

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 5957–5969; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 341; and H. Res. 1173, were introduced.

Pages H3049–50

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H3050–51

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4279, to enhance remedies for violations of intellectual property laws, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–617);

H.R. 1512, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–618);

H.R. 5830, to create a voluntary FHA program that provides mortgage refinancing assistance to allow families to stay in their homes, protect neighborhoods, and help stabilize the housing market, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–619); and

H.R. 5690, to exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization for certain acts or events and to provide relief for certain members of the African National Congress regarding admissibility, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–620, Pt. 1).

Page H3049

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Serrano to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

Page H3023

Recess: The House recessed at 12:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

Page H3024

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

Calling on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace and good governance in Chad, as well as in the wider region that includes the northern region of the Central African Republic and the Darfur region of Sudan: H. Res. 1011, amended, to call on the United States Government and the international community to promptly develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive regional strategy to protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian operations, contain and reduce violence, and contribute to conditions for sustainable peace and good governance in Chad, as well as in the wider region that includes the northern region of the Central African Republic and the Darfur region of Sudan, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 371 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 242 and

Pages H3026–28, H3046–47

The House further agreed to the Hastings (FL) motion to table the Lewis (CA) motion to reconsider the vote, by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 168 noes, Roll No. 243.

Page H3047

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States: H. Res. 952, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas

and-nay vote of 368 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 240. **Pages H3042–44, H3045–46**

The House further agreed to the Hastings (FL) motion to table the Lewis (CA) motion to reconsider the vote, by a recorded vote of 202 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 241. **Pages H3045–46**

Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. Jeffrey W. Thomas of Ohio to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. **Page H3044**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:22 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H3044**

Intent to Offer Motion to Instruct Conferees: Representative Flake gave notice of his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419, Food and Energy Security Act of 2007. **Page H3044**

Suspensions: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Amending the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service: H.R. 3658, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to permit rest and recuperation travel to United States territories for members of the Foreign Service; **Pages H3024–26**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding provocative and dangerous statements and actions taken by the Government of the Russian Federation that undermine the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia: H. Res. 1166, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding provocative and dangerous statements and actions taken by the Government of the Russian Federation that undermine the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia; **Pages H3028–31**

Condemning the Burmese regime’s undemocratic constitution and scheduled referendum: H. Con. Res. 317, amended, to condemn the Burmese regime’s undemocratic constitution and scheduled referendum; **Pages H3031–34**

Honoring the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life’s work and continuing to acknowledge and remember the victims of genocides that have taken place around the globe: H. Res. 1109, amended, to honor the memory of Dith Pran by remembering his life’s work and continuing to acknowledge and remember the victims of genocides that have taken place around the globe; **Pages H3034–35**

Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: S. 2929, amended, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965; **Pages H3035–36**

Congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education: H. Res. 1168, amended, to congratulate charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education; **Pages H3036–38**

Honoring the recipients of the El Dorado Promise scholarship: H. Res. 1155, amended, to honor the recipients of the El Dorado Promise scholarship; **Page H3038**

Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Charlton Heston and extending its deepest sympathies to the family of Charlton Heston for the loss of such a great generous man, husband, and father: H. Res. 1091, amended, to honor the life, achievements, and contributions of Charlton Heston and extending its deepest sympathies to the family of Charlton Heston for the loss of such a great generous man, husband, and father; and **Pages H3038–41**

Celebrating the role of mothers in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of Mother’s Day: H. Res. 1113, to celebrate the role of mothers in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of Mother’s Day. **Pages H3041–42**

Motion to Adjourn: Agreed to the Serrano motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 199 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 244. **Pages H3047–48**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H3024.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3045, H3045–46, H3046, H3047 and H3048. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SURGE CAPACITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on the Lack of Hospital Emergency Surge Capacity: Will the Administration’s Medicaid Regulations Make It Worse? Testimony was heard from

Lisa Kaplowitz, M.D., Deputy Commission for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Health, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 7.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Do Federal Programs Ensure U.S. Workers Are Recruited First Before Employers Hire From Abroad? 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "The Renewable Fuels Standard: Issues Implementation, and Opportunities," 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 5353, Internet Freedom Preservation Act of 2008, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Higher Education in Africa: Making the Link between Intellectual Capital and Regional Development, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, hearing on the City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay? The Mistakes of Guantanamo and the Decline of America's Image, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The Resilient Homeland—Broadening the Homeland Security Strategy," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Rulemaking Process and the Unitary Executive Theory, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, to consider a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Committee to issue subpoenas to David Addington and John C. Yoo, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rules, Part I, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Federal Prison Industries—Examining the Effects of Section 827 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, 1 p.m.; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5464, A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center Act; H.R. 2352, School Safety Enhancements Act of 2007; H.R. 3480, Let Our Veterans Rest In Peace Act of 2007; S. 2135, Child Soldiers Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 5938, Former Vice President Protection Act of 2008; H.R. 5057, Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2008; H.R. 1783, Elder Justice Act; and H.R. 5352, Elder Abuse Victims Act of 2008, 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 5818, Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008; and a resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendments the bill (H.R. 3221) to provide needed housing reform and for other purposes, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3957, Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act; and H.R. 2339, Produced Water Utilization Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing and briefing on Aviation and the Environment: Emissions, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Rising Fuel Costs in the Trucking Industry, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans Affairs, hearing on the Truth about Veterans' Suicides, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Medicare's DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Employment Eligibility Verification Systems, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Overhead, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2881, FAA Reauthorization Act and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Rockefeller Amendment No. 4627 at 2:30 p.m.; following which, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2284, Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 6

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of the following suspensions: (1) H. Res. 1086—Recognizing National

Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2008; (2) H.R. 4279—Prioritizing Resources and Organization for Intellectual Property Act of 2007; (3) H.R. 1512—To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for compensation to States incarcerating undocumented aliens charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors; (4) H.R. 5690—To exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization; (5) H.R. 5512—Coin Modernization and Taxpayer Savings Act of 2008; (6) H.R. 5614—Original Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle Ultra-High Relief Bullion Coin Act; (7) H.R. 2894—Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act; (8) H.R. 5872—Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act; and (9) H.R. 5937—To facilitate the preservation of certain affordable housing dwelling units. Consideration of a motion to go to Conference on H.R. 4040—The Consumer Product Safety Modernization Act of 2007. Postponed votes on the Ryan (WI) and Kind motions to instruct conferees on H.R. 2419—Food and Energy Security Act of 2007.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

Andrews, Robert E., N.J., E817
 Bilirakis, Gus M., Fla., E811
 Blackburn, Marsha, Tenn., E813
 Bonner, Jo, Ala., E819
 Boustany, Charles W., Jr., La., E809
 Brown-Waite, Ginny, Fla., E817
 Carter, John R., Tex., E810
 Cubin, Barbara, Wyo., E817
 Dreier, David, Calif., E814
 Engel, Eliot L., N.Y., E809

Filner, Bob, Calif., E815
 Franks, Trent, Ariz., E818
 Gallegly, Elton, Calif., E816
 Graves, Sam, Mo., E809, E809, E810, E811, E811, E812, E813, E814, E814
 Green, Al, Tex., E813
 Harman, Jane, Calif., E818
 Hensarling, Jeb, Tex., E812
 Higgins, Brian, N.Y., E816
 Hinojosa, Rubén, Tex., E819
 Jackson-Lee, Sheila, Tex., E818
 Johnson, Eddie Bernice, Tex., E813

Kucinich, Dennis J., Ohio, E815
 Loebbeck, David, Iowa, E817
 McCarthy, Carolyn, N.Y., E809
 McMorris Rodgers, Cathy, Wash., E811
 Matsui, Doris O., Calif., E810, E812
 Oberstar, James L., Minn., E810
 Rangel, Charles B., N.Y., E813
 Reichert, David G., Wash., E815, E816
 Sali, Bill, Idaho, E819
 Shuler, Heath, N.C., E815, E817
 Woolsey, Lynn C., Calif., E816



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.