

American Indian Housing, Council, and Gary L. Edwards, National Native Law Enforcement Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Don Kashevaroff, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage, Alaska; and Cindy La Marr, National Indian Education Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, February 25.

### CABLE COMPETITION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine cable industry competition, focusing on the state of competition in a multi-channel video market, after receiving testimony from Michael Willner, Insight Communications, New York, New York; Rodger Johnson, Knology, Inc., West Point, Georgia, on behalf of the Broadband Service Providers Association; Coralie Wilson, National Association of Telecommunications Officers

and Advisors, Alexandria, Virginia; and Robert Sachs, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, Scott Cleland, Precursor Group, and Mark N. Cooper, Consumer Federation of America, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Diane S. Sykes, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Kohl and Feingold, and Representative Sensenbrenner; James L. Robart, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell; and Juan R. Sanchez, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 3795–3816; and; 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 362–363, and H. Res. 523–528 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H.R. 912, to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish an awards program in honor of Charles “Pete” Conrad, astronaut and space scientist, for recognizing the discoveries made by amateur astronomers of asteroids with near-Earth orbit trajectories, amended (H. Rept. 108–418);

H.R. 3389, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to permit Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards to be made to nonprofit organizations (H. Rept. 108–419);

H.R. 1997, to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, amend (H. Rept. 108–420, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 3261, to prohibit the misappropriation of certain databases, amended, referred sequentially to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce for a period ending not later than March 12, 2004 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that

committee pursuant to clause 1(f), rule X. (H. Rept. 108–421, Pt. 1).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

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**Social Security Protection Act of 2003:** The House agreed to the Senate amendment on H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 23—clearing the measure for the President.

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H. Res. 520, the rule providing for consideration of the motion to concur in the Senate amendment was agreed to by a voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 22.

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**Late Report:** The Committee on Science received permission to have until February 18, 2004 at 5 p.m. to file reports on H.R. 3551, Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2004; H.R. 3752, The Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act of 2004; H.R. 1292, Remote Sensing Applications Act of 2003; H. Con. Res. 189, Celebrating

the 50th Anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and Supporting an International Geophysical Year-2 (IGY-2) in 2007–08. **Page H443**

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

**Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2004:** H.R. 3783, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 24; and **Pages H465–73, H478**

**Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2003:** S. 523, to make technical corrections to law relating to Native Americans—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H473–77**

**Congratulating the Louisiana State University Tigers and the Southern University Jaguars:** The House agreed to H. Res. 496, commending the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2003 Bowl Championship Series national championship game, and commending the Southern University Jaguars football team for winning the 2003 SBN Black College National Football Championship. **Pages H478–82**

The measure was considered under a unanimous consent agreement. **Page H478**

**President’s Day District Work Period:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 361, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page H494**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 361, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Page H494**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 25, 2004. **Page H494**

**Speaker Pro Tempore During District Work Period:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Gilchrest to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 24. **Page H494**

**Senate Message:** Message from the Senate appears today on page H437.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings today. There were no quorum calls. **Pages H442–43, H477–78, H478**

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and at 9:50 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 361, the House stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, 2004, unless it sooner has received a message or messages from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 361, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 361.

## Committee Meetings

### DOD AVIATION SAFETY INITIATIVES

**Committee on Armed Services:** Held a hearing on the Department of Defense aviation safety initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Maj. Gen. Kenneth W. Hess, OSD/USAF, Air Force Chief of Safety and Commander, U.S. Air Force Safety Center; Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Smith, USA, Director, Army Safety and Commanding General, U.S. Army Safety Center; Rear Adm. Richard E. Brooks, USN, Commander, U.S. Naval Safety Center; and Brig. Gen. Samuel T. Helland, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; and Christopher Bolkcom, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

### DOD INFORMATION SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Department of Defense Information Systems Architecture: Are We on the Right Path to Achieving Net-Centricity and Ensuring Interoperability? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John P. Stenbit, Assistant Secretary, Networks and Information Integration and DOD Chief Information Officer; Lt. Gen. Steven W. Boutelle, USA, Chief Information Officer/G6, Department of the Army; Maj. Gen. Marilyn Quagliotti, USA, Vice Director, Defense Information Systems Agency; Rear Adm. Thomas E. Zelibor, USN, Deputy for C4 Integration and Policy/DoN Deputy CIO (Navy) (OPNAV N6F); David Tillotson III, Director, C4I, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Architecture and Assessment, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Warfighting Integration; and Brig. Gen. John R. Thomas, USMC, Director Command, Control, Communications and Computers (C4), DoN Deputy CIO for USMC.

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2005

**Committee on the Budget:** Held a hearing on the Department of Education Budget Priorities Fiscal Year