

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 1455–1482; 6 private bills, H.R. 1483–1488; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 40; H. Con. Res. 121–123, and H. Res. 183–189, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Report on Oversight Plans for All House Committees (H. Rept. 109–29); and

H. Res. 136, directing the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of those officials relating to the security investigations and background checks relating to granting access to the White House of James D. Guckert (also known as Jeff Gannon), adversely (H. Rept. 109–30).

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Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine: Agreed that it be in order at any time on Wednesday, April 6, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting His Excellency Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine.

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

Commemorating the life of the late Zurab Zhvania: H. Res. 108, commemorating the life of the late Zurab Zhvania, Prime Minister of the Republic of Georgia, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 91;

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Commending the outstanding efforts of U.S. military and civilian workers in response to the earthquake and tsunami of December 26, 2004: H. Res. 120, commending the outstanding efforts by members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development in response to the earthquake and tsunami of December 26, 2004, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 92; and **Pages H1740–42, H1746–47**

Honoring the life and contributions of Yogi Bhanjan: H. Con. Res. 34, honoring the life and contributions of Yogi Bhanjan, a leader of Sikhs, and expressing condolences to the Sikh community on his passing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with

none voting “nay” and one voting “present”, Roll No. 93.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Consideration of resolution honoring His Holiness Pope John Paul II—Order of Business: Agreed that it be in order at any time to consider a resolution honoring the life and achievements of His Holiness Pope John Paul II and expressing profound sorrow on his death; that the resolution shall be considered as read; that the resolution be debatable for one hour; and that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to final adoption without intervening motion.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1737.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1746, H1746–47, and H1747. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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

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

HEAD START FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled “Financial Accountability in the Head Start Early Childhood Program.” Testimony was heard from Marnie S. Shaul, Director, Education Issues, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Began consideration of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled "Yucca Mountain Project: Have Federal Employees Falsified Documents?" Testimony was heard from Senators Reid and Ensign; the following officials of the State of Nevada: Kenny C. Guinn, Governor; and Brian Sandoval, Attorney General; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Charles G. Groat, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; and Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Ted Garrish, Deputy Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; and Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General; B. John Garrick, Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; and public witnesses.

BROWNFIELD SITES REDEVELOPMENT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled "Lands of Lost Opportunity: What Can Be Done to Spur Re-Development at America's Brownfield Sites." Testimony was heard from Thomas Dunne, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING ANTHRAX DETECTION METHODS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Assessing Anthrax Detection Methods." Testimony was heard from Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering, Applied Research and Methods, GAO; Tanja Popovic, Associate Director, Science, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Klaus Schafer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Chemical and Biological Defense; and John Jester, Director, Pentagon Force Protection Agency; Dana Tulis, Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Management, EPA; Thomas G. Day, Vice President, Engineering, U.S. Postal Service; from the following officials of the State of Virginia: James H. Schwartz, Chief, Arlington County Fire Department; and Michael P. Neuhard, Chief, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department; and public witnesses.

CRIME DETERRENCE AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1279, Crime Deterrence and Community Protection Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Patrick Fitzgerald, U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles F. Conner, of Indiana, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, 9:15 a.m., SR-336.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Air Force, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up the Emergency Supplemental bill for fiscal year 2005, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine military installation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine tactical aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2006, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine regulatory reform of the Government-Sponsored Enterprises, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David Garman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Luis Luna, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for Administration and Resource Management, John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Major General Don T. Riley, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, to be a Member of the