

Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Judge Walter K. Stapleton, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Cir-

cuit and Judge Alex Kozinski, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 5312–5334; 1 private bill, H.R. 5335; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 802–804, 807–809 were introduced. **Pages H2237–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2239–40**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report to accompany H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–455);

H.R. 5143, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish monetary prizes for achievements in overcoming scientific and technical barriers associated with hydrogen energy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–456);

H. Res. 752, requesting the President to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President relating to the receipt and consideration by the Executive Office of the President of any information concerning the variation between the version of S. 1932, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, that the House of Representatives passed on February 1, 2006, and the version of the bill that the President signed on February 8, 2006, adversely (H. Rept. 109–457);

H. Res. 805, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–458); and

H. Res. 806, providing for consideration of H.R. 5122, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2007 (H. Rept. 109–459). **Pages H2209–99, H2337**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Drake to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2181**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:06 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2185**

Investigative Subcommittee—Appointment: The Chair read a letter from Ms. Pelosi, Minority Leader, whereby she designates the following Members to be available for service on an investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Messrs. Becerra; Capuano; Chandler; Delahunt; Schiff; Scott of Virginia; Ms. Solis; Mr. Stupak; Ms. Tauscher; and Mr. Van Hollen. **Pages H2187–88**

Message From the Clerk: Read a letter from the Clerk notifying the House that she received a message from the President on Monday, May 8th, regarding the national emergency with respect to Syria. **Page H2188**

Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted notification of the continuation of a national emergency beyond the anniversary date with respect to the Government of Syria—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–109). **Page H2188**

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

American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2005: H.R. 4204, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project; **Pages H2188–89**

Establishing the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area: H.R. 5311, to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area; **Pages H2189–91**

Requiring the Secretary of the Interior to accept the conveyance of certain land, to be held in trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Indian tribe: S. 1382, to require the Secretary of the Interior to accept the conveyance of certain land, to be held in trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Indian tribe—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H2191–93**

Providing for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the amendment of the Senate to

H.R. 1499: H. Res. 803, to provide for the concurrence by the House with an amendment in the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1499, by a yeand-nay vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 128; **Pages H2193–94, H2299**

Rural Health Care Capital Access Act of 2006: H.R. 4912, to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act to extend the exemption for critical access hospitals under the FHA program for mortgage insurance for hospitals; **Pages H2194–95**

Byron Nelson Congressional Gold Medal Act: H.R. 4902, to award a Congressional gold medal to Byron Nelson in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator; **Pages H2195–98**

Congratulating Chris Carpenter on being named the Cy Young Award winner for the National League for the 2005 Major League Baseball season: H. Res. 627, to congratulate Chris Carpenter on being named the Cy Young Award winner for the National League for the 2005 Major League Baseball season; **Pages H2198–99**

Respect for America’s Fallen Heroes Act: H.R. 5037, to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, by a yeand-nay vote of 408 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 129; and **Pages H2199–H2208, H2300**

Designating the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center: H.R. 3829, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, by a yeand-nay vote of 407 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 130. **Pages H2208–09, H2300–01**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:26 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. **Page H2299**

Board of Visitors of the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative McCarthy to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. **Page H2299**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2185.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H2340.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeand-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2299, H2300 and H2300–01. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS; SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007.

The Committee also approved Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2007.

CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program.” Testimony was heard from Kerry Nessler, R.N., Associate Administrator, Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

HORSE RACING WORKFORCE WELFARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Thoroughbred Horse Racing Jockeys and Workers: Examining On-Track Injury Insurance and Other Health and Welfare Issues.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANTHRAX PROTECTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “Anthrax Protection: Progress or Problems.” Testimony was heard from Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering, Applied Research and Methods, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ellen P. Embrey, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Force Health Protection and Readiness; and Jean Reed, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Gerald Parker, D.V.M., Deputy Assistant Secretary, Public Health Preparedness; and Richard Besser, M.D., Director, Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Susan Elizabeth George, Deputy Director, Biological Countermeasures Portfolio, Department of Homeland Security; and Dana Tulis, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management, EPA.