

H. Res. 755, providing for consideration of H.R. 513, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 must register as political committees (H. Rept. 109–404). **Page H1451**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Murphy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1397**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Pages H1399–H1400**

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

Providing for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: H.J. Res. 81, to provide for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 82; **Pages H1401–02**

Providing for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: H.J. Res. 82, to provide for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; **Pages H1402–03, H1418**

Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and supporting continued efforts to control radiation and mitigate the adverse health consequences related to the Chernobyl nuclear power plant: H. Res. 703, to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and supporting continued efforts to control radiation and mitigate the adverse health consequences related to the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, by a ye and nay vote of 402 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 83; **Pages H1403–07, H1418–19**

Expressing support for the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 as the blueprint for lasting peace in Northern Ireland and support for continued police reform in Northern Ireland as a critical element in the peace process: H. Res. 744, to express support for the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 as the blueprint for lasting peace in Northern Ireland and support for continued police reform in Northern Ireland as a critical element in the peace process, by a ye and nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 84; and **Pages H1407–11, H1419–20**

Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education: H. Con. Res. 355, amended, to recognize the benefits and importance of school-based music education. **Pages H1415–17**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1417**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measure will resume tomorrow, April 5th:

Commending the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the contributions and sacrifices they made to the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, solemnly acknowledging the first detonation of a hydrogen bomb by the United States on March 1, 1954, on the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and remembering that 60 years ago the United States began its nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands: H. Res. 692, amended, to commend the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the contributions and sacrifices they made to the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, solemnly acknowledging the first detonation of a hydrogen bomb by the United States on March 1, 1954, on the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and remembering that 60 years ago the United States began its nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands. **Pages H1411–15**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 754, electing the following member to the following standing committee: Committee on Science: Representative Neugebauer to rank after Representatives Feeney, and Diaz-Balart, Mario, of Florida. **Page H1420**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H1429.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 60 was referred to the Committee on Resources and S.J. Res. 28 was held at the desk. **Page H1450**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1418, H1418–19, H1419. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on

the Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from the following Associate Justices of the Supreme Court: Anthony M. Kennedy; and Clarence Thomas.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Secretary of State, Foreign Assistance Programs. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

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 Defense Health Program. Testimony was heard from the following Surgeon Generals, Department of Defense: LTG Kevin Kiley, U.S. Army Medical Command; VADM Donald C. Arthur, U.S. Navy; and LTG George P. Taylor, U.S. Marine Corps.

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 Office of Science and Technology Policy. Testimony was heard from John H. Marburger, III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR AND BEYOND

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on improving interagency coordination for the Global War on Terror and beyond. Testimony was heard from ADM Edmund P. Giambastiani, USN, Vice-Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense; Ambassador Henry A. Crumpton, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; VADM John Scot Redd, USN (Ret.), Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the National Intelligence Director; and Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—FUTURE COMBAT/FORCE PROTECTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request—Future Combat Systems, Modularity, and Force Protection Initiatives. Testimony was

heard from the following officials of the GAO: Paul L. Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management; and Janet St. Laurent, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management; Mike Gilmore, Assistant Director, National Security, CBO; the following officials of the Department of the Army: Claude M. Bolton, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); LTG David F. Melcher, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G8 (Programming, Material Integration and Management); and LTG James J. Lovelace, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army G3/5/7 (Operations and Requirements); LTG James N. Mattis, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and MG William D. Catto, USMC, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command, both with the Department of the Navy.

INTERNET CHILD PREDATORS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: What Parents, Kids, and Congress Need To Know About Child Predators." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at this hearing, Ken Gourlay invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

Hearings continue April 6.

VISA PROCESSING DELAYS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "The Impact of Visa Processing Delays on the Arts, Education, and American Innovation." Testimony was heard from Tony Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Department of State; Jess T. Ford, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

MANAGING AIRPORT SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "Travel vs. Terrorism: Federal Workforce Issues in Managing Airport Security." Testimony was heard from Cathleen Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; Robert Jamison, Deputy Secretary, Operations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Kathy Dillaman, Deputy Associate Director, Center for Federal Investigative Services, OPM; and a public witness.

NUCLEAR SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Nuclear Security: Has the NRC Strengthened Facility Standards Since 9/11?" Testimony was heard from Jim

Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Nils Diaz, Chairman, NRC; Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General, State of Connecticut; and public witnesses.

SAFE PORT ACT

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing on H.R. 4954, SAFE Port Act. Testimony was heard from Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security; Bethann Rooney, Manager of Port Security, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT-ACQUIRED PERSONAL INFORMATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law and the Subcommittee on Constitution held a joint oversight hearing entitled "Personal Information Acquired by the Government From Information Resellers: Is There Need for Improvement?" Testimony was heard from Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Maureen Cooney, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Rules: H. Con. Res. 376, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Nussle and Representatives Spratt, Cooper, Scott of Virginia, and Jackson-Lee of Texas; action deferred.

527 REFORM ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 513, 527 Reform Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. 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 House Administration now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be consid-

ered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Chairman Ehlers and Representatives Shays, Pence, Dent and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

OVERSIGHT—RELIABILITY OF HIGHWAY TRUST FUND REVENUE ESTIMATES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Reliability of Highway Trust Fund Revenue Estimates. Testimony was heard from Robert Carroll, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Tax Analysis, Department of the Treasury; Donald Marron, Acting Director, CBO; and Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 269)

H.R. 4911, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Signed on April 1, 2006. (Public Law 109–212)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Capitol Police, and Capitol Guide Service, 10:30 a.m., SD–18.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's role in combating terrorism in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program; to be followed by a closed session, 9:30 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine improving contractor incentives in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 3 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Global Climate Change and Impacts, to hold hearings to examine the current and future role of