

By 53 yeas 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 133), William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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By unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. EX. 134) Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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By unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 135) David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Henry Crumpton, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

Ronald Spogli, of California, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic.

Robert H. Tuttle, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—135) **Pages S6284, S6291, S6292**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:27 p.m. until 2 p.m., on Monday, June 13, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6342.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Reuben Jeffery III, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees, who were both introduced by Senator Lugar, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 2361, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Also, completed its review of 302(b) subcommittee allocations of budget outlays and new budget authority allocated to the committee in 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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 582, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of the Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, and Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Federal Housing Commissioner.

GENERAL AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine general aviation (GA) security, the Transportation Security Administration's proposed plan to reopen Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport to GA operations, and the security procedures followed during the recent air incursion that caused the emergency evacuation of the White House and the U.S. Capitol buildings, after receiving testimony from Michael A.

Cirillo, Vice President, System Operations Services, Air Traffic Organization, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Jonathan Fleming, Chief Operating Officer, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Ed Bolen, National Business Aviation Association, Washington, D.C.; James K. Coyne, National Air Transportation Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Andrew V. Cebula, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Frederick, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard J. Griffin, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, and Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Under Secretary of State for Management, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CROSS-BORDER TRAVEL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), focusing on plans to augment United States border security and facilitate international travel by establishing new documentary standards, and regarding safety and convenience in cross-border travel, after receiving testimony from Frank E. Moss, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; Elaine Dezenski, Acting Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Policy and Planning, Border and Transportation Directorate; Paul M. Ruden, American Society of Travel Agents, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; and Robert A. Pastor, American University Center for North American Studies, Washington, D.C.

PENSION PLAN FRAUD

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting America's pensions plans from fraud, focusing on the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration's enforcement strategy, efforts to address weakness in its enforcement program along with the challenges that remain, after receiving testimony from Alan D. Lebowitz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employee Benefit Security Administration; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; John Endicott, Local Union 290 Plumbers, Steamfitters and Marine Fitters, Tualatin, Oregon; Barclay Grayson, BDC Advisors, LLC, and Stephen F. English,

Bullivant Houser Bailey, PC, both of Portland, Oregon; and James S. Ray, Law Offices of James S. Ray, Alexandria, Virginia.

BIOSHIELD

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness concluded a hearing to examine promising medical countermeasures to bioshield, focusing on the Project BioShield Act of 2004, and the Administration's priority to have an appropriate armamentarium of medical countermeasures as a critical aspect of the response and recovery component of the President's strategy "Biodefense for the 21st Century", after receiving testimony from John Vitko, Jr., Director, Biological Countermeasures Portfolio, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; William F. Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, and Carol Heilman, Director, Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Colonel Joseph Palma, Medical Director, Office of the Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Chemical and Biological Defense, Department of Defense; Alan P. Timmins, AVI BioPharma, Inc., Portland, Oregon; Richard Frothingham, Duke University Medical Center and Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina; David P. Wright, PharmAthene, Inc., Annapolis, Maryland; Scott Magids, University of Maryland Technology Advancement Program, College Park; and Philip K. Russell, Potomac, Maryland.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1181, to ensure an open and deliberate process in Congress by providing that any future legislation to establish a new exemption to section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) be stated explicitly within the text of the bill.

VETERANS' HEALTHCARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1182, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, S. 481, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release, S. 716, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1176, to improve the provision of health care and

services to veterans in Hawaii, S. 1177, to improve mental health services at all facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 614, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit Medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1180, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, S. 1189, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish a strategic plan for long-term care,

S. 1190, to provide sufficient blind rehabilitation outpatient specialists at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 1191, to establish a grant program to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in remote rural areas, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Donald Mooney, The American Legion, Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, and Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Jones, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 2828–2861; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 53; H. Con. Res. 176; and H. Res. 310–312, were introduced. **Pages H4354–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4356**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 184, to amend the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to provide authority to the Attorney General to authorize any controlled substance that is in schedule I or II or is a narcotic drug in schedule III or IV to be exported from the United States to a country for subsequent export from that country to another country, if certain conditions are met, amended (H. Rept. 109–115, Pt. 1);

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 (H. Rept. 109–116, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 517, to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (H. Rept. 109–117, Pt. 1). **Page H4354**

Withdrawing approval of the U.S. from the Agreement establishing the WTO: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 27, withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, by a yea-and-nay vote of 86 yeas to 338 nays, with one voting “present”, Roll No. 239. **Pages H4302–18**

H. Res. 304, the rule providing for consideration of the measure was agreed to yesterday, June 8.

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 310, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 240. **Pages H4318–19**

Late Reports: Agreed that the Committee on Appropriations have until midnight on June 10 to file a report on a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for FY 2006, and a report on a bill making appropriations for Science and the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies for FY 2006. **Pages H4319–20**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 on Monday, June 13 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H4321**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 15. **Page H4321**

Expressing the importance of reopening of the Beartooth All-American Highway: The House agreed to H. Res. 309, expressing the importance of immediately reopening the famous Beartooth All-American Highway from Red Lodge, Montana, to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. **Pages H4321–22**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4318 and H4319. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6 p.m.