

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4258–4273; 1 private bill, H.R. 4274; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 96, H. Con. Res. 413–414, and H. Res. 618, 620–624, were introduced. **Pages H2547–48**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2548–50**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 619, providing for consideration of H.R. 4227, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend to 2005 the alternative minimum tax relief available in 2003 and 2004 and to index such relief for inflation (H. Rept. 108–477); and

H.R. 4011, to promote human rights and freedom in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, amended (H. Rept. 108–478, Pt. 1). **Page H2547**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Burns to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2493**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2499**

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

Recognizing the contributions of military impact schools: H. Res. 598, recognizing the valuable contributions of military impacted schools, teachers, administration, and staff for their ongoing contributions to the education of military children;

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Congratulating charter schools for their contributions to education: H. Res. 600, amended, congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the U.S. for their ongoing contributions to education, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 396 yeas with none voting "nay" and 3 voting "present", Roll No. 139;

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Recognizing the benefits of school-based music education: H. Con. Res. 380, amended, recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 140;

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Congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies: H. Res. 599, congratulating the University of Connecticut Huskies for winning the 2004 NCAA Division I men and women's basketball championships, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting "nay" and 2 voting "present", Roll No. 141;

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Congratulating the University of Denver men's hockey team: H. Con. Res. 408, congratulating the University of Denver men's hockey team for winning the 2004 NCAA men's hockey national championship; and

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Congratulating the Kennesaw State University Owls: H. Res. 594, congratulating the Kennesaw State University Owls for winning the 2004 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:59 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Budget Resolution for FY 2005—Motion To Instruct Conferees: Representative Moore announced his intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on S. Con. Res. 95, original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2517–18, H2518, and H2519. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STRENGTHENING VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing entitled "Strengthening Vocational and Technical Education." Testimony was heard from Jean C. Stevens, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Curriculum and Instructional Support, Department of Education, State of New York; Sandy Dunkel, Division Administrator, Career Development Division, Board of Education, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

FASB STOCK OPTIONS PROPOSAL—EFFECT ON U.S. ECONOMY AND JOBS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises continued hearings entitled "The FASB Stock Options Proposal: Its Effect on the U.S. Economy and Jobs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MIDDLE-CLASS ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 4, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate in the House on H.R. 4227, Middle-Class Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel of New York or his designee, which shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Connecticut and Israel.

TTIC BRIEFING ON TERRORIST THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a TTIC Briefing on Terrorist Threats. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for defense related programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 9 a.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to mark up those provisions, which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 11:30 a.m., SR-232A.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal

year 2005 for military activities for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold closed hearings to examine the use of steroids, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine space shuttle and the future of space launch, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 155, to convey to the town of Frannie, Wyoming, certain land withdrawn by the Commissioner of Reclamation, S. 2285, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah, S. 1521, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to the Edward H. McDaniel American Legion Post No. 22 in Pahrump, Nevada, for the construction of a post building and memorial park for use by the American Legion, other veterans' groups, and the local community, S. 1826, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land in Washoe County, Nevada, to the Board of Regents of the University and Community College System of Nevada, S. 2085, to modify the requirements of the land conveyance to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Research Foundation, and H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy, to hold hearings to examine the benefits of a healthy marriage, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine material support statute relating to aiding terrorists, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces, to mark up H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, to mark up H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, to mark up H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce: to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2728, Occupational Safety and Health Small Business Day in Court Act of 2003; H.R. 2729, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Efficiency Act of 2003; H.R. 2730, Occupational Safety and Health Independent Review of OSHA Citations Act of 2003; and H.R. 2731, Occupational Safety and Health Small Employer Access to Justice Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.