened at 4:51 p.m. **Page H2692**

Privileged Resolution: Representative Conyers announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution raising a question of the privileges of the House. **Pages H2702–03**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, April 27:

Supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day: H. Res. 210, supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day and recognizing the importance of intellectual property in the United States and worldwide, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 315 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 150. **Pages H2717–18**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 2, and further that when the House adjourn on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H2720**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 4. **Page H2720**

Senate District Work Period: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 29, providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page H2720**

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel—Appointment: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Ms. Loretta

Goff of New York to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel. **Page H2720**

House Page Board—Appointment: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Representative Kildee to the House of Representatives Page Board. **Page H2720**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2718.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2659, H2701, H2702, H2717, and H2717–18. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 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 continue appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RETIREE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Challenges to Employer Efforts to Preserve Retiree Health Care Benefits. Testimony was heard from Leslie Silverman, Commissioner, EEOC; and public witnesses.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—CENTRAL AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). Testimony was heard from Regina L. Vargo, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Americas; and public witnesses.

COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Combating Trafficking in Persons: Status Report on Domestic and International Developments.” Testimony was heard from John Miller, Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; and public witnesses.