

Amendments Submitted: Pages S6363–65

Authority for Committees to Meet: Pages S6365–67

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—106) Page S6323, S6337–38

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:46 a.m., and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, June, 3, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6384–85.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Iraq and Afghanistan Contingent Emergency Reserve Fund, after receiving testimony from Joel D. Kaplan, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; Larry J. Lanzillotta, Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); and General Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain national security issues from Condoleezza Rice, National Security Advisor.

SECURITIES INVESTMENT PROTECTION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of State securities regulators in protecting investors, focusing on efforts to enforce securities laws, investment adviser registration and licensing, State investigations into mutual fund industry abuses, and investor education programs, after receiving testimony from New Jersey Attorney General Peter C. Harvey, Trenton; Ralph A. Lambiase, Connecticut Department of Banking, Hartford, and Joseph P. Borg, Alabama Securities Commission, Montgomery, both on behalf of the North American Securities Administrators Association; Charles Leven, AARP, Washington, D.C.; and Juanita Periman, Butte, Montana.

FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of fire fighting aircraft, focusing on the respective roles the Federal Aviation Administration, the Forest Service, and the Department of the Interior play in the safety oversight of firefighting operations conducted on behalf of the Forest Service and the

Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Ellen Engleman Conners, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Nicholas A. Sabatini, Associate Administrator, Regulation and Certification, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Mark Timmons, Neptune Aviation Services, Missoula International Airport, Missoula, Montana; and William W. Grantham, International Air Response Inc., Chandler, Arizona.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jon D. Leibowitz, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Kohl and DeWine, and Deborah P. Majoras, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator DeWine, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Brett T. Palmer, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Benjamin H. Wu, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy, who was introduced by Representative Boehlert, Enrique J. Sosa, of Florida, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), and Scott Kevin Walker, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, who was introduced by Representative Paul Ryan, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GREATER MIDDLE EAST INITIATIVE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's proposed Greater Middle East Initiative, focusing on economic, social and political reform in the G8 Broader Middle East and North Africa, after receiving testimony from Alan P. Larson, Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs; His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Amman, Jordan; Patrick M. Cronin, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; and Alan R. Richards, University of California, Santa Cruz.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2468, to reform the postal laws of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 346, to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements, with an amendment;

S. 1292, to establish a servitude and emancipation archival research clearinghouse in the National Archives, with an amendment;

S. 2249, to amend the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to provide for emergency food and shelter;

S. 2322, to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, to include employees of the District of Columbia courts as participants in long term care insurance for Federal employees;

S. 2351, to establish a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council;

S. 2479, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for Federal employees to make elections to make, modify, and terminate contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund at any time;

H.R. 1303, to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference;

S. 2017 and H.R. 3742, bills to designate the United States courthouse and post office building located at 93 Atocha Street in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the "Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building";

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";

S. 2415, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4141 Postmark Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, as the "Robert J. Opinsky Post Office Building";

H.R. 1822, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3751 West 6th Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office";

H.R. 2130, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 121 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge, New Jersey, as the "New Bridge Landing Post Office";

H.R. 2438, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Pine Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as the "Major Henry A. Commiskey, Sr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 3029 and S. 1596, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 255 North Main Street in Jonesboro, Georgia, as the "S. Truett Cathy Post Office Building";

H.R. 3059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 304 West Michigan Street in Stuttgart, Arkansas, as the "Lloyd L. Burke Post Office";

H.R. 3068, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2055 Siesta Drive in

Sarasota, Florida, as the "Brigadier General (AUS-Ret.) John H. McLain Post Office";

H.R. 3234 and S. 1763, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Chestnut Street in Liberty, New York, as the "Ben R. Gerow Post Office Building";

H.R. 3300, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15500 Pearl Road in Strongsville, Ohio, as the "Walter F. Ehrnfelt, Jr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 3353, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 Main Street in Tarboro, North Carolina, as the "George Henry White Post Office Building";

H.R. 3536, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 Main Street in Malden, Illinois, as the "Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office";

H.R. 3537, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 185 State Street in Manhattan, Illinois, as the "Army Pvt. Shawn Pahnke Manhattan Post Office";

H.R. 3538, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 South Chicago Avenue in Saint Anne, Illinois, as the "Marine Capt. Ryan Beaupre Saint Anne Post Office";

H.R. 3690 and S. 2104, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 West Main Street in Batavia, New York, as the "Barber Conable Post Office Building";

H.R. 3733, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Huston Street in Altamont, Kansas, as the "Myron V. George Post Office";

H.R. 3740 and S. 2153, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 South Main Street in Roxboro, North Carolina, as the "Oscar Scott Woody Post Office Building";

H.R. 3769, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 137 East Young High Pike in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "Ben Atchley Post Office Building";

H.R. 3855 and S. 2441, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 607 Pershing Drive in Laclede, Missouri, as the "General John J. Pershing Post Office";

H.R. 3917 and S. 2255, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Marconi Boulevard in Copiague, New York, as the "Maxine S. Postal United States Post Office";

H.R. 3939 and S. 2291, bills to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14-24 Abbott Road in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, as the "Mary Ann Collura Post Office Building";

H.R. 3942, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7 Commercial

Boulevard in Middletown, Rhode Island, as the “Rhode Island Veterans Post Office Building”;

H.R. 4037 and S. 2442, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 475 Kell Farm Drive in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the “Richard G. Wilson Processing and Distribution Facility”;

H.R. 4176, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 West Elwood Avenue in Raeford, North Carolina, as the “Bobby Marshall Gentry Post Office Building”;

H.R. 4299, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 South Jackson Road in Edinburg, Texas, as the “Dr. Miguel A. Nevarez Post Office Building”; and

The nominations of Albert Casey, of Texas, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, David Safavian, of Michigan, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget, and Dawn A. Tisdale, of Texas, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights approved for full Committee consideration S.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4477–4494; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 439–440, and H. Res. 659–660, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Shaw to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H3607

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. David Lauer, Campus Minister, Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Page H3607

Back to Work Incentive Act—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 656, amended, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 444, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to establish a Personal Reemployment Accounts grant program to assist Americans in returning to work, by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 217, after agreeing to the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 215. Pages H3611–17, H3626, H3627–28

Agreed to the Pryce of Ohio amendment that makes a technical correction to the resolution by a recorded vote of 320 ayes to 96 noes, Roll No. 216. Pages H3626–27

Constitutional amendment regarding continuity of Congress: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 83, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individ-

uals to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 63 yeas to 353 nays, with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 219.

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Rejected the Lofgren motion to recommit the joint resolution back to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 218. Pages H3680–81

Agreed to H. Res. 657, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 200 noes, with one voting “present”, Roll No. 214, after agreeing to the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 213. Pages H3624–26

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

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II: Debated on Tuesday, June 1, S.J. Res. 28, recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nays,” Roll No. 220; Page H3682

Reauthorizing title II of the Higher Education Act: H.R. 4409, to reauthorize title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965; Pages H3628–38

Amending title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965: H.R. 4411, to amend title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure graduate opportunities in postsecondary education; Pages H3638–42