

NATIVE HAWAIIAN FEDERAL RECOGNITION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee held hearings on S. 344, expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, receiving testimony from Representative Case; American Samoa Delegate Eni Faleomavaega, Vailoatai; and Hawaii Governor Linda

Lingle, Micah A. Kane, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and Haunani Apoliona, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, all of Honolulu.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, February 27.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 50 public bills, H.R. 868–917; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 24–25; H. Con. Res. 52–55, and H. Res. 87–103 were introduced. Pages H1331–34

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H1334–35

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 13, to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act (H. Rept. 108–16);

H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank (H. Rept. 108–17);

H.R. 534, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning (H. Rept. 108–18); and

H.R. 657, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to augment the emergency authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission (H. Rept. 108–19). Page H1331

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Capito to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H1277

Meeting Hours—Wednesday, February 26 and Thursday, February 27: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday February 26. Agreed that when the House adjourns on Wednesday, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 27. Page H1278

Committee Election—Majority Members: The House agreed to H. Res. 98, electing Representative King of Iowa to the Committee on Small Business

and Representative Murphy to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Page H1282

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

Official Photographs of the House on March 12, 2003: H. Res. 67, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on March 12, 2003;

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Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 40, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust (agreed to by yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 34); and Pages H1280–82, H1283–84

Honoring the Life of Al Hirschfeld and His Legacy: H. Res. 46, honoring the life of Al Hirschfeld and his legacy (agreed to by yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 33).

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Presidential Message—National Emergency re Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–41). Page H1282

Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Awards Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives McKeon and Biggert to the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Awards Board.

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Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative LaHood to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University. Pages H1304–05

Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Young of Alaska to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development. Page H1305

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Kolbe and Pryce of Ohio to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Page H1305

House of Representatives Page Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Shimkus and Wilson of New Mexico to the House of Representatives Page Board. Page H1305

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Regula and Sam Johnson of Texas to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Page H1305

Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Young of Florida and Hefley to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy. Page H1305

Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Simmons to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy. Page H1305

Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative King of New York to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Page H1305

Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Taylor of North Carolina and Kelly to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy. Page H1305

Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Cunningham and Gilchrest to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy. Page H1305

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Leach, Chairman, and Representatives Bereuter, Dreier, Wolf, and Pitts, Members, to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China. Page H1305

Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Castle to the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission. Page H1305

National Historical Publications and Records Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Cole to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Page H1305

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative LaHood to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Page H1305

Joint Economic Committee: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Ryan of Wisconsin, Dunn, English, Putnam, and Paul to the Joint Economic Committee. Page H1305

National Council on the Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Ballenger and McKeon to the National Council on the Arts. Pages H1305–06

Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives LaTourette, Cannon, and Cantor to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. Page H1306

President's Export Council: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives English, Pickering, and Hayes to the President's Export Council. Page H1306

Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m. Page H1278

Recess: The House recessed at 4:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H1282

Senate Message: Message received today from the Senate appears on page H1277.

Referral: S. 151 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. S. Con. Res. 4 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. Page H1328

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1283 and H1283–84. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOME BUYING PROCESS SIMPLIFICATION—HUD'S PROPOSAL TO REFORM RESPA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Simplifying the Home Buying Process: HUD's Proposal to Reform RESPA." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—12TH REGULAR MEETING— CONFERENCE OF PARTIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Twelfth Regular Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Testimony was heard from Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and Rebecca Lent, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY—BURDEN OF REGULATIONS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on the Burden of Regulations on the small business community. Testimony was heard from Thomas Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS—INDIAN POINT ENERGY CENTER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Emergency Preparedness at the Indian Point Energy Center located in Buchanan, New York. Testimony was heard from Representatives Engel and Lowey; Joe Picciano, Acting Regional Director, Region 2, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Hubert Miller, Regional Administrator, Region 1, NRC; and the following officials of the State of New York: Ed Jacoby, Director, Emergency Management Office; Scott Vanderhoef, County Executive, Rockland County; Andrew Spano, County Executive, Westchester County; and Ed Diana, County Executive, Orange County.

MEDICARE—ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO CHRONIC CARE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Eliminating Barriers to Chronic Care Management in Medicare. Testimony was heard from Stuart Guterman, Director, Office of

Research, Development and Information, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine certain legislative recommendations and concerns of wartime service-connected disabled veterans, after receiving testimony from Edward R. Heath, Sr., Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing to examine planning for post-conflict Iraq and potential U.S. military operations in the Philippines, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Deposit Insurance System, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget proposal for Medicare and Medicaid, 3 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine issues involving Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) safety, including data relating to vehicle rollovers, crash compatibility, and seatbelt use, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Environmental Protection Agency budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to mark up the Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Correction Act of 2003, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: committee will meet to receive a perspective on the revitalization and reconstruction of post conflict Afghanistan, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to continue hearings to examine consolidating intelligence analysis, focusing on a review of the President's proposal to create a Terrorist Threat Integration Center, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Ross Owen Swimmer, of Oklahoma, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, S.162, to provide for the use of distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and S. 222, to approve the settlement of the water rights