

David M. Spooner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Richard T. Crowder, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 4 p.m., and adjourned at 7:55 p.m., until 6 p.m., on Sunday, December 18, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S13968–69.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4618–4634; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 75; H. Con. Res. 325; and H. Res. 633–634 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3505, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–356);

H. Res. 631, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 109–357);

H. Res. 632, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–358); and

H.R. 3505, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–356, Pt. 1).

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Rule for consideration of suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 623, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a yea and nay vote of 213 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 663, after agreeing to the Session amendment by voice vote and the previous question.

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

To improve proficiency testing of clinical laboratories: H.R. 4568, to improve proficiency testing of clinical laboratories;

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Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005: H.R. 2520, with a Senate amendment, to provide for the collection and maintenance of human cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas none voting “nay”, Roll No. 664—clearing the measure for the President;

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State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005: H.R. 4519, to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend funding for the operation of State high risk health insurance pools;

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Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 through 2009: H.R. 3402, with a Senate amendment, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009—clearing the measure for the President;

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To amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend by one year provisions requiring parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits: H.R. 4579, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend by one year provisions requiring parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits;

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