

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 12.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2659.

Senate Referral: S.J. Res. 34 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2678, H2679, H2679–80, H2697–98, H2698, and H2699. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Foreign Intelligence Program Budget. Testimony was heard from George J. Tenet, Director, CIA.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness approved for full Committee action H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces approved for full Committee action H.R. 4200, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

ONLINE PORNOGRAPHY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Online Pornography: Closing the Doors on Pervasive Smut.” Testimony was heard from J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Kevin Lourdeau, Deputy Assistant Director, Cyber Division, FBI, Department of Justice; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

PROTECTING CHILDREN ONLINE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The ‘Dot Kids’ Internet Domain: Protecting Children Online.” Testimony was heard from Michael D. Gallagher, Acting Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held an oversight hearing entitled “Oversight of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.” Testimony was heard from Philip Merrill, President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; SECURITY CLEARANCE BACKLOG

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 4259, Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act; H.R. 4176, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 West Elwood Avenue in Raeford, North Carolina, as the “Bobby Marshall Gentry Post Office Building;” H. Con. Res. 295, Congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States; H. Res. 613, Recognizing and honoring the tenth anniversary of Vietnam Human Rights Day; H. Res. 622, Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day; and H.R. 3740, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 South Main Street in Roxboro, North Carolina, as the “Oscar Scott Woody Post Office Building.”

The Committee also held a hearing entitled “What’s the Hold Up: A Review of Security Clearance Backlog and Reciprocity Issues Plaguing Today’s Government and Private Sector Workforce.” Testimony was heard from Gregory C. Wilshusen, Acting Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; Stephen C. Benowitz, Associate Director, Division for Human Resources Products and Services, OPM; Heather Anderson, Acting Director, Security, Office of the Under Secretary for Intelligence, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled “Autism Spectrum Disorders: An Update on Federal

Government Initiatives and Revolutionary New Treatment of Neurodevelopmental Diseases.” Testimony was heard from Troy Justesen, Assistant Secretary (Acting), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SUDAN GOVERNMENT FOR ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIANS; CRISIS IN DARFUR

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the chairman to request that H. Con. Res. 403, as amended, Condemning the Government of the Republic of the Sudan for its attacks against innocent civilians in the impoverished Darfur region of western Sudan, be considered on the Suspension Calendar.

The Committee also held a hearing on *The Crisis in Darfur: A New Front in Sudan's Bloody War*. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Charles R. Snyder, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs; and Roger P. Winter, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, AID; and public witnesses.

SATELLITE HOME VIEWER EXTENSION AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2004

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004.

FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3283, Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Regula; Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; Tom Thompson, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Barry T. Hill, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

BENEFITS OF TAX INCENTIVES FOR PRODUCERS OF RENEWABLE FUELS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Benefits of Tax Incentives for Producers of Renewable Fuels and Its Impact on Small Businesses and Farmers.” Testimony was heard from Representative Hulshof; and public witnesses.

MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on H.R. 4251, Maritime Transportation Amendments of 2004. Testimony was heard from RADM John E. Crowley, USCG, Judge Advocate General, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4020, State Veterans' Homes Nurse Recruitment Act of 2004; H.R. 4231, Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004; H.R. 3849, Military Sexual Trauma Counseling Act of 2004; H.R. 4248, Homeless Veterans Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2004; and a measure to reform the qualifications and selection requirements for the position of the Under Secretary for Health. Testimony was heard from Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Linda S. Schwarz, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Connecticut; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—IRAQI PRISONER ISSUES/ABU GHRAIB

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Iraqi Prisoner Issues/Abu Ghraib. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING ON GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE DATA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES AT HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled “Progress in Addressing Management Challenges at the Department of Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from James M. Loy, Deputy Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MAY 7, 2004**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine allegations of mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners, 11:45 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the ongoing investigation into the abuse of prisoners within the Central Command area of responsibility, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold a hearing to examine the employment situation for April, 9:30 a.m., 1334 LHOB.