

Robert Cramer Balfe III, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

David E. Nahmias, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

William Sanchez, of Florida, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices for a term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Navy. **Pages S6296–97**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—104) **Page S6264**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Wednesday, June 2, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S6296.)

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 4470–4476; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 655–658, were introduced. **Pages H3604–05**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3605–06**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4278. A bill to amend the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 to support programs of grants to States to address the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities, amended (H. Rept. 108–514).

H.R. 2010. A bill to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives, amended (H. Rept. 108–515).

H.R. 3785. A bill to authorize the exchange of certain land in Everglades National Park, amended (H. Rept. 108–516).

S. 144. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land, amended (H. Rept. 108–517, Part 1).

H. Res. 656. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4444) to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish a Personal Reemployment Accounts grant program to assist Americans in returning to work, (H. Rept. 108–518) and,

H. Res. 657. A resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 83) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individuals to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives, (H. Rept. 108–519). **Page H3604**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Upton to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H3543**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. John Roller, Pastor Emeritus, St. Thomas Becket Parish in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. **Page H3543**

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

*Congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on the occasion of its 35th anniversary:* H. Con. Res. 295, congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 374 yeas to 0 nays, Roll No. 210; **Pages H3544–47, H3565–66**

*Recognizing those who responded to the fire in Richmond, Virginia on March 26, 2004:* H. Res. 612, amended, recognizing and honoring the firefighters, police, public servants, civilians, and private businesses who responded to the devastating fire in Richmond, Virginia, on March 26, 2004, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 375 yeas to 0 nays, Roll No. 211; **Pages H3547–49, H3566–67**

*Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen:* H. Con. Res. 417, honoring the Tuskegee Airmen and their contribution in creating an integrated United States Air Force, the world's foremost Air and Space Supremacy Force, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 0 nays, Roll No. 212; **Pages H3549–53, H3567**

*Designating the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Lufkin, Texas as the "Charles Wilson Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic":* H.R. 4317, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic located in Lufkin, Texas, as the "Charles Wilson Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"; **Pages H3555–57**

*Health, Safety, and Security of Peace Corps Volunteers Act of 2004:* H.R. 4060, to amend the Peace Corps Act to establish an Ombudsman and an Office of Safety and Security of the Peace Corps;

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*Mount Rainier National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003:* H.R. 265, amended, to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park;

**Pages H3561–62**

*Reaffirming the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government:* H.R. 2912, to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government; and

**Pages H3562–63**

*National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2003:* S. 1233, amended, to authorize assistance for the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum and Justice Learning Center. **Pages H3563–65**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, June 2.

*Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II:* S.J. Res. 28, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II;

**Pages H3553–55**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H3565**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3543.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3565–66, H3566–67, H3567. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### GULF WAR ILLNESSES—STATUS OF RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATIONS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Examining the Status of Gulf War Research and Investigations on Gulf War Illnesses." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Janet Heinrich, Director, Health Care-Public Health Issues; and Keith Rhodes, Chief General Accounting Technologist; Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Acting Under Secretary, Health and Acting Chief Research and Development Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; MG Lester Martinez-Lopez, U.S. Army, Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### BACK TO WORK INCENTIVE ACT

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 2, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 4444, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 4444 shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Section 2 of the rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 4444, the clerk shall add the texts of H.R. 4409 and H.R. 4410 as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 4444, and then lay H.R. 4409 and H.R. 4410 on the table. Finally, the rule provides that if H.R. 4444 is disposed of without reaching the stage of engrossment, either H.R. 4409 or H.R. 4410, whichever first passes the House shall be treated in the manner specified for H.R. 4444 and the other bill shall be laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Representatives McKeon, Porter, and Kildee.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES— CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO FILL VACANCIES

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 2, a closed rule providing 90 minutes of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Rohrabacher, Nadler, and Baird.