

of California Haas School of Business, Berkeley; David Boies, Boies, Schiller and Flexner, Armonk, New York; Rex W. Tillerson, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Irving, Texas; James J. Mulva, ConocoPhillips, and John Hofmeister, Shell Oil Company, both of Houston, Texas; David J. O'Reilly, Chevron Corporation, San Ramon, California; William R. Klesse, Valero Energy Corporation, San Antonio, Texas; and Ross J. Pillari, BP America, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michael A. Chagares, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, Gray Hampton

Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, and Jeffrey L. Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, who was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Menendez, and Sharee M. Freeman, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, both of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4941–4959; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 357, and H. Res. 722–724, 726–727, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4057, to provide that attorneys employed by the Department of Justice shall be eligible for compensatory time off for travel under section 5550b of title 5, United States Code (H. Rept. 109–390);

H. Res. 725, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4939) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–391); and

H.R. 3127, to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 109–392, Pt. 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bradley of New Hampshire to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Francesville, Indiana, as the Malcolm Melville “Mac” Lawrence Post Office: S. 2064, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Francesville, Indiana, as the Malcolm Melville “Mac” Lawrence Post Office—clearing the measure for the President;

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Amending the Ojito Wilderness Act to make a technical correction: H.R. 4841, to amend the Ojito Wilderness Act to make a technical correction;

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Higher Education Extension Act of 2006: H.R. 4911, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965;

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Extending the educational flexibility program under section 4 of the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999: S. 2363, to extend the educational flexibility program under section 4 of the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999—clearing the measure for the President;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all Americans should participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad: H. Res. 698, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that all Americans should participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad;

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Expressing the continued support of Congress for requiring an institution of higher education to provide military recruiters with access to the institution's campus and students at least equal in quality and scope to that which is provided to any other employer in order to be eligible for the receipt of certain Federal funds: H. Con. Res. 354, to express the continued support of Congress for requiring an institution of higher education to provide military recruiters with access to the institution's campus and students at least equal in quality and scope to that which is provided to any other employer in order to be eligible for the receipt of certain Federal funds, by a ye-and-nay vote of 347 yeas to 65 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 39;

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Waiving the passport fees for a relative of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member or to attend a funeral or memorial service for such member: S. 1184, to waive the passport fees for a relative of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member or to attend a funeral or memorial service for such member—clearing the measure for the President;

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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: H. Con. Res. 350, to permit 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; and

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Extending through December 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits: H.R. 4826, to extend through December 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measures will resume tomorrow, March 15th:

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards: H. Con. Res. 190, to express

the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards; and

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Amending the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws: H.R. 4944, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws.

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Recess: The House recessed at 6:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H878.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H974–75.

Quorum Calls—Votes: 1 ye-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings today and appears on pages H940–41. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Held a hearing on the House of Representatives, Office of Compliance and the Architect of the Capitol, Testimony was heard from James M. Eagen III, Chief Administrative Officer; Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House; Wilson J. Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; James J. Cornell, Inspector General; Geraldine Gennet, Office of the General Counsel; Peter G. LeFevre, Office of the Law Revision Counsel; M. Pope Barrow, Jr., Office of the Legislative Counsel; and John Eisold, M.D., Office of the Attending Physician; the following officials of the Office of Compliance: Robert Holzwath; and Barbara Camens, both members of the Board of Directors; William W. Thompson II, Executive Director; and Peter A. Eveleth, General Counsel; and Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol.

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and