

H.R. 346, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to increase civil penalties for violations involving certain proscribed acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster declared by the President, and to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act (H. Rept. 108-5);

H.R. 397, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Illinois (H. Rept. 108-6); and

H. Res. 48, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 18, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003 (H. Rept. 108-7). **Page H273**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boozman to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Budget of the United States: Message wherein he transmitted the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2004—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108-3); **Page H270**

Sustainable Peace in Kosovo: Message wherein he transmitted a report on the progress made in achieving militarily significant benchmarks for conditions that would achieve a sustainable peace in Kosovo—referred to the Committees on International Relations, Armed Services, and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108-33); **Pages H269-70**

Sustainable Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Message wherein he transmitted a report on the progress made toward achieving benchmarks for a sustainable peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina—referred to the Committees on International Relations, Armed Services, and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108-34); and **Page H271**

Plan Colombia: Message wherein he transmitted a report detailing the progress of spending by the executive branch during the last two quarters of Fiscal Year 2002 in support of Plan Colombia—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108-35). **Page H271**

Additional Conferees to Joint Resolution Making Further Continuing Appropriations: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Lewis of California and Hoyer as conferees on H.J. Res. 2, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003. **Page H270**

Meeting Hour—Wednesday Feb. 5: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5. **Page H270**

In Memory of the Crew Members of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn in memory of the valiant crew members of the space shuttle *Columbia*. **Page H270**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:55 p.m. **Page H271**

Quorum Calls—Votes: No recorded votes or quorum calls developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment in Memory of the Valiant Crew Members of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*: The House met at 4 p.m. and at 6:57 p.m, pursuant to the earlier order of the House, it stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in memory of the valiant crew members of the space shuttle *Columbia*.

Committee Meetings

FISCAL YEAR 2004 BUDGET; OVERSIGHT PLAN; CBO DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Director, OMB.

The Committee also took the following action: approved an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress; and recommended to the Speaker the appointment of Douglas Holtz-Eakin to be Director of CBO.

Prior to this action, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H. J. Res. 18, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending 2003, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Washington and Frost.

FISCAL YEAR 2004 BUDGET

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the President's Fiscal year 2004 Budget proposals. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 108th Congress, and subcommittee assignments, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of William H. Donaldson, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to continue hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Proposal, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the professional boxing industry, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine aviation security, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 111, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park, S. 117, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land in the State of Florida, S. 144, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance through States to eligible weed management entities to control or eradicate harmful, nonnative weeds on public and private land, S. 210, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico, and S. 214, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the "Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act of 2003" and "CARE Act of 2003", 10 a.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine revenue proposals in the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, 2:15 p.m. SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions, Signed at Moscow on May 24, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 107-8), an original bill entitled, "U.S. Leadership Against HIV/AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003", an original resolution authorizing certain expenditures for committee operations, subcommittee assignments for the 108th Congress, and a Foreign Service Officer promotion list received by the Senate on January 15, 2003, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine revenue proposals in the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine judicial nominations, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine possible solutions to the small business health care crisis, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

House

Committee on Armed Services, to meet for organizational purposes and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress, 12:30 p.m., and to hold a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2004 Defense Budget, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the Department of the Treasury Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress, 4:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Health of the Telecommunications Sector: A Perspective from Investors and Economists," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress, 5:45 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress, 6:45 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on the State of Veterans' Employment, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget proposals, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 5, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to hold an organizational meeting, 5 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to meet for organizational purposes, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.