

operation, after receiving testimony from Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Jeffery K. Nulf, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, and Hratch G. Semerjian, Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, both of the Department of Commerce; Arleas Upton Kea, Director, Division of Administration, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and C. Morgan Kinghorn, Jr., National Academy of Public Administration, Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, and John Gage, American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), all of Washington, D.C.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine

housing-related programs for the poor, focusing on existing challenges in measuring improper rent subsidy payments in housing assistance programs at HUD, as well as Federal oversight of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, after receiving testimony from James M. Martin, Assistant Chief Financial Officer for Financial Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development; David G. Wood, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, and Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Government Accountability Office; and Josephine Bias Robinson, Director, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3897–3926; 1 private bill, H.R. 3927; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 68; H. Con. Res. 250–254; and H. Res. 460–461, 463–467 were introduced. **Pages H8386–88**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8388–89**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2491, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to authorize States to restrict receipt of foreign municipal solid waste and implement the Agreement Concerning the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste between the United States and Canada, with an amendment (Rept. 109–235); H. Res. 462, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3402) to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009 (Rept. 109–236); and H.R. 3824, to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species, with an amendment (Rept. 109–237).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8360**

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

Natural Disaster Student Aid Fairness Act: H.R. 3863, amended, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for the reallocation rules in the Campus-Based Aid programs, and to extend the deadline by which funds have to be reallocated to institutions of higher education due to a natural disaster; **Pages H8362–65**

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Lights On Afterschool!”, a national celebration of after-school programs: H.J. Res. 66, to support the goals and ideals of “Lights On Afterschool!”, a national celebration of after-school programs, by a yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 494; **Pages H8366–67, H8374–75**

Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3703, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the “Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office Building”; **Pages H8367–68**

Randall D. Shugart Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 2062, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 West

Street in Newville, Pennsylvania, as the “Randall D. Shughart Post Office Building”; and **Pages H8368–69**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 209, to support the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to express the sense of Congress that Congress should raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families, by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 496.

Pages H8370–74, H8376

Suspensions—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Maudelle Shirek Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 438, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Allston Way in Berkeley, California, as the “Maudelle Shirek Post Office Building”, by a yea-and-nay vote 190 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 495.

Pages H8369–70, H8375–76

Recess: The House recessed at 3:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H8374**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened at 9:39 p.m. **Page H8383**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appears on pages H8360, H8383.

Senate Referrals: S. 1017 was referred to the Committee on Resources; and S. 1709 was referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Energy and Commerce. **Page H8384**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8374–75, H8375–76, and H8376. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HUD—HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Department of Housing and Urban Development (Hurricane Katrina). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Roy Bernardi, Deputy Secretary, Community Planning and Development; and Brian Montgomery, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner, FHA.

RESOLUTION—DISAPPROVING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered adversely reported H.J. Res. 65, Disapproving the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

THREATS IN ASIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee Defense Review Threat Panel held a hearing on Threats in Asia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL DEBT POLICY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “IDA-14: Historic Advance or Incremental Change in Debt and Development Policy.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Timothy D. Adams, Under Secretary, International Affairs; and Bobby J. Pittman, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Multilateral Development Institutions and Policy.

GOVERNMENT AGENCY PERFORMANCE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled “It’s Time to React—Reauthorizing Executive Authority to Consolidate Tasks: Establishing Results and Sunset Commissions (H.R. 3276 and H.R. 3277).” Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS ACTIVITY TAX SIMPLIFICATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1956, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Earl Ehrhart, member, House of Representatives, State of Georgia; Joan Wagon, Secretary of Revenue, State of Kansas; and public witnesses.

METHAMPHETAMINE EPIDEMIC ELIMINATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 3889, Methamphetamine Epidemic Elimination Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Souder and Kennedy of Minnesota; Joseph T. Rannazzisi, Deputy Chief, Office of Enforcement Operations, DEA, Department of Justice; and a public witness.