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#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered reported, without recommendation, the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Also, Committee resumed its markup of S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rachel Brand, of Iowa, who was introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin, Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, and Re-

gina B. Schofield, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Lott, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### VETERANS LONG TERM CARE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to the planning, providing, and paying for veterans' long-term care services, after receiving testimony from Jonathan B. Perlin, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; Lourdes E. Alvarado-Ramos, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, Seattle, on behalf of the National Association of State Veterans Homes; and Joshua M. Wiener, RTI International, Fred Cowell, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Donald L. Mooney, The American Legion, all of Washington, D.C.

#### HIV/AIDS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the threat of HIV affecting people over fifty, focusing on U.S. HIV/AIDS trends, specifically among persons 50 years and older, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention efforts for people in this age group who are at high risk for acquiring and transmitting HIV, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Janssen, Director, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas Bruner, Cascade AIDS Project, Portland, Oregon; Jeanine M. Reilly, Broadway House for Continuing Care, Newark, New Jersey; and Shirley Royster, Boston, Massachusetts.

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## House of Representatives

**Measures Introduced:** 43 public bills, H.R. 2317–2359; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 49–50; H. Con. Res. 151; and H. Res. 275–277 were introduced. **Pages H3259–62**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3262–63**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:  
Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006 (H. Rept. 109–78). **Page H3259**

**Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005:** The House passed H.R. 1544 to

provide faster and smarter funding for first responders, by a recorded vote: 409–10 (Roll no. 170).

**Pages H3204–37**

Agreed that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Accepted:

Berry amendment numbered 1 printed in House Report 109–77 that adds the Administrator of Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to the First Responder Grants Board; **Pages H3228–29**

Berry amendment numbered 2 printed in House Report 109–77 that requires the Department of Homeland Security to coordinate with State, local, and tribal governments in establishing criteria for prioritizing applications for first responder grants; **Pages H3229–30**

Bass amendment numbered 3 printed in House Report 109–77 that allow states to petition the Secretary of Homeland Security to use Federal homeland security funds for the cost of any activity relating to prevention of, preparation for, response to, or recovery from acts of terrorism, that would otherwise be a Federal duty performed by Federal agencies and under agreement with the State or local government and a Federal agency; and **Pages H3230–31**

Castle amendment numbered 5 printed in House Report 109–77 that better equips and protects our communities' firefighters and encourage donations by raising the liability standard for donors of fire fighting equipment from negligence to gross negligence. **Page H3234**

Rejected:

Weiner amendment numbered 4 printed in House Report 109–77 that sought to limit the number of Urban Area Security Initiative grants during any given fiscal year to 50, by a recorded vote: 88–331 (Roll no. 169). **Pages H3231–36**

H. Res. 269, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Page H3604**

**Late Reports:** Agreed that the Committee on Appropriations have until midnight on May 13 to file late reports on legislation making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year 2006 and on legislation making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for fiscal year 2006. **Page H3237**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2005, for Morning-Hour Debates. **Page H3238**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 18. **Page H3238**

**Reception of Former Members of Congress:** Agreed that the House will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2005, for the purpose of receiving in the Chamber Former Members of Congress, and that the Speaker may declare a recess subject to the call of the Chair for such a purpose. **Page H3238**

**Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Cunningham of California and Wicker of Mississippi to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy. **Page H3239**

**Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Akin of Missouri and Skelton of Missouri to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation. **Page H3239**

**Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representatives Leach (co-Chair), Dreier, Wolf, Pitts, and Aderholt. **Pages H3249–50**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3236, H3236–37. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Saint Lawrence Seaway. Testimony was heard from Albert S. Jacquez, Administrator, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Department of Transportation.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.