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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 37 public bills, H.R. 836–872; and 19 resolutions, H.J. Res. 21; H. Con. Res. 66–69, and H. Res. 105–118, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H719–20**

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

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

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. John H. Parker, Pastor, Central Baptist Church in Washington, DC.

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**Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005:** The House passed H.R. 310, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane material, by a ye-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 35.

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Agreed to the Upton amendment that makes seven changes to various provisions of the bill by a voice vote.

**Pages H662–64**

H. Res. 95, the rule providing for consideration of the rule, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous questions by a ye-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 34.

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**Class Action Fairness Act of 2005—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 96, the rule providing for consideration of S. 5, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, by voice vote.

**Pages H643–52**

**Committee Vacation:** Read a letter from Representative Lofgren (CA) wherein she asked permission to vacate her seat on the Committee on Science.

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**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 111, electing Members to the following standing committees: Committee on House Administration: Representative Lofgren (CA); and Committee on Small Business: Representative Moore (WI).

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

**Recognizing the commitment of the U.S. to the recovery of and accounting for American POWs or MIAs:** H.J. Res. 18, recognizing the historic commitment of the United States to the recovery of and full accounting for Americans who are prisoners of war or in a missing status.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House began consideration of the following measure. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, February 17:

**Honoring the life and legacy of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri:** H. Res. 91, amended, honoring the life and legacy of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

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**President's Day District Work Period:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 66, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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**Committee Election:** Agreed to H. Res. 112, electing Representative Musgrave to the Committee on Resources.

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**Commission on Civil Rights—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Michael Yaki of San Francisco, California to the Commission on Civil Rights to fill the remainder of the term expiring on May 3, 2005.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of a new Executive Order that amends existing Executive Orders and clarifies certain measures taken to address certain national emergencies—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–10).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H633.

**Senate Referral:** S. Con. Res. 13 was ordered held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H652–53 and H664. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved the following: an Oversight Plan for the 109th Congress; and Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2006 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

### 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 Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Michael Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Force Protection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Benjamin P. Riley III, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary (Protection) and Chairman, Combating Terrorism Technology Task Force; LTG. David F. Melcher, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of the Army; and LTG. James N. Mattis, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat and Development Command and Deputy Commandant for Combat Development, HQMC.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Social Security Administration. Testimony was heard from Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner of Social Security.

### MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, Veterans Affairs, and Related

Agencies held a hearing on Quality of Life. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Sgt. Major, Kenneth O. Preston, USA; Master Chief Petty Officer, Terry D. Scott, USN; Sgt. Major John L. Estrada, USMC; and Chief Master Sgt. Gerald R. Murray, USAF.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

*Committee on Armed Services:* Continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; and GEN Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### HOMELAND SECURITY NEEDS

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on National and Homeland Security: Meeting the Needs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### JOB TRAINING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Began mark up of H.R. 27, Job Training Improvement Act of 2005.

Will continue tomorrow.

### SPY ACT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 29, Spy Act.

### ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality continued hearings entitled "Energy Policy Act of 2005: Ensuring Jobs for Our Future with Secure and Reliable Energy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### "TERRORIST RESPONSE TO IMPROVED U.S. FINANCIAL DEFENSES"

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Terrorist Responses to Improved U.S. Financial Defenses." Testimony was heard from Juan C. Zarate, Assistant Secretary, Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### SAFE DRUG ABUSE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "Is There Such a Thing as Safe Drug Abuse?" Testimony was heard