

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3868–3878; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 376–377 and H. Res. 548–549, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 546, providing for consideration of H.R. 3752, to promote the development of the emerging commercial human space flight industry, to extend the liability indemnification regime for the commercial space transportation industry, to authorize appropriations for the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (H. Rept. 108–430); and

H. Res. 547, providing for consideration of H.R. 1561, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patent fees (H. Rept. 108–431).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H709

Recess: The House recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H712

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

Honoring the life and career of the late Willie Shoemaker: H. Res. 439, honoring the life and career of Willie Shoemaker and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to his family and friends on his death; Pages H714–15

Ben Atchley Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3769, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 137 East Young High Pike in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the “Ben Atchley Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 383 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 32; and Pages H715–16, H726–28

Expressing the sympathy of the House of Representatives for the victims of the devastating earthquake that occurred on December 26, 2003 in Bam, Iran: H. Res. 526, expressing the sympathy of the House of Representatives for the victims of the devastating earthquake that occurred on December 26, 2003, in Bam, Iran, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 381 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 33. Pages H724–26, H727–28

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules

and agree to H. Res. 530, amended, urging the appropriate representative of the United States to the 60th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to introduce a resolution calling upon the Government of the People’s Republic of China to end its human rights violations in China. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until Thursday, March 3. Pages H716–24

Recess: The House recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H726

Presidential Messages: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted the 2004 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Agriculture, Armed Services, Energy & Commerce, Education & the Workforce, Financial Services, Government Reform, International Relations, Small Business, Transportation & Infrastructure, Ways & Means, Veterans’ Affairs, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Select Committee on Homeland Security. Page H714

Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted his intent to designate Algeria as a beneficiary developing country and to terminate the designation of Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bahrain, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Slovakia as beneficiary developing countries for purposes of the Generalized System of Preferences—referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–166). Page H726

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H753.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today. There were no quorum calls. Pages H726–27, H727

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ANDEAN COUNTERDRUG INITIATIVE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Andean Counterdrug Initiative.” Testimony was heard from John P. Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Tom O’Connell, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense; and Robert Charles, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State.

OVERSIGHT—CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Alexander Acosta, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2004

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of the committee report). The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule and that it shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the bill that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehlert.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2003

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 1, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute which are printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be sub-

ject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy's Office of Science, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, and Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on Court Services, Offender Supervision Agency, and the Public Defender Service, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the role of defense science and technology in the global war on terrorism and in preparing for emerging threats in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine future Navy and Marine Corps capabilities and requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to mark up the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005, 2:15 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the impact of climate change, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine impact of abortion on women, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 1420, to establish terms and conditions for use of certain Federal land by outfitters and to facilitate public opportunities for the recreational use and enjoyment of such land, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine grants management within the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine health insurance challenges, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.