

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3167–S3346

Measures Introduced: Forty bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2556–2595, S.J. Res. 33, and S. Res. 434–437. **Pages S3211–12**

Measures Passed:

National Small Business Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 435, honoring the entrepreneurial spirit of America's small businesses during National Small Business Week, beginning April 9, 2006.

Pages S3343–44

Local Community Recovery Act: Senate passed H.R. 4979, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify the preference for local firms in the award of certain contracts for disaster relief activities, clearing the measure for the President.

Page S3344

Honoring and Congratulating the Minnesota National Guard: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 85, honoring and congratulating the Minnesota National Guard, on its 150th anniversary, for its spirit of dedication and service to the State of Minnesota and the Nation and recognizing that the role of the National Guard, the Nation's citizen-soldier based militia, which was formed before the U.S. Army, has been and still is extremely important to the security and freedom of the Nation, and the resolution was then agreed to.

Pages S3344–45

Honoring and Congratulating the Minnesota National Guard: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 371, honoring and congratulating the Minnesota National Guard, on its 150th anniversary, for its spirit of dedication and service to the State of Minnesota and the Nation and recognizing that the role of the National Guard, the Nation's citizen-soldier based militia, which was formed before the U.S. Army, has been and still is extremely important to the security and freedom of the Nation.

Page S3345

Year of the Museum: Senate agreed to S. Res. 437, supporting the goals and ideals of the Year of the Museum.

Pages S3345–46

National Peace Officers Memorial Service: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 360, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

Page S3346

Securing America's Borders Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S3167–99

Pending:

Specter/Leahy Amendment No. 3192, in the nature of a substitute.

Page S3167

Kyl/Cornyn Amendment No. 3206 (to Amendment No. 3192), to make certain aliens ineligible for conditional nonimmigrant work authorization and status.

Page S3167

Cornyn Amendment No. 3207 (to Amendment No. 3206), to establish an enactment date.

Page S3167

Isakson Amendment No. 3215 (to Amendment No. 3192), to demonstrate respect for legal immigration by prohibiting the implementation of a new alien guest worker program until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to the President and the Congress that the borders of the United States are reasonably sealed and secured.

Page S3167

Dorgan Amendment No. 3223 (to Amendment No. 3192), to allow United States citizens under 18 years of age to travel to Canada without a passport, to develop a system to enable United States citizens to take 24-hour excursions to Canada without a passport, and to limit the cost of passport cards or similar alternatives to passports to \$20.

Page S3167

Mikulski/Warner Amendment No. 3217 (to Amendment No. 3192), to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from the numerical limitations for temporary workers.

Page S3167

Santorum/Mikulski Amendment No. 3214 (to Amendment No. 3192), to designate Poland as a program country under the visa waiver program established under section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Page S3167

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 3220 (to Amendment No. 3192), to use surveillance technology to protect the borders of the United States. **Page S3167**

Sessions Amendment No. 3420 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3192), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3167**

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 3421 (to Amendment No. 3420), of a perfecting nature. **Page S3167**

Frist Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (Frist Amendment No. 3424). **Page S3346**

Frist Amendment No. 3425 (to the instructions to the motion to commit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary), to establish an effective date. **Page S3346**

Frist Amendment No. 3426 (to Amendment No. 3425), of a technical nature. **Page S3346**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 39 yeas to 60 nays (Vote No. 88), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Specter/Leahy Amendment No. 3192, in the nature of a substitute (listed above). **Page S3177**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, April 7, 2006; that there be 1 hour for debate equally divided between the Managers or their designees; that the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Frist Motion to Commit (listed above) at approximately 9:45 a.m.; provided further, that with respect to the cloture motions filed on the motion to commit and the underlying bill, the mandatory Quorum required under rule XXII be waived. **Page S3346**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached with respect to the motions to invoke cloture filed on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, on the nominations of Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Japan (Treaty Doc. 108-12) and Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Germany (Treaty Doc. 108-27) (Ex. Rept. 109-14). **Page S3211**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Gordon England, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Benjamin A. Powell, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

(Prior to the confirmation of the nominations (listed above), Senate vitiated the votes on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations, respectively.) **Page S3346**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Clint Williamson, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues.

John A. Cloud, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania.

Lurita Alexis Doan, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services.

R. David Paulison, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S3346**

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Robert M. Duncan, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring June 10, 2009, which was sent to the Senate on April 4, 2005.

Messages From the House: **Page S3209**

Measures Referred: **Page S3209**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S3209**

Executive Communications: **Pages S3209-11**

Executive Reports of Committees: **Page S3211**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S3212-13**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S3213-49**

Additional Statements: **Pages S3207-09**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S3249-S3342**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S3342-43**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—88) **Page S3177**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:18 p.m., until 8:30 a.m., on Friday, April 7, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3346.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: EPA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Marcus Peacock, Deputy Administrator, and Benjamin Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, all of the Environmental Protection Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from John Snow, Secretary, Stuart Levey, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, and Janice B. Gardner, Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, all of the Department of the Treasury.

BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine the United States Coast Guard's role in border and maritime security, focusing on port infrastructure and ports of entry in the United States, and terrorist targets including ferries, cruise ships, and fuel vessels, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Thad Allen, Chief of Staff, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HEALTHCARE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine healthcare in the District of Columbia, focusing on access to primary care and affordable health insurance, after receiving testimony from Brenda Donald Walker, Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families and Elders, Government of the District of Columbia; Randall R. Bovbjerg, Urban Institute, Sharon A. Baskerville, District of Columbia Primary Care Association, Maria Gomez, Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Lawrence H. Mirel, Wiley Rein and Fielding, LLP, Edmund F. Haislmaier, Heritage Foundation, and Christine Reesor, DC Spanish-Catholic Center Medical Clinic of Catholic Community Services, all of Washington, D.C.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Linton F. Brooks, Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, focusing on navy shipbuilding, after receiving testimony from Delores M. Etter, Assistant Secretary for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Rear Admiral Mark J. Edwards, USN, Director for Warfare Integration, N8F, and Rear Admiral Samuel J. Locklear, III, USN, Director for Programming Division, N80, both of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, all of the Department of the Navy; Damien Bloor, First Marine International Limited, United Kingdom; and John F. Schank, RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, focusing on military space programs, after receiving testimony from Ronald M. Sega, Under Secretary of the Air Force; Rear Admiral Kenneth W. Deutsch, USN, Director, Net-Centric Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; Lieutenant General Kevin P. Chilton, USAF, Joint Functional Component Commander for Space and Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command; Lieutenant General Michael A. Hamel, USAF, Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Acting Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Team, Government Accountability Office.

OFFSHORE AQUACULTURE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on National Ocean Policy Study concluded a hearing to examine offshore aquaculture, focusing on current proposals to regulate offshore aquaculture operations, discuss research in this field being conducted off the coasts of New England and Hawaii, and the impacts that expanded aquaculture operations would have on fishermen, seafood processors, and consumers, after receiving testimony from Bill Hogarth, Director, National Marine Fisheries

Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Richard Langan, University of New Hampshire Open Ocean Aquaculture Project, Durham; John R. Cates, Cates International Inc., Kailua, Hawaii; Mark Vinsel, United Fishermen of Alaska, Juneau; Rebecca Goldberg, Environmental Defense, New York, New York; and Sebastian Belle, Maine Aquaculture Association, Hallowell.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 1510, to designate as wilderness certain lands within the Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, S. 1719 and H.R. 1492, bills to provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II, S. 1957, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to convey to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail, S. 2034 and H.R. 394, bills to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to evaluate the significance of the Colonel James Barrett Farm in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and assess the suitability and feasibility of including the farm in the National Park System as part of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2252, to designate the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, as the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States, and S. 2403, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to include in the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park land and interests in land of the GT Park Subdivision, after receiving testimony from Sue Masica, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities, and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Gerald H. Yamada, O'Connor and Hannan LLP, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Japanese American National Heritage Coalition.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee held a hearing to examine challenges and opportunities relating to health care coverage for small businesses, focusing on the employer-based system in the United States and the impact of health care cost growth and state regulation of health insurance rates, receiving testimony from Senators Durbin and DeMint; Joseph E. Rossman, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Small Business Health Plan Coalition; and Len M. Nichols, New America Foundation, Todd O. McCracken, National

Small Business Association, and Deborah Chollet, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

LONG-TERM ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Long-Term Growth and Debt Reduction held a hearing to examine if America is saving enough to be competitive in the global marketplace relating to saving for the 21st century, focusing on current saving decisions and their implications for long-term economic growth, receiving testimony from Thomas J. McCool, Director, Center for Economics, Applied Research and Methods, Government Accountability Office; Jurrien Timmer, Fidelity Investments, Boston, Massachusetts; Barry P. Bosworth and Lael Brainard, both of The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark C. Minton, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the effectiveness of the Small Business Administration, focusing on SBA programs and their financial impact on the budget and economy, after receiving testimony from Representative Kelly; Hector Barreto, Administrator, Small Business Administration; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; Veronique de Rugy, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; Jonathan J. Bean, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; David H. Bartram, U.S. Bank, San Diego, California, on behalf of National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, Inc.; and John Pointer, Nashville, Tennessee.

ORPHAN WORKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine proposals for a legislative solution relating to orphan works, focusing on enactment of legislation as a catalyst necessary to prompt non-legal, marketplace reforms that will most efficiently address the problems identified by photographers and creators of visual images, after receiving testimony from Jule L. Sigall,

Associate Register for Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; Victor S. Perlman, American Society of Media Photographers, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; June V. Cross, Columbia University, and Maria Pallante, Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation (Guggenheim Museum), both of New York, New York; Brad Holland, Illustrators' Partnership of America, Marshfield, Massachusetts; Thomas C. Rubin, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Virginia; and Rick Prelinger, Prelinger Archives, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Internet Archive.

VA'S CAPITAL PLAN

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs 5-year capital construction plan, focusing on the VA's portfolio management approach and how the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) process and the Enhanced-Use Leasing program play an integral role in the management of VA's portfolio, after receiving testimony from Senators Allard, Nelson of Florida, and Martinez; Jonathan B. Perlin, Under Secretary for Health, James M. Sullivan, Deputy Director, Office of Asset Enterprise Management, and Robert L. Neary, Jr., Acting Chief and Associate Chief, Facilities Management Officer for Service Delivery, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

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

SENIOR EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine employment and community service for low-income seniors, focusing on what effect the Older Americans Act Amendments have had on the distribution of the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) funds to national and state grantees, describe the progress Labor has made in implementing the enhanced performance accountability system, and identify the challenges faced by national and state grantees in managing the SCSEP program, after receiving testimony from Sigurd R. Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; John R. Beverly, III, Administrator, Office of National Programs, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Melinda M. Adams, Idaho Commission on Aging, Boise; Shauna O'Neil, Salt Lake County Aging Services, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Carol Salter, Easter Seals, Inc., Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 56 public bills, H.R. 5112–5167; 1 private bill, H.R. 5168; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 381–388; and H. Res. 769–771 were introduced.

Pages H1676–80

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H1680–82

Reports Filed: Report were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4973, to restore the financial solvency of the national flood insurance program (H. Rept. 109–410);

H.R. 5020, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability Sys-

tem, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–411);

H.R. 4411, to prevent the use of certain payment instruments, credit cards, and fund transfers for unlawful Internet gambling, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–412, Pt. 1); and

Conference report to accompany H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, (H. Rept. 109–413). **Pages H1640–64, H1676**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Steven T. Cherry, President, Wesley Enhanced Living at Heritage Towers, Doylestown, Pennsylvania. **Page H1565**

Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2007: The House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 376, establishing the congressional budget for

the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 through 2011. Further consideration will resume at a later date.

Pages H1568–78, H1578–H1609

H. Res. 766, the rule providing for consideration of the measure was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 92, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 91. **Pages H1568–78**

Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Cardin motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 94, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H1609–15, H1621–22

Pension Protection Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House agreed to the Miller of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 93, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H1615–21

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, April 5th:

Concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania: H. Res. 578, concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania, by a yea-and-nay vote of 428 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 95;

Pages H1622–23

Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience: H. Con. Res. 320, amended, to call on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, by a yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 96;

Page H1623

Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month: H. Res. 737, to support the goals

and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, by a yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 97;

Pages H1623–24

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic: H. Res. 556, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic, by a yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 98; and **Pages H1624–25**

Congratulating the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12–14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people: H. Con. Res. 366, to congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12–14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people, by a yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 99.

Page H1625

Spring District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 382, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

Pages H1625–26

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2006 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 382, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Page H1626

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 26.

Page H1626

Agreed by unanimous consent that it should be in order at any time to consider in the House H. Res. 764.

Page H1626

Recognizing and honoring firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation: The House agreed to H. Res. 764, to recognize and honor firefighters for their many contributions throughout the history of the Nation, by voice vote.

Pages H1626–27

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through April 25, 2006.

Page H1627

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appear on page H1565.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1576–77, H1577–78, H1621, H1621–22, H1622–23, H1623, H1623–24, H1624–25, H1625. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 11:45 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 382, it stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 10, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of the concurrent resolution, in which case the House shall stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Committee Meetings

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 NIH. Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

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

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the District of Columbia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; Natwar Gamdi,

Chief Financial Officer; and Linda Cropp, Chairman, Council.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of DOE's Waste Treatment Plant at Hanford. Testimony was heard from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Kim Callan, Chief of the Cost of Engineering Directory of Expertise and the Project Manager of the Independent Review Team, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; James A. Rispoli, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; Department of Energy; A.J. Eggenberger, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; and a public witness.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Secure Border Initiative/Immigrations Custom Enforcement/Customs Border Protection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Gregg Giddens, Director, Secure Border Initiative Office; Deborah Spero, Acting Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection Commission; and Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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 Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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 DEA. Testimony was heard from Karen P. Tandy, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

MILITARY, COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on policy, compensation, and benefits overview. Testimony was heard

from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; LTG Franklin L. Hagenbeck, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, G1, Department of the Army; VADM John C. Harvey, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy; LTG Roger A. Brady, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, A1, Department of the Air Force; and LTG H.P. Osman, USMC, Deputy Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

NAVY'S ENERGY-EFFICIENT PROPULSION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on Integration of Energy-Efficient Propulsion Systems for Future U.S. Navy Vessels. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: RADM Bernard J. McCullough, USN, Director, Surface Warfare (N86); RADM Joseph A. Walsh, USN, Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87); RADM William E. Landay, III, USN, Chief of Naval Research; and RADM Kevin McCoy, USN, Deputy Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, Ship Design, Integration and Engineering; Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

NAVY TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Navy Transformation. Testimony was heard from John Jamian, Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; and VADM Justin D. McCarthy, USN, Director, Material Readiness and Logistics, Department of the Navy.

DEFENSE UAVS/SURVEILLANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request—Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Capabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Sharon Pickup, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lolita Long, Deputy Under Secretary, (Policy, Requirements, and Resources); BG Stephen Mundt, USA, Army Director of Aviation, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations; RADM Bruce Clingan, USN, Deputy Director, Naval Air Warfare Division; LTG John G. Castellaw, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; and MG Stanley Gorenc, USAF, Director, Operational Capability Requirements, U.S. Air Force.

DEFENSE IT/TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on information technology issues and defense transformation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Grimes, Assistant Secretary (Networks and Information Integration); LTG Charlie Croom, USAF, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency; LTG Steven W. Boutelle, USA, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Army; Dave Wennergren, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Navy; BG George J. Allen, USMC, Chief Information Officer, U.S. Marine Corps; LTG Michael Petersen, USAF, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Air Force; Paul Brinkley, Deputy Under Secretary, Business Transformation; and Thomas Modly, Deputy Under Secretary, Financial Management, both with the Business Transformation Agency.

U.S. COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled "Building America's Competitiveness: Examining What Is Needed To Compete in a Global Economy." Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor; Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education; and public witnesses.

PROJECT BIOSHIELD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Project Bioshield Reauthorization Issues." Testimony was heard from Alex M. Azar, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; and Jean D. Reed, Special Assistant, Chemical and Biological Defense and Chemical Demilitarization Programs, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary, Nuclear and Chemical Biological Defense, Department of Defense, and public witnesses.

INTERNET CHILD PREDATORS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled "Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet: What Parents, Kids, and Congress Need To Know About Child Predators." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: William W. Mercer, Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana; Frank Kardasz, Sgt Phoenix Police Department, Project Director, Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; and Flint Waters, Lead Special Agent, Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Technology Center; and Chris

Swecker, Acting Assistant Executive Director, FBI; James Plitt, Director, Cyber Crimes Center, Office of Investigations; and John P. Clark, Deputy Assistant Secretary, both with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Postal Service: William E. Kezer, Deputy Chief Inspector; and Raymond C. Smith, Assistant Inspector in Charge, Child Pornography and Adult Obscenity; and a public witness.

FOREIGN COUNTER-TERRORISM ASSISTANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Counter-Terrorism Financing Foreign Training and Assistance: Progress since 9/11.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller, GAO; Gerald M. Feierstein, Deputy Coordinator, Programs and Plans, Department of State; William Larry McDonald, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Technical Assistance Policy, Department of the Treasury; and Barry M. Sabin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4975, amended, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006; and H.R. 5112, Executive Branch Reform Act of 2006.

The Committee also approved the following Investigative Reports: “Strengthening Disease Surveillance” and “Updating Nuclear Security Standards: How Long Can the Department of Energy Afford To Wait?”

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled “Looking a Gift Horse in the Mouth: A Post-Katrina Review of International Disaster Assistance.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Scott Rowell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Defense for Homeland Security (Strategy, Plans, and Resources); and Davi M. D’Agostino, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management; the following officials of the Department of State: Deborah McCarthy, Director, Hurricane Katrina Task Force Working Group; and Gregory C. Gottlieb, Acting Director, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; Casey Long, Acting Director, Office of International Affairs, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and Hudson LaForce, Senior Counsel to the Secretary, Department of Education.

HOMELAND SECURITY AND PERSONAL PRIVACY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “Protection of Privacy in the DHS Intelligence Enterprise.” Testimony was heard from Maureen Cooney, Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology met in executive session to receive a briefing on the implementation plan for the President’s National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza. The Subcommittees were briefed by departmental witnesses.

LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported H.R. 4975, Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006.

PALESTINIAN ANTI-TERRORISM ACT; RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE WINTER OLYMPICS

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4681, Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006.

The Committee also approved a motion urging the chairman to request that the following resolution be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Res. 697, Congratulating the people and Government of Italy, the Torino Olympic Organizing Committee, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the 2006 United States Olympic Team, and all international athletes upon the successful completion of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

ARCHBISHOP OCAMPO KILLING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following measures: H.R. 4423, Ethiopia Consolidation Act of 2005; and H. Res. 608, Condemning the escalating levels of religious persecution in the People’s Republic of China.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on An End to Impunity: Investigating the 1993 Killing of

Mexican Archbishop Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TERRORISM AND BORDER SECURITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing on Checking Terrorism at the Border. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Maxwell, former Director, Office of Security and Investigations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and a public witness.

SADDAM HUSSEIN'S DOCUMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Iraqi Documents: A Glimpse Into the Regime of Saddam Hussein. Testimony was heard from Daniel Butler, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Director of National Intelligence Open Source, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and the following officials of the Joint Forces Command, Department of Defense: BG Anthony A. Cucolo, III, USA, Director, Joint Center for Operational Analysis; and LTC Kevin M. Woods, USA (Ret.), Project Leader and Principal Author of Iraqi Perspective Project; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Held an oversight hearing entitled "The United States Department of Justice." Testimony was heard from Alberto Gonzales, the Attorney General, Department of Justice.

FUELING RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY IN AMERICA—ROLE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL LANDS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the Role of the Federal Government and Federal Lands in Fueling Renewable and Alternative Energy in America. Testimony was heard from Wayne Arny, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations and Facilities, Department of the Navy; Leland Roy Mink, Manager, Office of Geothermal Technology, Department of Energy; Marcia Patton-Mallory, National Biomass and Bio-Energy Coordinator, Forest Service, USDA; and Brenda Aird, Ombudsman for Renewable Energy, Department of the Interior.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 138, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Jekyll Island Unit GA-06P; H.R. 479, To replace a Coastal Barrier Resources System map relating to Coastal Barrier Re-

sources System Grayton Beach Unit FL-95P in Walton County, Florida; H.R. 1656, To correct maps depicting Unit T-10 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 3280, To exempt certain coastal barrier areas in Florida from Limitations on Federal expenditures and financial assistance under the Coastal Barriers Resources Act, and limitations on flood insurance coverage under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and H.R. 4165, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kingston and Mack; Mamie Parker, Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VISITATION TRENDS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on Visitation Trends in the National Park System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior: Marcia Blaszak, Regional Director, Alaska Region; and Pat Hooks, Regional Director, Southeast Region; Mike Cerletti, Secretary of Tourism, State of New Mexico; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CALIFORNIA WATER SUPPLIES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing entitled "Protecting Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta Water Supplies and Responding to Catastrophic Failures in California Water Deliveries." Testimony was heard from BG Joseph Schroedel, USA, Commander and Division Engineer, South Pacific Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; William Lokey, Operations Branch Chief, Response Division, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Kirk Rodgers, Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Lester Snow, Director, Department of Water Resources, State of California; and public witnesses.

GLOBAL NUCLEAR ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing on Assessing the Goals, Schedule, and Costs of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership. Testimony was heard from Shane Johnson, Deputy Director, Technology, Office of Nuclear Energy Science and Technology, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

SMALL HEALTHCARE GROUPS/ELECTRONIC RECORDS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Can Small Healthcare Groups Feasibly Adopt Electronic Medical Records Technology?” Testimony was heard from Representative Gingrey; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL LEVEE SAFETY PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on H.R. 4650, National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from MG Don T. Riley, USA Director, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Marines of World War II Act of 2005; H.R. 601, Native American Veterans Cemetery Act of 2005; H.R. 2188, To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the placement in a national cemetery of memorial markers for the purpose of commemorating service members or other persons whose remains are interred in an American Battle Monuments Commission cemetery; H.R. 2963, Dr. James Allen Disabled Veterans Equity Act; H.R. 4843, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006; H.R. 5037, Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act; and H.R. 5038, To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and expand the application of the Department of Veterans Affairs benefit for Government markers for marked graves of veterans buried in private cemeteries and to provide Government markers or memorial headstones for deceased dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable for burial. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers of Michigan, Chabot, Reyes, Filner, Baldwin, Langevin, and Udall of New Mexico; William F. Tuerk, Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; John C. Metzler, Jr., Superintendent, Arlington National

Cemetery, Department of the Army; and representatives of veterans organizations.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on health information technology (IT). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: David Brailer, M.D., Technology Coordinator; and Lewis Morris, Chief Counsel to the Inspector General; and public witnesses.

TAX SEASON/IRS BUDGET

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the 2006 tax return filing season, the Internal Revenue Service budget for fiscal year 2007, and other issues in tax administration. Testimony was heard from of the Department of the Treasury: Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, IRS; and J. Russell George, Inspector General, Tax Administration; Raymond T. Wagner, Chairman, Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board; James R. White, Director, Tax Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
APRIL 7, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on building the capacity of foreign military forces, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled “Out at Home: Why Most Nats Fans Can't See Their Team on TV,” 12:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Task Force on Telecom and Antitrust, oversight hearing on Network Neutrality: Competition, Innovation, and Nondiscriminatory Access, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:30 a.m., Friday, April 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, April 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 2454, Securing America's Borders Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the pending motion to commit to occur at approximately 9:45 a.m.; following which, if cloture is not invoked, Senate will then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

Also, Senate will resume consideration of the nominations of Dorrance Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Peter Cyril Wyche Flory, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, with votes on the motions to invoke cloture on each nomination, respectively.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday, April 25, 2006: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

Berman, Howard L., Calif., E524
 Berry, Marion, Ark., E536, E537, E538, E540
 Boustany, Charles W., Jr., La., E529
 Camp, Dave, Mich., E531
 Cardin, Benjamin L., Md., E532
 Case, Ed, Hawaii, E539
 Castle, Michael N., Del., E546, E547
 Conyers, John, Jr., Mich., E545
 Costa, Jim, Calif., E546, E547, E549
 Doyle, Michael F., Pa., E533
 Edwards, Chet, Tex., E528
 Farr, Sam, Calif., E537, E545
 Fox, Virginia, N.C., E536
 Hall, Ralph M., Tex., E544
 Higgins, Brian, N.Y., E526, E540, E542, E545
 Holt, Rush D., N.J., E546, E547, E549, E551
 Jefferson, William J., La., E550
 Jones, Stephanie Tubbs, Ohio, E548
 Kennedy, Mark R., Minn., E528

Kildee, Dale E., Mich., E523
 Knollenberg, Joe, Mich., E543
 Kucinich, Dennis J., Ohio, E531, E532, E534, E535
 Levin, Sander M., Mich., E541, E543
 Lewis, Jerry, Calif., E542
 Lofgren, Zoe, Calif., E536
 McCarthy, Carolyn, N.Y., E532
 McGovern, James P., Mass., E529
 McKeon, Howard P. "Buck", Calif., E543
 McNulty, Michael R., N.Y., E544
 Matsui, Doris O., Calif., E530
 Meek, Kendrick B., Fla., E529, E550
 Moore, Dennis, Kans., E533, E550
 Musgrave, Marilyn N., Colo., E534
 Neugebauer, Randy, Tex., E545
 Norton, Eleanor Holmes, D.C., E547
 Otter, C.L. "Butch", Idaho, E544
 Poe, Ted, Tex., E539
 Porter, Jon C., Nev., E546, E548, E549, E551
 Price, David E., N.C., E539
 Rangel, Charles B., N.Y., E537

Reyes, Silvestre, Tex., E540, E542
 Rogers, Mike, Ala., E528
 Ross, Mike, Ark., E538
 Ruppertsberger, C.A. Dutch, Md., E525
 Ryan, Tim, Ohio, E549
 Schmidt, Jean, Ohio, E526
 Sessions, Pete, Tex., E523
 Simmons, Rob, Conn., E535
 Skelton, Ike, Mo., E523
 Smith, Christopher H., N.J., E527
 Solis, Hilda L., Calif., E538
 Thompson, Bennie G., Miss., E525
 Thornberry, Mac, Tex., E541, E542
 Towns, Edolphus, N.Y., E523, E525, E526, E528, E531
 Udall, Mark, Colo., E531, E533, E544
 Walden, Greg, Ore., E534
 Wasserman Schultz, Debbie, Fla., E540
 Waxman, Henry A., Calif., E541
 Wolf, Frank R., Va., E527
 Woolsey, Lynn C., Calif., E530



Congressional Record

printed pursuant to directions of the Joint Committee on Printing as authorized by appropriate provisions of Title 44, United States Code, and published for each day that one or both Houses are in session, excepting very infrequent instances when two or more unusually small consecutive issues are printed one time. ¶Public access to the *Congressional Record* is available online through *GPO Access*, a service of the Government Printing Office, free of charge to the user. The online database is updated each day the *Congressional Record* is published. The database includes both text and graphics from the beginning of the 103d Congress, 2d session (January 1994) forward. It is available through *GPO Access* at www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess. Customers can also access this information with WAIS client software, via telnet at swais.access.gpo.gov, or dial-in using communications software and a modem at 202-512-1661. Questions or comments regarding this database or *GPO Access* can be directed to the *GPO Access* User Support Team at: E-Mail: gpoaccess@gpo.gov; Phone 1-888-293-6498 (toll-free), 202-512-1530 (D.C. area); Fax: 202-512-1262. The Team's hours of availability are Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, except Federal holidays. ¶The *Congressional Record* paper and 24x microfiche edition will be furnished by mail to subscribers, free of postage, at the following prices: paper edition, \$252.00 for six months, \$503.00 per year, or purchased as follows: less than 200 pages, \$10.50; between 200 and 400 pages, \$21.00; greater than 400 pages, \$31.50, payable in advance; microfiche edition, \$146.00 per year, or purchased for \$3.00 per issue payable in advance. The semimonthly *Congressional Record Index* may be purchased for the same per issue prices. To place an order for any of these products, visit the U.S. Government Online Bookstore at: bookstore.gpo.gov. Mail orders to: Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954, or phone orders to 866-512-1800 (toll free), 202-512-1800 (D.C. area), or fax to 202-512-2250. Remit check or money order, made payable to the Superintendent of Documents, or use VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or GPO Deposit Account. ¶Following each session of Congress, the daily *Congressional Record* is revised, printed, permanently bound and sold by the Superintendent of Documents in individual parts or by sets. ¶With the exception of copyrighted articles, there are no restrictions on the republication of material from the *Congressional Record*.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Superintendent of Documents, *Congressional Record*, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, along with the entire mailing label from the last issue received.