

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Gillian Arlette Milovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, and James Cain, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to Denmark, who was introduced by Senator Burr, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard L. Skinner, of Virginia, to be

Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security, who was introduced by Senator Warner, and Brian David Miller, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Allen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Edmund S. Hawley, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3318–3327; 1 private bill, H.R. 3328; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 210 and H. Res. 364, were introduced. **Pages H5262–63**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5963–64**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

The National Drug Control Strategy for 2005 and the National Drug Control Budget for Fiscal Year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–172);

H.R. 3070, To authorize the human space flight, aeronautics, and science programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–173);

H.R. 3199, as amended. To extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 109–174, Parts I and II);

H. Res. 365, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2601) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for the fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes (Rept. 109–175).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Price of Georgia to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5917**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5918**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H5919**

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

Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Veterans Administration: H. Res. 361, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Veterans Administration on July 21, 1930; **Pages H5919–23**

Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the workers' strikes in Poland in 1980: H. Res. 328, amended, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the workers' strikes in Poland in 1980 that led to the establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 385 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 380; **Pages H5925–27, H5931–32**

Acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas: H. Con. Res. 175, amended, acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 382 yeas to 6 nays and 2 voting "present", Roll No. 381; and **Pages H5927–30, H5932–33**

Commending the continuing improvement in relations between the United States and the Republic of India: H. Res. 364, commending the continuing improvement in relations between the United States and the Republic of India, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 388 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 382. **Pages H5930–31, H5933**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. **Page H5931**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, July 19th:

Calling for free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan: H. Res 326, amended, calling for free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan. **Pages H5923–25**

Quorum Calls—Votes: 3 yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5932, H5932–33, and H5933. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2006 AND 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2601, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and of other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provide that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules.

The rule provides that amendments shall be considered only in the order specified in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, 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, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to re-

commit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hyde, Smith of New Jersey, Burton, Mack, Foley, Kennedy of Minnesota, Lantos, Markey, Spratt and McGovern.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 2 p.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to consider H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, 3 p.m., SD-116.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine modifications to the organizational structure and operations of the Department of Homeland Security as part of an effort to make it more efficient and effective, 11:15 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Aviation, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's Age 60 Rule, 3:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the effects of the U.S. nuclear testing program on the Marshall Islands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine advancing Iraqi political development, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine efforts to protect national information infrastructures that continue to face challenges relating to cyberspace, focusing on challenges in protecting U.S. critical infrastructures from cybersecurity threats, 2 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, 11 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine a review of Federal consent decrees, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SDG-50.