

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 2207–2246; 1 private bill, H.R. 2247; and; 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 148, and H. Res. 270 were introduced. **Pages H3112–13**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3113–14**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1037, to make technical corrections to title 17, United States Code (H. Rept. 109–75);

H. Res. 268, providing for consideration of H.R. 1279 to amend title 18, United States Code, to reduce violent gang crime and protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–76); and

H. Res. 269, providing for consideration of H.R. 1544 to provide faster and smarter funding for first responders, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 109–77). **Pages H3111–12**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:47 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3062**

Capitol Preservation Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Ney, Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library, wherein he designated Representative Mica to serve on the Capitol Preservation Commission, as provided for in Public Law 101–696 Section 801. **Page H3065**

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

Charles “Pete” Conrad Astronomy Awards Act: 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; **Pages H3065–68**

Expressing support to the organizers and participants of the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba on May 20, 2005: 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, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 22 nays with one voting “present”, Roll No. 162; **Pages H3068–71, H3084–85**

Supporting the goals and ideals of a “Rotary International Day”: H. Res. 142, supporting the goals and ideals of a “Rotary International Day” and celebrating and honoring Rotary International on the

occasion of its centennial anniversary, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 163; **Pages H3071–75, H3085–86**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 86, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; **Pages H3075–76**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the D.C. Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run: H. Con. Res. 135, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; and **Pages H3076–77**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 136, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service. **Pages H3077–79**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:44 p.m. and reconvened at 5:40 p.m. **Page H3079**

Point of Personal Privilege: Representative Jackson-Lee rose to a point of personal privilege and was recognized. **Pages H3079–84**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H3063, H3098.

Senate Referral: S. 148 was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. Con. Res. 31 was held at the desk. **Page H3111**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3084–85, H3085–86. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006; SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2006: The Department of Homeland Security; and the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies.

The Committee also approved the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, 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 Highway Administration and the FAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Mary E. Peters, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, FAA.

MUTUAL FUNDS REGULATIONS

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Mutual Funds: A Review of the Regulatory Landscape.” Testimony was heard from Meyer Eisenberg, Acting Director, Division of Investment Management, SEC; and public witnesses.

DOD COUNTERNARCOTICS BUDGET

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “2006 DoD Counternarcotics Budget: Does it Deliver the Necessary Support?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Marybeth Long, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict; COL. John D. Nelson, USA, Director, Plans, Joint Task Force North, U.S. Northern Command; CAPT. Edmund Turner, USN, Deputy Director, Current Operations, U.S. Southern Command; and CAPT. Jim Stahlman, USN, Assistant Operations Officer, U.S. Central Command; and Lennard Wolfson, Assistant Deputy Director, Office of Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

CENSUS DATA—PUBLIC POLICY AND URBAN AMERICA

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census, hearing entitled “Life in the Big City: What is Census Data Telling Us About Urban America and are Policymakers Listening?” Testimony was heard from Charles Louis Kincannon, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; Thomas M. Dowd, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Mitchell Silver, Deputy Director, Long Range Planning, Office of Planning, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

OVERSEAS SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Overseas Security: Hardening Soft Targets.” Testimony was heard from Jess Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of State: Greg Starr, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Countermeasures, Bureau of Diplomatic Security and Foreign Missions; Ambassador Prudence Bushnell, Dean, School of Leadership and Management, The George P. Shultz, National Foreign Affairs Training Center; and Keith Miller, Director, Office of Overseas Schools; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—USA PATRIOT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Prohibition of Material Support under Sections 805 of the USA PATRIOT Act and 6603 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General; Gregory Katsas, Deputy Assistant Attorney General; and Barry Sabin, Chief, Counterterrorism Section for the Criminal Division; and a public witness.

FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1544, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be considered 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, 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 Chairman Cox and Representatives Bass, Thompson of Mississippi, and Cuellar.

GANG DETERRENCE AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1279, Gang Deterrence and Community Protection Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report 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, 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 Representatives Forbes, Scott of Virginia, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Waters, Crowley, Watson, Cardoza and Cuellar.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2003, to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Missile Defense Program, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Government Printing Office, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Office of Compliance, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 9 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 11:30 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to spyware, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 895, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 100, to authorize the exchange of certain land in the State of Colorado, S. 235 and H.R. 816, bills to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada, S. 404, to make a technical correction relating to the land conveyance authorized by Public Law 108-67, S. 741, to provide for the disposal of certain Forest Service administrative sites in the State of Oregon, S. 761, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, and H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the United