

S.J. Res. 12, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, with amendments; and

The nominations of Frank D. Whitney, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Thomas D. Anderson, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont, all of the Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jerome A. Holmes, of Oklahoma, to be United States Circuit

Judge for the Tenth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Inhofe, Daniel Porter Jordan III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, and Gustavo Antonio Gelpi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, who was introduced by Representative Fortuño, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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: 19 public bills, H.R. 5622–5630; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 871 were introduced. **Pages H4133–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4134–35**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5136, to establish a National Integrated Drought Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve drought monitoring and forecasting capabilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–503). **Page H4133**

Declaring that the United States will prevail in the Global War on Terror, the struggle to protect freedom from the terrorist adversary: The House began consideration of H. Res. 861, to declare that the United States will prevail in the Global War on Terror, the struggle to protect freedom from the terrorist adversary. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, Friday, June 16.

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H. Res. 868, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 287, after ordering the previous question without objection.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H4024.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4023–24. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at midnight.

Committee Meetings

CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review Efforts to Eliminate Waste, Fraud and Abuse in the Crop Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from Eldon Gould, Administrator, Risk Management Agency, USDA; Daniel Bertoni, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PUBLIC LANDS EFFECTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Effects of Illegal Immigration on Public and Tribal Lands. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tancredo and Grijalva; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: William T. Civish, District Manager, Dila District, Bureau of Land Management; and Selanhongva McDonald, Southwestern Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and public witnesses.

COMBAT EQUIPMENT—IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing to receive an update on the use of combat helmets, vehicle armor, and body armor by ground forces in Operation Iraq