

**ARCTIC CLIMATE IMPACT**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the research of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on climate change impacts, focusing on the ice sheets that are Greenland and Antarctica, which store 77% of the Earth's fresh water, after receiving testimony from Ghassem Asrar, Deputy Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, and Drew T. Shindell, Research Physicist, Earth Sciences Directorate, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Scott Borg, Section Head, Antarctic Sciences Section, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation; Robert W. Corell, University of Alaska Fairbanks, and Susan Joy Hassol, Basalt, Colorado, both on behalf of the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment; Igor Krupnik, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; and Mark Serrez, University of Colorado National Snow and Ice Data Center, Boulder.

**INSURANCE BROKERAGE PRACTICES**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine insurance brokerage practices, including potential conflicts of interest and the adequacy of the current regulatory framework, after receiving testimony from New York Attorney General Eliot L. Spitzer, New York; Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, Hartford; Gregory Serio, New York Superintendent of Insurance, Albany, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; John Garamendi, California Insurance Commissioner, Sacramento; Albert R. Counselman, Riggs, Counselman, Michaels and Downes, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers; Alex Soto, InSource, Inc., Miami, Florida, on behalf of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America; Ernst N.

Csiszar, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, and J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Janice Ochenkowski, Jones Lang LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Risk and Insurance Management Society.

**NOMINATIONS:**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas B. Griffith, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett, Paul A. Crotty, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, who was introduced by Senators Schumer and Clinton, and J. Michael Seabright, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, who was introduced by Senators Inouye and Akaka, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**FLU VACCINE MARKET**

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine liability and licensing issues relating to the flu vaccine market, focusing on the ongoing efforts of the Food and Drug Administration to ensure the safety, effectiveness, and availability of influenza and other vaccines licensed in the United States, after receiving testimony from Lester M. Crawford, Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, and Mitchell L. Cohen, Director, Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Peter R. Paradiso, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Collegeville, Pennsylvania; and Frank A. Sloan, Duke University Center for Health Policy, Law, and Management, Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Durham, North Carolina.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Measures Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 5360–5370; 2 private bills, H.R. 5371–5372; and; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 5211, and H. Res. 853–855, were introduced. **Pages H9744–45**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H9745–46**

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

H.R. 3143, to enhance Federal Trade Commission enforcement against cross-border fraud and deception, amended (H. Rept. 108–635, Pt. 2);

Supplemental report on H.R. 10, to provide for reform of the intelligence community, terrorism prevention and prosecution, border security, and international cooperation and coordination (H. Rept. 108–724, Pt. 6); and

H.R. 4251, to amend various laws relating to maritime transportation, amended (H. Rept. 108-775); **Page H9744**

**Library of Congress Trust Fund Board:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board: Mr. Edwin L. Cox of Dallas, Texas (re-appointment); and Mr. Anthony Welters of Vienna, Virginia. **Page H9690**

**Social Security Advisory Board:** The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Mrs. Dorcas R. Hardy of Spotsylvania, Virginia to the Social Security Advisory Board. **Pages H9689-90**

**Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance:** The Chair announced the joint reappointment by the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate of the following individuals to the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Mr. Alan V. Friedman of Los Angeles, California; Ms. Susan S. Robfogel of Rochester, New York; and Ms. Barbara Childs Wallace of Ridgeland, Mississippi. **Page H9690**

**Committee Removal:** The Chair announced the Speaker's removal of Representative Blunt from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H9690**

**Committee Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Boehlert to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H9690**

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

*Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month:* H. Res. 641, supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; **Pages H9690-91**

*Guardian of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building Designation Act:* S. 2640, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 North Hills Boulevard in Reno, Nevada, as the "Guardians of Freedom Memorial Post Office Building" and to authorize the installation of a plaque at such site—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9691-92**

*Mike Mansfield Post Office Building Designation Act:* S. 2214, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3150 Great Northern Avenue in Missoula, Montana, as the "Mike Mansfield Post Office"—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9692-93**

*Lieutenant John F. Finn Post Office Building Designation Act:* S. 2693, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1475

Western Avenue, Suite 45, in Albany, New York, as the "Lieutenant John F. Finn Post Office"—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H9693-94**

*Recognizing the 130th anniversary of the creation of lifesaving station on the Great Lakes:* H. Res. 750, recognizing the 130th anniversary of the creation of lifesaving stations on the Great Lakes, which became part of the United States Life-Saving Service; and **Pages H9694-95**

*Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during WWII:* H.J. Res. 110, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting nay, Roll No. 531. **Pages H9695-98**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H9698**

**Foreign Operations Appropriations for FY2005:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4818, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H9698-99**

Appointed as conferees: From the Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs of the Committee on Appropriations, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Kolbe, Knollenberg, Lewis (CA), Wicker, Bonilla, Vitter, Kirk, Crenshaw, Lowey, Jackson (IL), Kilpatrick, Rothman, and Kaptur. **Page H9699**

From the Committee on Appropriations, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Young (FL), Regula, Hobson, Obey, and Visclosky. **Page H9699**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9685-86 and H9706.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 353, S. 1042, S. 1129, S. 2012, S. 2044, S. 2314, S. 2331, S. 2668, and S. 2938 were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 1433, S. 1466, S. 1614, S. 1678, S. 1852, S. 2142, S. 2181, S. 2334, S. 2408, S. 2567, S. 2571, S. 2622, and S. 2847 were referred to the Committee on Resources; S. 1379 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services; S. 2283, S. 2526, and S. 2618 were referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; S. 2656, S. 2688, and S. 2693, were referred to the Committee on Government Reform; S. 2856 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture; S. 2691 was referred to the Committees on Resources and Transportation & Infrastructure; S. 2976 was referred to the Committees on Energy & Commerce

and the Judiciary; S. Con. Res. 136 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and S. 437, S. 2042, S. 2280, S. 2302, S. 2489, S. 2839, S. 2979, S. Con. Res. 8, and S. Con. Res. 121, and S. Con. Res. 145 were held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H9698. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PRIVATE LAWS

(For last listing of Private Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1034)

H.R. 712, for the relief of Richi James Lesley. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Private Law 108–3)

H.R. 867, for the relief of Durreshahwar Durreshahwar, Nida Hasan, Asna Hasan, Anum Hasan, and Iqra Hasan. Signed on October 30, 2004. (Private Law 108–4)

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1034)

H.R. 4837, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. Signed on October 13, 2004. (Public Law 108–324)

S. 1778, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, Alaska. Signed on October 13, 2004. (Public Law 108–325)

H.R. 982, to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–326)

H.R. 2408, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–327)

H.R. 2771, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize the New York City Watershed Protection Program. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–328)

H.R. 4115, to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–329)

H.R. 4259, to amend title 31, United States Code, to improve the financial accountability requirements applicable to the Department of Homeland Security, to establish requirements for the Future Years Homeland Security Program of the Department. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–330)

H.R. 5105, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out construction and related activities in support of the collaborative Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–331)

S. 2292, to require a report on acts of anti-Semitism around the world. Signed on October 16, 2004. (Public Law 108–332)

H.R. 4011, to promote human rights and freedom in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–333)

H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–334)

H.R. 4850, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–335)

S. 551, to provide for the implementation of air quality programs developed in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–336)

S. 1421, to authorize the subdivision and dedication of restricted land owned by Alaska Natives. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–337)

S. 1537, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–338)

S. 1663, to replace certain Coastal Barrier Resources System maps. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–339)

S. 1687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System. Signed on October 18, 2004. (Public Law 108–340)