

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 123, electing Representative Ruppertsberger to the Committee on Armed Services to rank immediately after Representative Alexander. **Page H1523**

**Committee Resignation:** Without objection, the Chair accepted the resignation of Representative Ruppertsberger from the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H1524**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 124, electing Representative Ryan of Ohio (to rank immediately after Representative Alexander) to the Committee on Armed Services; Representative Bishop of New York (to rank immediately after Representative Ryan of Ohio) to the Committee on Education; Representative Sanders (to rank immediately after Representative Waters) to the Committee on Financial Services; Representatives Sanders (to rank immediately after Representative Kanjorski) and Cooper (to rank immediately after Delegate Norton) to the Committee on Government Reform; Representatives George Miller of California, Markey, Hinojosa, Rodriguez, Baca, and McCollum to the Committee on Resources; Representatives Cardoza (to rank immediately after Representative Matheson), Jackson-Lee of Texas (to rank immediately after Representative Davis of Tennessee), and Lofgren (to rank immediately after Representative Jackson-Lee of Texas) to the Committee on Science; and Representatives Faleomavaega (to rank immediately after Representative Ballance) and Linda T. Sanchez of California to the Committee on Small Business. **Page H1524**

**Suspension Failed—Social Security Protection Act:** The House failed to agree to the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 743, amended, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections (failed to agree by 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 249 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 44). **Pages H1524–50, H1601–02**

**Suspension Passed—Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1047, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws (agreed to by 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 415 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 45). **Pages H1550–91, H1602**

**Commending Members of the Armed Forces and Their Families:** The House passed H.J. Res. 27, recognizing and commending the continuing dedication, selfless service, and commitment of members of

the Armed Forces and their families during the Global War on Terrorism and in defense of the United States by yeas and nays vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 46. **Pages H1591–H1601, H1602–03**

The joint resolution was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of Tuesday, March 4. **Page H1601**

**Presidential Message—Payments to Cuba:** Message wherein he transmitted a semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba by United States persons as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H1603**

**Committee on Homeland Security:** The Chair announced the correction of the Speaker's appointment of the following member of the House to the Select Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Shays to rank after Representative Weldon of Pennsylvania. **Page H1603**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m. **Page H1635**

**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1519.

**Referrals:** S. 117 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, S. 144, was referred to the Committees on Resources and Agriculture, S. 111, S. 210, S. 214, S.233, and S. 254 were referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H1635**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yeas and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1523, H1601–02, H1602, H1602–03. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### 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 Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: J.B. Penn, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; James R. Little, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; A. Ellen Terpstra, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service; and Ross J. Davidson, Jr., Administrator, Risk Management Agency.

## ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

## INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Dale N. Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Air Force Construction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: Nelson Gibbs, Assistant Secretary, Installations, Environment and Logistics; Major Gen. Earnest Robbins, USAF, Air Force Civil Engineer; Brig. Gen. William M. Rajczak, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Force Reserve; and Col. Charles V. Ickes, II, USAF, Assistant to the Director, Operational Readiness, Air National Guard.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Quality of Life. Testimony was heard from Sgt. Maj. Jack L. Tilley, USA; Master Chief Petty Officer Terry D. Scott, USN, Master Chief Petty Officer; Sgt. Major Alfred J. McMichael, USMC; and Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray, USAF.

## BACK TO WORK INCENTIVE ACT; PENSION SECURITY ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 444, Back to Work Incentive Act of 2003.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 1000, Pension Security Act.

Will continue tomorrow.

## COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Comprehensive National Energy Policy." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Kyle McSlarrow, Deputy Secretary; Patrick Wood, Chairman, William L. Massey and Nora Mead-Brownell, both Commissioners, all with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Richard Meserve, Chairman, NRC; and public witnesses.

## LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP PROGRAMS EFFECTIVENESS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "The Effectiveness of Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Programs." Testimony was heard from Clifford Rothenstein, Director, Office of Underground Storage Tanks, EPA; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and Edward Galbraith, Tanks Section Chief, Land and Air Division, Department of Natural Resources, State of Missouri.

## HOUSING RELATED AGENCY BUDGETS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on housing related agency budgets for fiscal year 2004. Testimony was heard from Mel Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Art Garcia, Director, Rural Housing Service, USDA; Anthony Lowe, Director, National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

## BUSINESS CHECKING FREEDOM ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 758 and H.R. 859, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Donald L. Kohn, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Wayne A. Abernathy, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

## NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL REAUTHORIZATION AND STRATEGY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on "ONDCP Reauthorization and the National Drug Control Strategy for 2003." Testimony was heard from John Walters, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

## SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

*Committee on House Administration:* Held an oversight hearing on the Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from Lawrence M. Small, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 192, to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistant programs under those

Acts; H.R. 441, to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland; H.R. 868, to amend section 527 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995, to require that certain claims for expropriation by the Government of Nicaragua meet certain requirements for purposes of the prohibition on foreign assistance to that government; H. Res. 109, urging passage of a resolution addressing human rights abuses in North Korea at the 59th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and calling on the Government of North Korea to respect and protect the human rights of its citizens; H. Con. Res. 57, supporting the goals of International Women's Day; H. Con. Res. 26, condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights; and H. Con. Res. 77, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the historic rescue of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust and commending the Bulgarian people for preserving and continuing their tradition of ethnic and religious tolerance.

#### **HELP EFFICIENT, ACCESSIBLE, LOW-COST TIMELY HEALTHCARE (HEALTH) ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5, Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-Cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2003.

#### **OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S PROPOSED BUDGET**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on the Bureau of Reclamation's Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 Budget. Testimony was heard from John H. Keys, III, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

#### **ARMED FORCES TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2003**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 6 to 4, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jefferson, Skelton, Frost, McGovern, and Bordallo.

#### **BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES**

*Committee on Rules:* Approved budget views and estimates for fiscal year 2004 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

#### **PATH TO A HYDROGEN ECONOMY; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on The Path to a Hydrogen Economy. Testimony was heard from David Garman, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

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

#### **HEALTH CARE—SMALL BUSINESS ACCESS AND ALTERNATIVES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "Small Business Access and Alternatives to Health Care." Testimony was heard from Senator Talent; Representative Fletcher; Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor; Hector Barreto, Jr., Administrator, SBA; John Hartnedy, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Department of Insurance, State of Arkansas; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Independent Peer Review of Products that Support Agency Decision-Making. Testimony was heard from Paul Gilman, Assistant Administrator, Research and Development, EPA; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: R. L. Brownlee, Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, USA, Chief of Engineers; and public witnesses.

#### **ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC GROWTH PROPOSALS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Continued hearings on the Administration's Economic Growth Proposals. Testimony was heard from Alan Havesi, Comptroller, State of New York; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for operations intelligence, 9:15 a.m., S-407, Capitol.