

Issues, Jon R. Purnell, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Stuart W. Holliday, of Texas, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senator Lugar, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mary Kramer, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Barbados and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Timothy John Dunn, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organiza-

tion of American States, James Curtis Struble, of California, to be Ambassador to Peru, and Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, who was introduced by Senator Hutchison, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report of the Presidential Commission on the U.S. Postal Service, focusing on legislative reform relating to the long-term ability of the U.S. Postal Service to provide affordable, universal mail service, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General, United States Postal Service; and David M. Walker Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 3440–3451; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 433, were introduced. **Pages H10456–57**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H10457–58**

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bass to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10345**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. James Thomas, Pastor, Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. **Page H10345**

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

***Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003:*** Debated on Tuesday, November 4, H.R. 2620, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 607. **Page H10426**

***Authorizing salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States:*** H.R. 3349, to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2004; **Pages H10348–49**

***Advancing Justice Through DNA Technology Act of 2003:*** H.R. 3214, amended, to eliminate the

substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 357 yeas to 67 nays, Roll No. 608;

**Pages H10349–63, H10426–27**

***Reauthorizing the ban on undetectable firearms:*** H.R. 3348, amended, to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms; **Pages H10363–64**

***Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act:*** Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 3365, to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the death gratuity payable with respect to deceased members of the Armed Forces and to exclude such gratuity from gross income, to provide additional tax relief for members of the Armed Forces and their families, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 609; **Pages H10367–73, H10427–28**

***Honoring the firefighters and other public servants who responded to the wildfires in Southern California:*** H. Res. 425, recognizing and honoring

the firefighters and other public servants who responded to the October, 2003, historically devastating, outbreak of wildfires in Southern California; and  
**Pages H10377–84**

**Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3210 East 10th Street in Bloomington, Indiana, as the Francis X. McCloskey Post Office Building. **Pages H10385–89**

**Foreign Operations Appropriations Act:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendments on H.R. 2800, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and agreed to a conference.  
**Pages H10364–67**

The House agreed to the Lowey motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a voice vote.

**Pages H10364–67**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Kolbe, Knollenberg, Lewis (CA), Wicker, Bonilla, Vitter, Kirk, Crenshaw, Young (FL), Lowey, Jackson, Kilpatrick, Rothman, Kaptur, and Obey. **Page H10367**

**Military Construction Appropriations Act:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 606.

**Pages H10389–93, H10425–26**

The House agreed to H. Res. 429, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report by a voice vote.

**Pages H10373–74**

**Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003:** The House agreed to H. Res. 428, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1829, to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a five-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations, by a voice vote.

**Pages H10374–76**

**Continuing Appropriations for FY 2004:** The House passed H.J. Res. 76, making further con-

tinuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 605.

**Pages H10393–96, H10424–25**

The House agreed to H. Res. 430, the rule providing for considerations of the bill by a voice vote.

**Pages H10376–77**

**Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003:** The House passed H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, by a voice vote. **Pages H10396–S10424**

An amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, printed in the bill and considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

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Agreed to:

LoBiondo amendment that replaces language in multiple sections of the bill. **Pages H10409–16**

Manzullo amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of October 28) that specifies that the Coast Guard use steel, iron, and manufactured products made in the U.S. on bridge alteration projects. **Pages H10420–21**

Rejected:

Baldwin amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of November 4) that would have prohibited funds for the purchase of diesel engines for the Coast Guard's Integrated Deep Water System unless the engines are made in the United States.

**Pages H10421–23**

DeFazio amendment that would have restricted the location of the National Coast Guard Museum, by a recorded vote of 199 yeas to 221 noes, Roll No. 604. **Pages H10417–20, H10423–24**

Withdrawn:

Bell amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn, that would have included petrochemical plants in the Houston area within 5 miles of navigable waters in the Port of Houston or the Houston Ship Channel security plans. **Page H10423**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to the bill.

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The House agreed to H. Res. 416, the rule providing for consideration of the bill on Wednesday, October 29.

**Recognizing the importance of the U.S. relationship with Europe:** Agreed to H. Res. 390, recognizing the continued importance of the transatlantic relationship and promoting stronger relations with Europe by reaffirming the need for a continued and meaningful dialogue between the United States and Europe. **Pages H10428–29**

Agreed to discharge the resolution from the Committee on International Relations. **Pages H10428–29**

**Labor/HHS Appropriations—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the DeLauro motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed until a later date. **Pages H10429–34**

Representative Bell announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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**Energy Policy Act of 2003:** Representative Filner announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 6, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people. **Page H10428**

**Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act of 2003:** The House debated the Becerra motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

**Pages H10434–38**

**Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003:** The House debated the Capps motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program and to strengthen and improve the Medicare program. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. **Pages H10438–43**

Representative Cardoza announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on the bill.

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**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10345, H10384, and H10428.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1132 was referred to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services; S. 1720 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H10455**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H10458.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **SPECIALTY CROP INDUSTRY—REVIEW DOMESTIC POLICIES AFFECTING**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review domestic policies affecting the specialty crop industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **SUSTAINING GLOBAL COMMITMENTS: IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. FORCES**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Sustaining Global Commitments: Implications for U.S. Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; and Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and a public witness.

### **HEALTHSOUTH FINANCIAL COLLAPSE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded hearings entitled "The Financial Collapse of HealthSouth." Testimony was heard from Gregory Wallance, Member, Ad Hoc Advisory Group on the Organizational Sentencing Guidelines, U.S. Sentencing Commission; the following officials of HealthSouth Corporation: Joel Gordon, Acting Chairman, Board of Directors; Robert May, Acting Chief Executive Officer; Sage Givens, Board of Director and Audit Committee Member; and Larry Striplin, Board of Director and former Chairman, Compensation Committee; and public witnesses.

### **REFORMING INSURANCE REGULATION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Reforming Insurance Regulation—Making the Marketplace More Competitive for Consumers." Testimony was heard from Gregory Serio, Superintendent of Insurance, State of New York; and public witnesses.

### **PROTECTING HOMEOWNERS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a joint hearing entitled "Protecting Homeowners: Preventing Abusive Lending While Preserving Access to Credit." Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Miller, Attorney General, State of Iowa; and public witnesses.