

Oath of Office be administered today after the Clerk of the House transmitted the unofficial results of the Special Election held on July 20, 2004 from Gary O. Bartlett, Executive Director, North Carolina State Board of Elections, State of North Carolina.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6445.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2700 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6458, H6458–59, H6459–60, H6460, H6495–96, H6497, and H6498. There were no quorum calls.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:38 p.m. and reconvened at 7:42 a.m. on Thursday, July 22.

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**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 a.m. on Thursday, July 22.

## Committee Meetings

### FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE SYSTEM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Keith Collins, Chairman, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation; and Ross Davidson, Administrator, Risk Management Agency.

### ARMY TRANSFORMATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Continued hearings on Army Transformation: Implications for the Future, II. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

### SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Small Business Innovation and Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4496, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act.

### METHYL BROMIDE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled “Methyl Bromide: Update on Achieving the Requirements of the Clean Air Act and Montreal Pro-

ocol.” Testimony was heard from Claudia McMurray, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State; Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; the following officials of the USDA: Rodney J. Brown, Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; and Burleson Smith, Director, Pest Management Policy; and public witnesses.

### DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Digital Television Transition: What We Can Learn from Berlin.” Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

### “SHELL GAMES: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTING FOR OIL AND GAS RESERVES”

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “Shell Games: Corporate Governance and Accounting for Oil and Gas Reserves.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2449, amended, Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Act; H.R. 2528, amended, Hudson-Fulton-Champlain 400th Commemoration Commission Act of 2003; H.R. 4324, To amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the provisions limiting certain election opportunities available to individuals participating in the Thrift Savings Plan; H.R. 4556, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1115 South Clinton Avenue in Dunn, North Carolina, as the “General William Carey Lee Post Office Building;” H.R. 4618, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 West Prospect Street in Nanuet, New York, as the “Anthony I. Lombardi Memorial Post Office Building;” H.R. 4632, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19504 Linden Boulevard in St. Albans, New York, as the “Archie Spigner Post Office Building;” H.R. 4657, District of Columbia Retirement Protection Improvement Act of 2004; S. 2415, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 4141 Postmark Drive, Anchorage, Alaska as the Robert J. Opinsky Post Office Building;" H. Res. 695, Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives to the family and friends of Mattie Stepanek on his passing, and honoring the life of Mattie Stepanek for his braveness, generosity of spirit, and efforts to raise awareness of muscular dystrophy; and H. Res. 717, Honoring former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 58th birthday.

#### **CIO'S ROLE IN IT INVESTMENT OVERSIGHT AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled "Where's the CIO? The Role, Responsibility and Challenge for Federal Chief Information Officers in IT Investment Oversight and Information Management." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the OMB: Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director, Management; and Karen Evans, Administrator, Office of E-Government and Information Technology; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues; Kimberly Nelson, Assistant Administrator, Environmental Information, and Chief Information Officer, EPA; Steven Cooper, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Vance Hitch, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Information Resources Management and Chief Information Officer, Department of Justice; Ira Hobbs, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Information Systems and Chief Information Officer, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

#### **HIV/AIDS IN ASIA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on HIV/AIDS in Asia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 700, adversely, as amended, Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives documents in the possession of the Attorney General relating to the treatment of prisoners and detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay; H.R. 4646, amended, To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the holding of Federal district court in Plattsburgh, New York; H.R. 112, To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for an additional place of holding court in the District of Columbia; and H.R. 4586, amended, Family Movie Act of 2004.

#### **OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATION OF LARGE BUSINESS BANKRUPTCY REORGANIZATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Administration of Large Business Bankruptcy Reorganizations: Has Competition for Big Cases Corrupted the Bankruptcy System? Testimony was heard from Roberta A. DeAngelis, Acting United States Trustee—Region 3, Executive Office for United States Trustees, U.S. Trustee Program, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; GUAM WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION REPORT**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1662, Sound Science for Endangered Species Act Planning Act of 2003; and H.R. 2933, Critical Habitat Reform Act of 2003.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on the Guam War Claims Commission Report. Testimony was heard from David Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Mauricio J. Tamargo, Chairman, Guam War Claims Review Commission, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Department of Justice; Kaleo Moylan, Lt. Gov., Guam; and former Delegate Ben Garrido Blaz, Guam.

#### **MARRIAGE PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by a vote of 7 to 3, a closed rule providing ninety minutes of debate on H.R. 3313, Marriage Protection Act of 2004, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Stearns, Nadler and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

#### **CONFERENCE REPORT—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of California and Murtha.

### U.S.-MOROCCO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing 2 hours of debate in the House on H.R. 4842, United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, 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 pursuant to section 151(f)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion. Section 2 of the resolution provides that during consideration of the bill, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representative English.

### SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED BY RULES COMMITTEE PROVIDING EXTENSION OF HIGHWAY PROGRAMS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of July 22, 2004, providing for consideration of a bill to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

### SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED BY RULES COMMITTEE PROVIDING CONSIDERATION OF A CONFERENCE REPORT ACCOMPANYING IRC AMENDMENTS—ACCELERATE INCREASE IN REFUNDABILITY OF CHILD TAX CREDIT

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of July 22, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1308) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ac-

celerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit, and for other purposes.

### CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on Cybersecurity Education—Meeting the Needs of Technology Workers and Employers. Testimony was heard from 2LT David Aparicio, USAF, Electrical Engineer, Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate, Department of the Air Force; and public witnesses.

### TAX INCENTIVES FOR HOMELAND SECURITY RELATED EXPENSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing entitled “Tax Incentives for Homeland Security Related Expenses.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 784, amended, Water Quality Investment Act of 2003; H.R. 4470, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Act to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program; H.R. 4688, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program; H.R. 4731, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program; and H.R. 4794, To amend the Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act to extend the authorization of appropriations.

The Committee also approved the following: GSA Investment and Leasing Program resolutions; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions.

### VETERANS’ LEGISLATION

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4768, amended, Veterans Medical Facilities Management Act of 2004; H.R. 4658, amended, Servicemembers Legal Protection Act of 2004; H.R. 1318, To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Sunnyside, Queens, New York, as the “Thomas P. Noonan, Jr., Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic;” and H.R. 4836, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Amarillo, Texas, as the “Thomas E. Creek Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.”

### THIRD PARTY COLLECTIONS PROGRAMS—PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the VA’s progress in its third party collections program and

implementation of the Patient Financial Services System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael L. Staley, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; Robert N. McFarland, Assistant Secretary, Office of Information and Technology; Kenneth Ruyle, Chief Business Officer, Veterans Health Administration; and Ken Ray, VISN 8 Chief Financial Officer; the following officials of the GAO: Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Health Care—Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues; and McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance Team; and public witnesses.

### SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY AND IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2971, Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2004.

### BRIEFING—COUNTERNARCOTICS: LATIN AMERICA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a Briefing: Counternarcotics: Latin America and Southeast Asia. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### CAUCASUS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* Commission met to receive a briefing on the current state of religious freedom in the Caucasus due to recent events in Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia from Paul Crego, Cataloging Specialist, Library of Congress; Eric Rassbach, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, Washington, D.C.; Andre Carbonneau, Jehovah's Witnesses, Montreal, Canada.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine activities and funding issues of the Appalachian Council and Working for America Institute, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army Inspector General Report on Detention Operation Doctrine and Training, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to continue hearings to examine regulation NMS and developments in market structure, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine space exploration of Saturn, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-181), 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the rule of higher education financing in strengthening U.S. competitiveness in a global economy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq post-transition, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the extent to which consumers can purchase pharmaceuticals over the Internet without a medical prescription, the importation of pharmaceuticals into the United States, and whether the pharmaceuticals from foreign sources are counterfeit, expired, unsafe, or illegitimate, focusing on the extent to which U.S. consumers can purchase dangerous and often addictive controlled substances from Internet pharmacy websites and the procedures utilized by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Postal Service, and the Food and Drug Administration, as well as the private sector to address these issues, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Allen Weinstein, of Maryland, to be Archivist of the United States, 3:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine preparations for possible future terrorist attacks, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Judiciary:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2560, to amend chapter 5 of title 17, United States Code, relating to inducement of copyright infringement, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine intelligence reform, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

#### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to mark up H.R. 4576, Food Promotion Act of 2004, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review the USDA's National Animal Identification System, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: VA, HUD and Independent Agencies; and Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.