

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1 p.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, February 5, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S598.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005 and future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; and General Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lawrence T. Di Rita, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, and Francis J. Harvey, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration, and 438 military nominations in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled Federal Public transportation Act of 2004.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's Health and Human Services budget priorities for fiscal year 2005, after receiving testimony from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine workforce issues relating to preserving a strong United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Walter M. Olihovik, National Association of Postmasters of the United States, Steve D. LeNoir, National League of Postmasters, and Ted Keating, National Association of Postal Supervisors, all of Alexandria, Virginia; John Calhoun Wells, San Antonio, Texas, former Director of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; James L. Medoff, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Michael L. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3763–3780; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 357–359, and H. Res. 515–519 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Chaplain: Today's prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Michael J. Easley, Senior Pastor, Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield, Virginia.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

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Joint Meeting to Receive His Excellency Jose Maria Aznar, President of the Government of Spain: The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Jose Maria Aznar, President of the Government of Spain. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives DeLay, Blunt, Pryce

(OH), Bereuter, Weller, Pelosi, Hoyer, Menendez, Lantos, and Rodriguez and Senators Frist, Stevens, Santorum, Kyl, Allen, Lugar, Smith, Daschle, and Dodd.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

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Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 3030, to amend the Community Service Block Grant Act to provide for quality improvements by voice vote.

Pages H319–59

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Pages H325–26

Agreed to:

George Miller of California amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of February 3)

that authorizes additional funds for a six month extension of unemployment benefits (agreed to by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 18).

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Rejected:

Woolsey amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of February 3) that sought to insert a provision that prohibits organizations from using Community Services Block Grant funds to discriminate in hiring on the basis of religion (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 17); **Pages H326–44, H347**

Scott of Virginia amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of February 3) that sought to require that organizations offering religious services or activities, do so separately from programs that use Community Services Block Grant funds (rejected by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No.16); and **Pages H344–45, H346–47**

Scott of Virginia amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of February 3) that sought to prohibit the use of federal Community Services Block Grant funds to discriminate in hiring on the basis of religion (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No.15). **Pages H345–346**

Agreed by unanimous consent to limit the time for debate on the George Miller of California amendment. **Page H352**

Agreed by unanimous consent to authorize the Clerk to make technical and conforming changes to the bill. **Page H359**

H. Res. 513, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

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Recognizing the University of Southern California's accomplishments in sports: The House agreed to H. Res. 511, recognizing the accomplishments of the University of Southern California's football, women's volleyball, and men's water polo teams. **Pages H361–62**

Congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers Football Team: The House agreed to H. Res. 498, congratulating the Grand Valley State University Lakers football team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Football National Championship. **Pages H362–63**

Congratulating the University of Delaware Men's Football Team: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 355, congratulating the University of Delaware men's football team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association I-AA national championship. **Pages H363–64**

Commending the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons Field Hockey Team: The House

agreed to H. Res. 497, commending the Wake Forest University Demon Deacons field hockey team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Field Hockey Championship. **Pages H364–65**

Congratulating the St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, Football Team: The House agreed to H. Res. 493, congratulating the St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, football team on winning the 2003 NCAA Division III Football National Championship. **Page H365**

Congratulating the New England Patriots: The House agreed to H. Res. 512, congratulating the New England Patriots for winning Super Bowl XXXVIII. **Pages H365–68**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Friday, February 6, and further that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10 for morning hour debate. **Page H361**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 11. **Page H361**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H345–46, H346–47, H347, and H358. There were no yea-and-nay votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Recommendations of the Advisory Group on Public Diplomacy for the Arab and Muslim World. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Margaret Tutwiler, Under Secretary, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State; and the following officials of the Advisory Group on Public Diplomacy for the Arab and Muslim World: Ambassador Edward Djerejian, Chairman; and Ambassador David Abshire.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld,