

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 1140–1178; 2 private bills, H.R. 1179–1180; and; 6 resolutions, H. Res. 138–143 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs (H. Rept. 109–12, Pt. 2);

H.R. 996, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the extension of highway-related taxes and trust funds, amended (H. Rept. 109–13); and

H. Res. 140, providing for consideration of H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–14).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. E. Terri LaVelle, Program Director, The Faith and Politics Institute in Washington, DC.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea and nay vote of 378 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 53.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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

Providing amounts for continuing expenses of standing and select committees of the House for the month of April: H. Res. 133, amended, providing amounts from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives for continuing expenses of standing and select committees of the House from April 1, 2005, through April 30, 2005, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 54; and

Pages H996–97, H1001–02

Sense of the House regarding the study of languages and the designation of a Year of Languages: H. Res. 122, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the study of languages and supporting the designation of a Year of Languages, by a 2/3 yea and nay vote of 396 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 55.

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Canada—U.S. Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Canada—United States Interparliamentary

Group: Representative Manzullo, Chairman; and Representative McCotter, Vice Chairman. Page H1000

Recess: The House recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have until midnight on March 8 to file a supplemental report on H.R. 3, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 139, electing Representative Burton (IN) to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1000–01, H1001–02, H1002. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Administration for Children and Families/National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Wade J. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families; and Duane Alexandria, Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Director of the FBI. Testimony was heard from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, FBI, Department of Justice.

BURDEN OF UNFUNDED MANDATES ON STATE, COUNTY, AND CITY GOVERNMENTS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Is Uncle Sam Still Passing the Buck? The Burden of Unfunded Mandates on State, County, and City Governments." Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; Gerry Connolly, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County, Virginia; Mick Cornett, Mayor, Oklahoma City, OK; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following resolutions: H. Res. 101, Urging the European Union to add Hezbollah to the European Union's wide-ranging list of terrorist organizations; and H. Res. 99, Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the families of the victims of the terrorist attacks in Madrid that occurred one year ago, on March 11, 2004, and expressing deepest sympathy to the individuals injured in those attacks and to the people of the Kingdom of Spain.

DIGITAL MUSIC LICENSING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing entitled "Digital Music Licensing and Section 115 of the Copyright Act." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users. The rule provides two hours and twenty minutes of general debate, with two hours and 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, including a final period of 10 minutes following consideration of the bill for amendment, and 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The

rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report which may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B. After disposition of the amendments printed in part B, the Committee shall rise without motion. No further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young (AK), Representatives Petri, Graves, LaTourette, Kennedy (MN), Boozman, Osborne, Tom Davis (VA), Pitts, Flake, Burgess, Conaway, DeFazio, Menendez and Pascrell.

SMALL BUSINESS PRIORITIES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Small Business Priorities for the 109th Congress, with discussion of H. Res. 22, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PHYSICIAN-OWNED SPECIALTY HOSPITALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Physician-Owned Specialty Hospitals. Testimony was heard from Glenn M. Hackbarth, Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Tom Gustafson, Deputy Director, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL FOR SINGLE- EMPLOYER PENSION FUNDING REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on the President's Proposal for Single-Employer Pension Funding

Reform. Testimony was heard from Bradley Belt, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Mark Warshawsky, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury; Ann L. Combs, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HUMAN RIGHTS IN EUROPE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded a hearing to examine the challenges facing the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe in 2005, focusing on security and human rights, after receiving testimony from Dimitrij Rupel, Chairman, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Slovenia.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Army, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense science and technology budget and strategy, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Ronald Rosenfeld, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board; to be followed by a hearing to examine the state of the securities industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, 3 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia Lynn Scarlett, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, and Jeffrey Clay Sell, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 131, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the Personal Responsibility and Individual Development for Everyone (PRIDE) Act, and the nominations of Harold Damelin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, and Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr.,

of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act, S. 525, to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to reauthorize the Act, to improve early learning opportunities and promote school preparedness, and S. 172, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of all contact lenses as medical devices, and the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 147, to express 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; to be followed by an oversight hearing on trust reform, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, to continue hearings on Reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Acting Commissioner for FDA, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on National Intelligence Program Budget, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security, on FEMA, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on NIH, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Energy, 9 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Air Force Budget, 10 a.m., and on Navy/Marine Corps Budget, 1:30 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Science, State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of State, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.