

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of David Garman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Luis Luna, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for Administration and Resource Management, John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Major General Don T. Riley, United States Army, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foun-

ation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NON-AMBULATORY PERSONS HEALTH CARE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health care provided to non-ambulatory persons, focusing on the medical, scientific, and ethical issues involved in the diagnosis, treatment, and decision-making for patients with disorders of consciousness resulting from severe brain damage, after receiving testimony from Rud Turnbull, University of Kansas Beach Center on Disability, Lawrence; James L. Bernat, Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire, on behalf of the American Academy of Neurology; Deborah L. Warden, Defense and Veterans Head Injury Program, Washington, D.C.; and J. Donald Schumacher, National Hospice and Palliative Care Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 1489–1530; 2 private bills, H.R. 1531, H. Res. 201; and 14 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 124–126, and H. Res. 190–200, were introduced. **Pages H1844–46**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1846–48**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Majority Leader Tom DeLay to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H1783**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. L.H. Hardwick, Jr., Pastor, Christ Church in Nashville, Tennessee. **Page H1783**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:06 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine and reconvened at 12:16 p.m.; and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H1784**

Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine: The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine. He was escorted into the Chamber by a Committee comprised of Representatives Blunt, Pryce (OH), Kingston, Doolittle, Gallegly, Weldon (PA), Pelosi, Hoyer, Menendez, Lantos, Harman, and Kaptur and Senators Frist, McConnell, Stevens, Santorum, Hutchison, Kyl, Dole, Lugar, Reid, Durbin, Stabenow, and Clinton. **Page H1784**

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

Realtime Investor Protection Act: H.R. 1077, amended, to improve the access of investors to regulatory records with respect to securities brokers, dealers, and investment advisers; **Pages H1788–90**

Increased Capital Access for Growing Business Act: H.R. 436, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to provide incentives for small business investment; **Pages H1790–91**

Mortgage Servicing Clarification Act: H.R. 1025, amended, to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to exempt mortgage servicers from certain requirements of the Act with respect to federally related mortgage loans secured by a first lien;

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Native American Housing Enhancement Act of 2005: H.R. 797, to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and other Acts to improve housing programs for Indians;

Pages H1794–97

Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month: H. Res. 148, supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 95;

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Recognizing and honoring firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation: H. Res. 188, recognizing and honoring firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation; and

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Captain Mark Stubenhofer Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 1460, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6200 Rolling Road in Springfield, Virginia, as the “Captain Mark Stubenhofer Post Office Building”.

Pages H1806–07

Honoring the life and achievements of Pope John Paul II: The House agreed to H. Res. 190, honoring the life and achievements of His Holiness Pope John Paul II and expressing profound sorrow on his death, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 94.

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The measure was considered under a unanimous consent agreement reached yesterday, April 5.

House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members to the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards: Representatives Ney, Aderholt, Sweeney, Millender-McDonald, Holt, and Sherman.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 8, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 for Morning Hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 13.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear

on pages H1821 and H1822. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

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 Natural Resources and Environment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Wade Daniel Runnels, Director, Budget Planning and Analysis Division; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Office.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Army Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary; and LTG Joseph Yakovac, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary, both with Acquisitions and Logistics.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Testimony was heard from Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Kennedy Center. Testimony was heard from Michael M. Kaiser, President, Kennedy Center and Keith Cuttingham and Mark Goldstein, both with GAO.

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

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Defense Health Program, the United States Court of Appeals for