

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of William

Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Craig, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 994–1033; 2 private bills, H.R. 1034–1035; and; 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 79–80, and H. Res. 124, 127–132 were introduced. **Pages H845–47**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H847–49**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on February 24, 2005: H.R. 841, to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 45 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, amended, referred sequentially to the House Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than Feb. 24, 2005 (H. Rept. 109–8, Pt. 1);

Filed on February 25, 2005: H.R. 27, to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, amended (H. Rept. 109–9);

Supplemental report on H.R. 27, to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability (H. Rept. 109–9, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 125, providing for consideration of H.R. 841, to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 45 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances (H. Rept. 109–10); and

H. Res. 126, providing for consideration of H.R. 27, to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-step career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services,

establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability (H. Rept. 109–11). **Page H845**

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

Providing for acceptance of a statue of Sarah Winnemucca, presented by the people of Nevada: H. Con. Res. 5, amended, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Sarah Winnemucca, presented by the people of Nevada, for placement in National Statuary Hall, by a 2/3 ye and nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 40;

Pages H800–03, H810–11

Permitting the use of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 63, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust, by a 2/3 ye and nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 41;

Pages H803–04, H811

Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education: H. Con. Res. 45, amended, recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education; and **Pages H805–08**

Congratulating Jewish communities on their seven year completion of the 11th cycle of the daily study of the Talmud: H. Res. 124, congratulating Jewish communities on their seven year completion of the 11th cycle of the daily study of the Talmud.

Pages H808–10

Permitting the use of the Rotunda to award a Congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson, posthumously: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 79, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award a Congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation. **Pages H804–05**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H810**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H799, H816.

Senate Referrals: S. 125 was referred to the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure; and S. 306 was held at the desk. **Page H843**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H810–11, H811. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA’S RULE PROVIDING FOR CANADIAN BEEF AND CATTLE IMPORTS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to Review the USDA’s rule providing for Canadian beef and cattle imports. Testimony was heard from Mike Johanns, Secretary of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Attorney General. Testimony was heard from Alberto R. Gonzales, The Attorney General, Department of Justice.

“ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL ANTI-FRAUD IN FOR-PROFIT EDUCATION”

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled “Enforcement of Federal Anti-Fraud Laws in For-Profit Education.” Testimony was heard from Representative Waters; Thomas A. Carter, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federalism and the Census held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Our Communities—Is It the Right Step Toward Greater Efficiency and Improved Accountability?” Testimony was heard from Roy A. Bernardi, Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; David A. Sampson, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

U.N. ORGANIZATION MISSION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on United Nations Organiza-

tion Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo: A Case for Peacekeeping Reform. Testimony was heard from Kim R. Holmes, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Subcommittee received a briefing on this subject. The Subcommittee was briefed by Jane Holl Lute, Assistant Secretary-General for Mission Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, United Nations.

OVERSIGHT—CORAL REEF CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000. Testimony was heard from Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Timothy R. E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans And Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Katherine Andrews, Director, Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Florida; Athline Clark, Special Projects Program Manager, Division of Aquatic Resources, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii; Togiola T. A. Tulafono, Governor, American Samoa; Juan N. Babauta, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Felix Camacho, Governor, Guam; and a public witness.

CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 841, Continuity in Representation Act, providing 60 minutes of general debate with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration and 20 minutes 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 House Administration now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject