

March 15, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2656.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TERRORIST TRAVEL

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship with the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine

strengthening enforcement and border security, focusing on the 9/11 Commission staff report on terrorist travel, after receiving testimony from Elaine Dezenski, Acting Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security for Policy and Planning, and Thomas J. Walters, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Training and Development, Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Doris Meissner, Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Janice L. Kephart, The Investigative Project on Terrorism, Mount Vernon, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 1269–1290; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 152, were introduced. **Pages H1416–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1417**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on Friday, March 11: H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 109–16);

Filed on March 11: H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010 (H. Rept. 109–17); and

H. Res. 151, providing for the consideration of H.R. 1268, Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 109–18). **Page H1416**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Pearce to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1373**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:32 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1373**

Committee on Ways and Means Recommendations: Read a letter from Chairman Thomas of the Committee on Ways and Means wherein he forwarded the Committee's recommendations for certain positions for the 109th Congress. **Page H1374**

Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members of the House as Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Ne-

gotiations: Representatives Thomas, Shaw, Herger, Rangel, and Cardin. **Page H1374**

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

Allowing for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore: H.R. 126, to amend Public Law 89–366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore; **Page H1375**

Llagas Reclamation Groundwater Remediation Initiative: H.R. 186, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and in coordination with other Federal, State, and local government agencies, to participate in the funding and implementation of a balanced, long-term groundwater remediation program in California; **Pages H1375–76**

Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act: H.R. 584, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior; **Pages H1376–77**

Directing the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the City of Richfield, Utah: H.R. 680, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey certain land held in trust for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to the City of Richfield, Utah; **Pages H1377–78**

Nevada National Forest Land Disposal Act of 2005: H.R. 816, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of National Forest System land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada; **Pages H1378–79**

Creating the Office of the Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands: H.R. 62, to create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands;

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Western Reserve Heritage Areas Study Act: H.R. 412, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Western Reserve Heritage Area;

Pages H1381–83

Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act: H.R. 694, amended, to enhance the preservation and interpretation of the Gullah/Geechee cultural heritage;

Pages H1383–86

Providing for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico: H.R. 486, to provide for a land exchange involving private land and Bureau of Land Management land in the vicinity of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, for the purpose of removing private land from the required safety zone surrounding munitions storage bunkers at Holloman Air Force Base;

Pages H1386–87

Reauthorizing the TANF block grant program through June 30, 2005: H.R. 1160, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2005;

Pages H1387–88

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments: H.R. 1134, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of certain disaster mitigation payments;

Pages H1388–94

Providing for the establishment of a commission in the House to assist parliaments in emerging democracies: H. Res. 135, providing for the establishment of a commission in the House of Representatives to assist parliaments in emerging democracies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 386 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 66;

Pages H1394–98, H1403–04

Urging the European Union to add Hezbollah to the EU's list of terrorist organizations: H. Res. 101, amended, urging the European Union to add Hezbollah to the European Union's wide-ranging list of terrorist organizations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 380 yeas to 3 nays and 5 voting "present", Roll No. 67; and

Pages H1398–H1401, H1404–05

Extending the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group for 2 years: S. 384, to extend the Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government

Records Interagency Working Group for 2 years, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 391 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 68—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H1401–03, H1405

Oversight Plan Report: Agreed that the Committee on Government Reform have until midnight on Thursday, March 31 to file a report on Oversight Plans under Clause 2 of Rule Ten.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1373–74 and H1414.

Senate Referral: S. 250 was held at the desk; and S. 256 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1403–04, H1404–05, and H1405. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUILDING IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled "Building Iraqi Security Forces." Testimony was heard from Joseph Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; and RADM William D. Sullivan, USN, Vice-Director, Strategic Plans and Policy; and Richard A. Jones, Senior Advisor to the Secretary and Coordinator of Iraq, Department of State; and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND TSUNAMI RELIEF, 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1268, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule waives all point of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with