

services to veterans in Hawaii, S. 1177, to improve mental health services at all facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 614, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit Medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1180, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, S. 1189, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish a strategic plan for long-term care,

S. 1190, to provide sufficient blind rehabilitation outpatient specialists at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 1191, to establish a grant program to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in remote rural areas, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Donald Mooney, The American Legion, Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, and Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Jones, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 34 public bills, H.R. 2828–2861; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 53; H. Con. Res. 176; and H. Res. 310–312, were introduced. **Pages H4354–56**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H4356**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 184, to amend the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to provide authority to the Attorney General to authorize any controlled substance that is in schedule I or II or is a narcotic drug in schedule III or IV to be exported from the United States to a country for subsequent export from that country to another country, if certain conditions are met, amended (H. Rept. 109–115, Pt. 1);

H.R. 869, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to lift the patient limitation on prescribing drug addiction treatments by medical practitioners in group practices (H. Rept. 109–116, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 517, to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (H. Rept. 109–117, Pt. 1). **Page H4354**

**Withdrawing approval of the U.S. from the Agreement establishing the WTO:** The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 27, withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, by a yea-and-nay vote of 86 yeas to 338 nays, with one voting “present”, Roll No. 239. **Pages H4302–18**

H. Res. 304, the rule providing for consideration of the measure was agreed to yesterday, June 8.

**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to table H. Res. 310, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 240. **Pages H4318–19**

**Late Reports:** Agreed that the Committee on Appropriations have until midnight on June 10 to file a report on a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for FY 2006, and a report on a bill making appropriations for Science and the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies for FY 2006. **Pages H4319–20**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 on Monday, June 13 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H4321**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, June 15. **Page H4321**

**Expressing the importance of reopening of the Beartooth All-American Highway:** The House agreed to H. Res. 309, expressing the importance of immediately reopening the famous Beartooth All-American Highway from Red Lodge, Montana, to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. **Pages H4321–22**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4318 and H4319. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Relations Agencies appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006.

### PBGC's UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITIES

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on PBGC's Unfunded Pension Liabilities: Will Taxpayers Have To Pay The Bill? Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

### HIGH SCHOOL REFORM EFFORTS—NON- PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ROLE

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing entitled "The Role of Non-Profit Organizations in State and Local High School Reform Efforts." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### U.S.-CHINA TRADE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Issues before the U.S.-China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade." Testimony was heard from Jon W. Dudas, Under Secretary, Intellectual Property and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

### PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY INITIATIVES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Patient Safety and Quality Initiatives." Testimony was heard from Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY RELIEF

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Financial Services Regulatory Relief: The Regulators' Views." Testimony was heard from John M. Reich, Vice-Chairman, FDIC; Donald L. Kohn, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, Acting Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and Richard M. Riccobono, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; JoAnn Johnson, Chair-

man, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

### HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT MISSIONS EFFECTIVENESS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Department of Homeland Security's Mission Effectiveness: Is it Enough to Meet the Terrorist Threat?" Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### REGISTERED TRAVELER IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled "The Promise of Registered Traveler." Testimony was heard from Bridgette Goersch, Director of Security, Greater Orlando Airport Authority, Orlando International Airport, Florida; and public witnesses.

### HOUSE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

*Committee on House Administration:* Held a hearing on the Emergency Preparedness of the House and the Evacuation of May 11, 2005. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House: Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; and James M. Eagen III, Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Terrance Gainer, U.S. Capitol Police; and public witnesses.

### FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT; RESOLUTION—MASSACRE AT SREBRENICA

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2601, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007.

The Committee also approved a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measure be placed on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 199, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the massacre at Srebrenica in July 1995.

### PROLIFERATION SECURITY INITIATIVE

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled "Proliferation Security Initiative: An Early Assessment." Testimony was heard from Stephen G. Rademaker, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Arms Control, Department of State.

### PATENT ACT OF 2005

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2795, Patent Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CHILD PROTECTION MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on