

Freene, Iowa City, Iowa; and Edna Varner, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 683, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 with respect to dilution by blurring or tarnishment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Timothy C. Batten, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Thomas E. Johnston, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia, Aida M. Delgado-Colon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Leo Maury Gordon, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Carol E. Dinkins, of Texas, to be Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, Alan Charles Raul, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and Paul J. McNulty, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Reginald I. Lloyd, to be United States Attorney for the District of

South Carolina, and Stephen C. King, of New York, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, all of the Department of Justice.

### BUDGET: VA PROGRAMS

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, who was accompanied by several of his associates; Steve Robertson, The American Legion, Quentin Kinderman, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Brian Lawrence, Disabled American Veterans, and Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and David G. Greineder, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 4767–4804; and 14 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 345–347 ; and H. Res. 686–696 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H.R. 3505, to provide regulatory relief and improve productivity for insured depository institutions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–356, Pt. 2); and

H.R. 2355, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–378).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Michigan to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Colonel Kenneth J. Leinwand, U.S. Army, Fort Meade Installation Chaplain, Ft. Meade, Maryland.

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**Condemning the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council:** Pursuant to the order of the House on February 15th, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 341, to condemn the Government of Iran for violating its international nuclear nonproliferation obligations and expressing support for efforts to report Iran to the United Nations Security Council, by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 12.

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**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to table H. Res. 687, relating to a question of privileges of the House (by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 187 noes with 6 voting “present”, Roll No. 13).

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**Adjournment Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 345, providing for the conditional adjournment of the House and the conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, February 20, unless it sooner has received a

message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 345, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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**Providing for a recess of the House for a Joint Meeting to receive the Honorable Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy:** Agreed that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, March 1, 2006, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the purpose of receiving the Honorable Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 1, 2006.

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed the Honorable Mac Thornberry, the Honorable Frank R. Wolf, and the Honorable Tom Davis to act as Speaker Pro Tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 28, 2006.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Carnahan wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science pending his appointment to the Committee on International Relations, effective immediately.

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**Designation by the Speaker Re Assembly of the Congress:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he stated that pursuant to H. Con. Res. 1, and also for the purposes of concurrent resolutions of the current Congresses as may contemplate his designation of members to act in similar circumstances, he designates Representative Boehner to act jointly with the Majority Leader of the Senate or his designee, in the event of his death or inability, to notify the Members of the House and Senate, respectively, of any reassembly under any such concurrent resolution. He further stated that in the event of the death or inability of that designee, the alternate Members of the House listed in a letter dated February 16, 2006, that has been placed with the Clerk are designated, in turn, for the same purposes.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H351 and H352. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and at 4:57 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 345, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 345, in which case the House shall stand adjourned

pursuant to that concurrent resolution until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28th.

## Committee Meetings

### BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Approved Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2007 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FDA. Testimony was heard from Andrew Von Eschenbach, M.D., Acting Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 DOD Budget overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense, Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; GEN Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman; and GEN Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, both with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### 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 Department of Labor Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor.

### HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Transportation Security Administration. Testimony was heard from Kip Hawley, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

### SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Trade Representative. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Portman, U.S. Trade Representative.