

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 4680–4700; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 76; H. Con. Res. 332–333; and H. Res. 664–669 were introduced. **Pages H153–54**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H154–56**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 4320, to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–370). **Page H153**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H27**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Don Davidson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia. **Page H27**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m. **Page H28**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

To eliminate floor privileges and access to Member exercise facilities for registered lobbyists who are former Members or officers of the House: H. Res. 648, eliminating floor privileges and access to Member exercise facilities for registered lobbyists who are former Members or officers of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 50 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 3. **Pages H29–37, H67–68**

Relating to consideration of the bill (S. 1932) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95): The House agreed to H. Res. 648, relating to consideration of the bill (S. 1932) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95), after ordering the previous question, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 4. **Pages H37–60, H68–H114**

Earlier it was agreed to proceed with the consideration of the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 2. **Page H40**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

To amend the USA PATRIOT ACT to extend the sunset of certain provisions of such Act: H.R. 4659, amending the USA PATRIOT ACT to extend the sunset of certain provisions of such Act. **Pages H60–67**

Agreed by unanimous consent that the House vacate the ordering of the yeas and nays on adoption of H.R. 4659 to the end that the Chair may put the question on the resolution de novo. **Page H114**

Committee Chairman Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Ney wherein he resigned from the Chair of the Committee on House Administration. **Pages H114–15**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 664, electing Representative Ehlers as Chairman to the Committee on House Administration and establishing that Mr. Ney is ranked thereafter. **Page H115**

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 332, providing for the conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives. **Page H115**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 8, 2006. **Page H115**

Speaker pro tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry and the Honorable Tom Davis to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 7, 2006. **Page H115**

Honoring the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Coretta Scott King and her contributions as a leader in the struggle for civil rights, and expressing condolences to the King family on her passing: The House agreed to H. Res. 655, to honor the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Coretta Scott King and her contributions as a leader in the struggle for civil rights, and expressing condolences to the King family on her passing, by voice vote.

The measure was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached on Tuesday, January 31, 2006. **Pages H115–26**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H40, H67–68 and H68. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 8:50 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 332, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 332, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7th.

Committee Meetings

COUNTERING A NUCLEAR IRAN

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on countering a nuclear Iran. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. FORCE PROTECTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing on Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Ground Forces Vehicle and Personnel Protection and Rotary Wing Safety of Flight Update. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Mg Jeffrey A. Sorenson, USA, Deputy, Acquisition and Systems Management; MG Stephen M. Speakes, USA, Director, Force Development; and BG Stephen D. Mundt, USA, Director, Army Aviation, all with the Department of the Army; MG William D. Catto, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command; CDR Craig T. Mallak, USN, Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner; and BG Martin Post, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Aviation, all with the Department of the Navy.

PHONE RECORD SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled “Phone Records For Sale: Why Aren’t Phone Records Safe From Pretexting?” Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC; Jon Leibowitz, Commissioner, FTC; Lisa Madigan, Attorney General, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; FEDERAL PENSION FORFEITURE ACT REVIEW

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 4054, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the “Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office”; H.R. 4346, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Francesville, Indiana, as the “Malcolm Melville ‘Mac’ Lawrence Post Office”; H.R. 4456, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the “Hattie Caraway Station”; H.R. 4509, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the “Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building”; H. Res. 629, Supporting the goals and ideals of a day of Hearts, Congenital Heart Defect Day in order to increase awareness about congenital heart defects; and S. 1989, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Rolfe Square in

Cranston, Rhode Island, as the “Holly A. Charette Post Office”.

The Committee also held a hearing entitled “Restoring the Public Trust: A Review of the ‘Federal Pension Forfeiture Act.’” Testimony was heard from Linda M. Springer, Director, OPM; and public witnesses.

TAX CODE TRANSFORMATION—TAX REFORM PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports and the Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture, and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Transforming the Tax Code: An Examination of the President’s Tax Reform Panel Recommendations.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Castle and Garrett; John Breaux, Vice-Chairman, President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform; and public witnesses.

RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, without recommendation H. R. 1631, Rail Infrastructure Development and Expansion Act for the 21st Century.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume hearings to examine proposals to reform the National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the CBO budget and economic outlook, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Dhaka on September 26, 2004 with an exchange of notes enclosed (Treaty Doc. 109-5), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 31, 1994 (Treaty Doc. 109-4), Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Estates, Inheritances, and Gifts signed at Washington on November 24, 1978 (Treaty Doc. 109-7), and Protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Sweden for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the