

States efforts to obtain the fullest possible accounting of captured or missing U.S. personnel from past military conflicts or Cold War incidents—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–164). **Page H670**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation and expansion of the national emergency with respect to Cuba—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–165). **Page H670**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H635.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 92 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform. **Page H692**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today. There were no quorum calls. **Pages H667, H668**

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Natural Resources and Environment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Wade Daniel Runnels, Director, Budget Planning and Analysis Division, Natural Resources Conservation; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies began fiscal year 2005 appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Donald L. Evans, Secretary of Commerce.

INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Worker Protection Agencies. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Arnold Levine, Deputy Under Secretary, International Labor Affairs; Ann Combs, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration; Victoria Lipnic, Assistant Secretary, Employment Standards Administration; David Lauriski, Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health Administration; and John Henshaw, Assistant Secretary, OSHA.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the U.S. Postal Service. Testimony was heard from John E. Potter, Postmaster General and CEO, U.S. Postal Service.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—AIR FORCE

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request for the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: James G. Roche, Secretary; and Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, Chief of Staff.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Military Construction Budget Request for the Programs of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the Reserve Components of the Department of the Air Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Raymond F. DuBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Nelson F. Gibbs, Assistant Secretary, Air Force, Installations, Environment, and Logistics; Maj. Gen. Dean Fox, USAF, The Air Force Civil Engineer; Brig. Gen. David A. Brubaker, USAF, Deputy Director, Air National Guard; and Brig. Gen. William A. Rajczak, USAF, Deputy to the Chief, Air Force Reserve.

DOD TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities

held a hearing on the Department of Defense Transformation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Vice Adm. Arthur K. Cebrowski, USN (ret.), Director, Office of Force Transformation, Office of the Secretary; Maj. Gen. John M. Curran, USA, Director, Futures Center, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; Rear Adm. Kevin J. Cosgriff, USN, Director, Warfare Integration (OPNAV N7F); Lt. Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs (AF/XP); Lt. Gen. Edward Hanlon, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and Lt. Gen. Robert W. Wagner, USA, Deputy Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET PRIORITIES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005. Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

BROADCAST DECENCY ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet continued hearings on H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3733, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Huston Street in Altamont, Kansas, as the "Myron C. George Post Office;" H.R. 3797, 2004 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act; H.J. Res. 87, Honoring the life and legacy of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and recognizing his contributions on the anniversary of the date of his birth; H. Con. Res. 328, Recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a National Military Appreciation Month; H. Res. 433, Honoring the life and legacy of Luis A. Ferre; and H. Res. 475, Congratulating the San Jose Earthquakes for winning the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup.

The Committee also approved Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

CENTRALIZED GOVERNMENT TELECOM PLAN

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Will 'Network' Work? A Review of Whether a Centralized Government Telecom Plan Jibes with an Ever-Evolving Market." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GSA: Stephen Perry, Administrator; and Sandra Bates, Commissioner, Federal Technology Service; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Drew Ladner, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Treasury; Melvin J. Bryson, Director, Information Technology, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; and public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN—EFFORTS TO STEM FLOW OF HEROIN

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Afghanistan: Law Enforcement Interdiction Efforts in Transshipment Countries to Stem the Flow of Heroin." Testimony was heard from Robert Charles, Assistant Secretary, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Karen Tandy, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice.

U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AFTER SEPTEMBER 11TH

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Foreign Assistance After September 11th: Major Changes, Competing Purposes and Different Standards—Is There an Overall Strategy? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND AMENDMENTS ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 1856, Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Amendments Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ehlers; Richard W. Spinrad, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BUDGET FOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held an oversight hearing to examine the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget for the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management and Ongoing Efforts to Reduce Maintenance Backlogs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service; and

Kathleen Clarke, Director, Bureau of Land Management.

“UNION SALTING OF SMALL BUSINESS WORKSITES”

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs held a hearing entitled “Union Salting of Small Business Worksites.” Testimony was heard from Representative DeMint; and public witnesses.

AGENCY BUDGETS AND PRIORITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and LTG. Robert B. Flowers, USA, Chief of Engineers, Corps of Engineers; the following officials of the EPA: Marianne Lamont Horinko, Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response; and Benjamin H. Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator, Water; Glenn L. McCullough, Jr., Chairman TVA; Arturo Q. Duran, Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission; Albert S. Jacquez, Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; Thomas A. Weber, Associate Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; and Richard Spinrad, Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

SOCIAL SECURITY DELIVERY PLAN FOR 2005

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on the Social Security Service Delivery Plan for 2005. Testimony was heard from Joanne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

IC LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on IC Language Capabilities. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.