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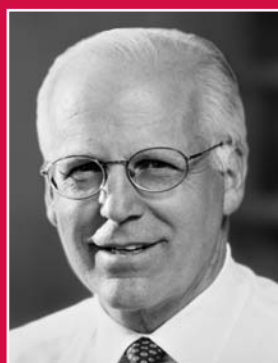
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Dear Friend,

At the beginning of the year I mailed you our 2004 Legislative Questionnaire and asked for your thoughts on a number of issues affecting our district, state and nation.

We received 24,551 responses on the questionnaire. Many added their comments, either on the response form or in a separate letter. Enclosed are the results, along with some of those comments.

Getting our economy moving again and reducing our budget deficits are critically important. More than one third of respondents identified this as the most important issue for Congress to address, with 73 percent replying that the government spends too much and 64 percent agreeing the government taxes too much.

As Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee and a member of the Financial Services Committee, I have been an outspoken advocate of holding the line on spending and ensuring the cyclical deficits don't become structural.

Only 17.9 percent of you and your neighbors identified fighting the war on terrorism or homeland security as Congress' top priority. While 53 percent would have voted to use force in Iraq, 87 percent believe U.S. troops must remain there at least until order is restored. And more than 72 percent support maintaining the commitment of financial and military resources to rebuilding Iraq and Afghanistan. Finally, 63 percent support increased government surveillance to improve homeland security.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, and a member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, I have been a leader in the effort to help our government better address the terrorist threat.

As in previous years, access to affordable health care, energy independence and protecting the environment remain areas of concern. More than 83 percent agree Americans should be able to import less-costly, FDA-approved prescription drugs, and 79 percent feel seniors with lower incomes should pay less for Medicare drugs than higher-income seniors. There is also renewed opposition to permitting illegal aliens to stay in the United States and granting them health and education benefits.

On the state and local level, respondents were concerned about five main issues: property taxes, I-95/Merritt congestion, state spending and taxes, jobs/unemployment, and education.

Once again, I am sending you a list of my votes on legislation that has come before the House of Representatives in the 108th Congress through March, by category. I have provided this information directly to all residents of the Fourth District for the past decade. My votes are also published on our website, [www.house.gov/shays](http://www.house.gov/shays). I hope you find this information helpful.

Thank you for taking the time to stay in touch, by filling out the questionnaire, sharing your thoughts in a letter, phone call, fax or email, meeting one-on-one or in a group, or attending community meetings. Every time you contact us, it helps me represent you better.

Sincerely,

Christopher Shays

P.S.: Please note that while we received 24,551 replies, given that this response was voluntary and self selecting, it is not a scientific sample. As always, please know I am grateful for the opportunity to represent you in Congress.

# RESULTS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

## 1. Which is the most important issue for Congress to address?

Economic growth/jobs	17.8%
Budget deficits	14.4%
War on Terrorism	9.5%
Homeland security	8.4%
National security	6.8%
Health care access	6%

*Abortion, Corporate ethics, Education reform, Election reform, Energy independence, Environmental protection, Gun control, HIV/AIDS in Africa, Immigration, Legal/tort reform, Media concentration, Middle East peace, Other, Prescription drug coverage, Social Security reform, Trade, Transportation and Veterans' benefits all fell below 5 percent.*

## 2. Which is the second most important?

Economic growth/jobs	12.9%
Budget deficits	8.8%
War on Terrorism	8.8%
Health care access	7.2%
Homeland security	7.2%
National security	6.8%
Energy independence	6.2%

*Abortion, Corporate ethics, Education reform, Election reform, Environmental protection, Gun control, HIV/AIDS in Africa, Immigration, Legal/tort reform, Media concentration, Middle East peace, Other, Prescription drug coverage, Social Security reform, Trade, Transportation and Veterans' benefits all fell below 5 percent.*

## 3. Which is the third most important?

Economic growth/jobs	9.4%
Energy independence	7.9%
Budget deficits	7.4%
War on Terrorism	7.1%
Environmental protection	6.5%
Health care access	6.4%
National security	5.9%
Immigration	5.6%
Social Security reform	5.5%
Homeland security	5.1%

*Abortion, Corporate ethics, Education reform, Election reform, Gun control, HIV/AIDS in Africa, Legal/tort reform, Media concentration, Middle East peace, Other, Prescription drug coverage, Trade, Transportation and Veterans' benefits all fell below 5 percent.*

## 4. Which is the most important local issue facing you and your family?

Property taxes	23.7%
I-95/Merritt congestion	17.1%
State spending/taxes	15.2%
Jobs/unemployment	10.3%
Education	9.1%
Affordable housing	6%

*Amtrak/Metro-North, Casino gambling, Child care, Crime/drugs, Homeland security, Long Island Sound protection, Manufacturing jobs, Municipal corruption, Other, Postal service and Power lines/cell tower siting all fell below 5 percent.*

## 5. Which is the second most important?

State spending/taxes	18.3%
Property taxes	16.4%
I-95/Merritt congestion	15%
Jobs/unemployment	8.1%
Education	7.6%
Affordable housing	5.5%

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

### 6. Do you believe we must fight a War on Terrorism at home and abroad?

Yes	79.5%
No	11.4%
Not sure	7.3%
n/a	1.8%

### 7. Do you support a pre-emptive military strike by the United States in an area of the world known to harbor terrorists?

Yes	54.3%
No	29.2%
Not sure	15%
n/a	1.5%

### 8. Would you have voted to support the use of force in Afghanistan?

Yes	74.7%
No	15.1%
Not sure	8.8%
n/a	1.4%

### 9. Would you have voted to support the use of force in Iraq?

Yes	53.3%
No	36%
Not sure	9.4%
n/a	1.4%

### 10. Which of the following statements do you agree with most?

U.S. troops should remain in Iraq until the job of bringing democracy to the country has been completed.	44.8%
U.S. troops should remain in Iraq only until order has been restored.	42.7%
U.S. troops should leave Iraq immediately.	6.7%
Other	4.4%
n/a	1.3%

### 11. Which country is the greatest threat to American security and world peace?

North Korea	36.5%
Saudi Arabia	11.4%
China	9.3%
No country is a threat	7.1%
Other	5.7%
Iran	5.5%
Afghanistan	5%
n/a	5.1%

*Egypt, Iraq, Liberia, Libya, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, Sudan and Syria all fell below 5 percent.*

### 12. Do you support increased government surveillance to improve homeland security?

Yes	63.1%
No	21.7%
Not sure	13.6%
n/a	1.6%

## 13. The Assault Weapons Ban will expire in September 2004. Do you believe the ban should be extended?

Yes	78.1%
No	10.7%
Not sure	9.7%
n/a	1.5%

## 14. Which of the following best reflects your views on casino gambling in Connecticut?

Casino gambling is OK as is but should not be expanded.	58.1%
Casino gambling has a negative impact and should be banned.	21.5%
Casino gambling provides economic benefits and entertainment and should be expanded.	16.2%
Other	2.9%
n/a	1.3%

## 15. Which of the following should we do first to improve public education?

Give parents the right to choose the public, private or parochial school of their choice.	25.6%
Grant merit pay for good teachers.	20.3%
Build on current public education reforms by expanding charter and magnet schools.	17.3%
Fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act.	14.4%
Other	10.8%
Give parents the right to choose the public school of their choice.	4.9%
Fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).	3.7%
n/a	3%

## ECONOMY

### 16. Which statement do you agree with most?

The government spends too much.	73%
Other	13.6%
The government spends just the right amount.	7.1%
The government spends too little.	4.5%
n/a	1.8%

### 17. Do you support making permanent the tax cuts enacted over the past three years?

Yes	50.6%
No	32%
Not sure	16%
n/a	1.4%

### 18. Do you support an increase in the federal gas tax to pay for spending on roads, highways and public transportation?

No	49.4%
Yes	38%
Not sure	11.2%
n/a	1.5%

### 19. Do you support establishing one tax rate ("flat tax") to simplify our tax code and eliminate most deductions?

Yes	47.6%
No	32.9%
Not sure	18.2%
n/a	1.4%

### 20. Do you support abolishing the federal income tax, including the payroll tax, and replacing it with a national sales tax?

No	46.3%
Yes	28%
Not sure	24.2%
n/a	1.5%

<b>21. Which statement do you agree with most?</b>			<b>30. The federal government needs to do more to protect our environment.</b>			<b>39. The public financing system for presidential elections is worth preserving and improving.</b>		
The government taxes too much.	64.2%		Strongly agree	56.7%		Somewhat agree	27.8%	
Other	15.2%		Somewhat agree	26.5%		No opinion	22.9%	
The government taxes just the right amount.	12.6%		Somewhat disagree	7.1%		Strongly agree	22.5%	
The government taxes too little.	5.9%		No opinion	5.3%		Strongly disagree	13.7%	
n/a	2.1%		Strongly disagree	3.4%		Somewhat disagree	11.7%	
			n/a	1%		n/a	1.5%	
<b>22. Do you support a Constitutional Amendment defining "marriage" as being between a man and a woman?</b>			<b>31. The Internet should be more aggressively regulated to ensure privacy and prevent sharing of personal information.</b>			<b>40. The U.S. should continue to expand free trade through bilateral and multilateral agreements with other countries.</b>		
Yes	47.6%		Strongly agree	56.5%		Strongly agree	40.5%	
No	43%		Somewhat agree	22%		Somewhat agree	35.1%	
Not sure	7.7%		Strongly disagree	7.7%		No opinion	10.6%	
n/a	1.7%		Somewhat disagree	6.9%		Somewhat disagree	7.3%	
			No opinion	5.7%		Strongly disagree	5.1%	
			n/a	1.1%		n/a	1.5%	
<b>23. Do you support deportation of illegal aliens?</b>			<b>32. Workers should be able to determine how their own Social Security contributions are invested.</b>			<b>41. Which of the following managed health care reform proposals is most important to you?</b>		
Yes	70.5%		Strongly agree	32.6%		Give doctors more control and authority.	24.2%	
Not sure	14.7%		Somewhat agree	27.1%		Mandate a minimum standard of care.	15.5%	
No	13.3%		Strongly disagree	16.6%		Ensure prescription drug coverage.	14.2%	
n/a	1.5%		Somewhat disagree	14.3%		End the role of managed care providers in the health care system.	13.4%	
			No opinion	8.3%		Guarantee access to specialists.	9.1%	
			n/a	1.2%		Subject decisions of managed care companies to third-party review.	8.9%	
<b>24. Do you support amnesty for illegal aliens?</b>			<b>33. Connecticut's largest cities need an Inspector General to help root out waste, abuse and fraud.</b>			Other	5.1%	
No	60.3%		Strongly agree	38.3%		Grant enrollees the right to sue their managed care companies.	3.7%	
Not sure	20.9%		Somewhat agree	30.2%		Leave the managed health care system as it is.	3%	
Yes	17.0%		Strongly disagree	15.2%		n/a	2.9%	
n/a	1.8%		Somewhat disagree	7.6%				
			No opinion	7.5%				
			n/a	1.3%				
<b>PLEASE RESPOND TO STATEMENTS 25 THROUGH 40 WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:</b>			<b>34. We must maintain the U.S. commitment of financial and military resources to rebuilding Iraq and Afghanistan.</b>			<b>42. Are you better off today than you were five years ago?</b>		
<b>A. Strongly agree</b>		<b>D. Somewhat disagree</b>				Yes	47.4%	
<b>B. Somewhat agree</b>		<b>E. Strongly disagree</b>				No	38.5%	
<b>C. No opinion</b>						Not sure	12.2%	
						n/a	1.8%	
<b>25. I would use public transportation regularly, if it was cleaner, safer and more convenient to my home.</b>			<b>35. Americans should be able to import less-costly, FDA-approved prescription drugs from Canada.</b>					
Strongly agree	29.5%		Somewhat agree	36.5%				
Somewhat agree	27.1%		Strongly agree	36.1%				
No opinion	20.3%		Somewhat disagree	13.3%				
Strongly disagree	11.2%		Strongly disagree	9.5%				
Somewhat disagree	10.1%		No opinion	3.4%				
n/a	1.6%		n/a	1.2%				
<b>26. Any national energy policy should include incentives to decrease consumption and increase use of renewable energy sources.</b>			<b>36. Corporate executives who commit investor fraud should serve time in jail.</b>					
Strongly agree	71.1%		Strongly agree	86.1%				
Somewhat agree	20%		Somewhat agree	9.5%				
No opinion	3.4%		No opinion	1.4%				
Somewhat disagree	2.4%		Somewhat disagree	1%				
Strongly disagree	1.8%		Strongly disagree	1%				
n/a	1.3%		n/a	1%				
<b>27. It is too easy to sue and collect large settlements from doctors and businesses.</b>			<b>37. Long Island Sound has been adequately cleaned up.</b>					
Strongly agree	57.2%		Somewhat disagree	27.2%				
Somewhat agree	21.6%		Strongly disagree	25.1%				
Somewhat disagree	7.7%		Somewhat agree	21.1%				
Strongly disagree	6.5%		No opinion	20.8%				
No opinion	5.9%		Strongly agree	4.4%				
n/a	1.1%		n/a	1.3%				
<b>28. Illegal aliens should be entitled to public health services.</b>			<b>38. Seniors with lower incomes should pay less out of pocket for Medicare prescription drug benefits than higher-income seniors.</b>					
Strongly disagree	49.4%		Strongly agree	48.6%				
Somewhat disagree	18.8%		Somewhat agree	30.6%				
Somewhat agree	17.4%		Somewhat disagree	7.6%				
Strongly agree	9%		Strongly disagree	6.6%				
No opinion	4.2%		No opinion	5.2%				
n/a	1.2%		n/a	1.1%				
<b>29. Illegal aliens should be entitled to public education and access to higher-education benefits.</b>								
Strongly disagree	56.1%							
Somewhat disagree	17.7%							
Somewhat agree	13.3%							
Strongly agree	7.8%							
No opinion	3.8%							
n/a	1.3%							

# QUOTES FROM CONSTITUENTS RESPONDING TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE

## ABOUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN GENERAL:

- "Should have been postage paid!!! My tax dollars." – Fairfield
- "Thank you for the opportunity to easily express concerns." – Oxford
- "Mr. Shays, you should pay for these mailings from your own pocket...another example of poor use of funds!" – Norwalk
- "Thank you for taking the time, money and effort to do this survey! I hope it impacts the way you vote." – Trumbull
- "Why can't we fill this out online?" – Fairfield
- "Thank you for listening to my opinions." – Stamford
- "Great idea, make responses computer scannable next time." – Ridgefield
- "I applaud you for voting according to your conscience after finding out the facts." – Darien
- "Poorly designed survey makes it impossible for you to know our views..." – Redding
- "Continue your efforts to be bi-partisan. Ideologues from the left and right are compromising the world's greatest democracy!" – Weston

## BUDGET/ECONOMY:

- "Government spending needs to be more efficient and effective with vigilant oversight and review those programs that are not effective." – Weston
- "Too many jobs are being outsourced to India by large corporations or are being filled by Indian workers coming here on a work Visa for years. We need federal reform to drastically cut back on this." – Wilton
- "How about stopping your pay increases?" – Oxford
- "Don't spend more than you take in." – Ridgefield
- "If Congress would stop adding pork to the end of every bill and listen to the people, the deficit wouldn't be so large." – Oxford
- "Stop the offshoring of info technology, engineering jobs to China and India. Reduce immigration quotas make sure a U.S. citizen is employed first before an H1-Visa applicant." – Wilton

## EDUCATION:

- "Ensure that education funding is spent on education not social services." – Stamford
- "In favor of school vouchers. Funding is not the issue, the teacher's union preventing a merit based system is the problem." – Greenwich
- "Our public schools cannot battle the ills of society alone. Our schools need community support in the area of student discipline. Free public education is a right but more so it's a privilege and we must impress this fact on our young people." – Shelton
- "Parents already have a right to choose the public, private or parochial school of their choice. That is if they are willing to pay for it. This is the way it should be. No public funds should pay for any private schools in any way. Public money should only be used to better public schools." – Trumbull
- "No Child Left Behind will be another costly failure unless money is spent on smaller teacher/child ratios and supplies. Cities/Schools that continue to have large classes are doomed to keep testing as failures." – Weston
- "NCLB needs serious reconsideration. Very ineffective as it is and clearly had little to no input from educators." – Trumbull

## GUN CONTROL:

- "I strongly support the Second Amendment and feel that any restrictions on that right should be removed. I feel that there should be national reciprocity with concealed weapons permits just like drivers licenses." – Shelton
- "Stop passing laws that only hurt legal gun owners. Go after the 'street' guns and those that sell guns illegally." – Bridgeport
- "We don't need any more gun control laws. Find another issue and let's enforce the laws we already have. The Second Amendment is more important than the first." – Easton
- "Reauthorize Assault Weapons Ban!" – Stamford

## HOMELAND SECURITY/WAR ON TERRORISM/IRAQ:

- "We've spent a lot of dollars on wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. I didn't agree with this, but now that our military is there, we owe these people to finish the job." – Darien
- "I strongly support President Bush's war on terrorism. We need stronger homeland security, need to get borders and immigration under control." – Stamford
- "Work more with other governments rather than make enemies around the world by pushing them around." – Monroe
- "The Patriot Act should be revoked. Preemptive strikes should never occur without UN sanction/approval." – Ridgefield
- "The war on terrorism is a joke and the Patriot Act is an insult to the Constitution." – Wilton
- "We need to focus on our own homeland first and then branch out to try and help others." – Bridgeport
- "Thank you for your stand against terrorism. We appreciate the fact that you've taken the time to really learn about all this and your efforts to keep us safe." – Norwalk
- "We must increase government surveillance to improve homeland security, and be constantly aware of the terrorist threats to our country." – Weston
- "We need national security and military capabilities strengthened." – Shelton
- "Terrorism is our biggest threat. Continue all out war." – Bridgeport
- "Think globally – act locally – U.S. gov't. must be aware of world issues plus give aid and support its own first! Work more with other governments rather than make enemies around the world by pushing them around." – Monroe

## TAXES:

- "If you do nothing else, please pass a flat tax (with a minimum tax free level)." – Redding
- "Property taxes are killing our community." – Bridgeport
- "Change tax laws in favor of low-income and middle-class people – eliminate all tax advantages for the rich." – Ridgefield
- "Whatever happened to the Temporary Sales Tax? It looks like it is here to stay." – Trumbull
- "Cut taxes and revamp welfare (e.g., expand use of work fare, limit programs other than those for disabled/veterans)." – Monroe
- "Too much taxes!" – Trumbull
- "We are in a small business. Do something with taxes to help us. We are getting killed paying taxes, health insurance and pension plans." – Ridgefield
- "When all taxes are added up your constituents are the most highly taxed citizens in the U.S. and the world relative to services received, i.e., medical care, pensions, quality of life, etc." – Greenwich
- "Trickle-down economics does not work. Let's have government for the people." – Westport
- "Abolish all federal taxes and replace with a graduated income tax with no more than 5 brackets and no less than 3 brackets." – Greenwich
- "Grant current tax relief by cutting the FICA tax." – Greenwich
- "The cost-of-living increases faster than our income. Freeze property taxes for elderly." – Bridgeport

## TRANSPORTATION:

- "Connecticut has a traffic problem. Motorcycle owners should be given an energy tax credit. We should encourage motorcycle use." – Easton
- "Mass transportation must be addressed very soon because of constant gridlock [and] outrageous gas prices that soon will confine many of us to our homes a great deal of the time." – Easton
- "To alleviate traffic on I-95 and the Merritt Parkway, there needs to be more frequent intrastate Metro North stops and sufficient (and safe) parking at each station." – Norwalk

## VARIOUS ISSUES:

- "I'm outraged you are not standing up for our Governor." – Greenwich
- "We may need to find a new Governor." – New Canaan
- "Rowland should retire instead of 'our paying' for impeachment." – Bridgeport
- "Reproductive choice should be fully supported by the federal government in every way both at home and abroad. This would slow population growth which exacerbates every social and environmental problem." – Easton
- "Roe v. Wade should be overturned and abortion should be abolished. It's legal killing." – Trumbull
- "Please limit these ridiculous jury awards and class action suits. We all are paying dearly for these judgments through premiums!" – Redding
- "Would love to repeal the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) which is being abused in many instances. Also very concerned about media consolidating and the extension of copyrights beyond reasonable timeframes." – Stamford
- "We need to pay attention to illegal aliens who misuse our resources." – Greenwich
- "Repeal Social Security offset. People should receive full benefits earned. Stop the raiding of Social Security for other use." – Trumbull
- "If we don't have clean water and clean air none of the rest matters." – Ridgefield
- "Watch out for waste of energy and natural resources." – Greenwich
- "Get the U.S. Government off our backs. I am smart enough to decide what's best for me." – Bridgeport
- "Medicare should also have an asset test, income is not a good indicator for need when rich people have millions in real estate and investments." – Darien
- "We support your excellent work on campaign finance reform. Much more is needed; particularly in strengthening the FEC and making it independent." – Westport
- "Your sponsorship of 'Campaign Finance Reform' has resulted in partial repeal of the First Amendment!" – Stamford
- "Hope you'll vote against same sex marriage." – Shelton
- "We need a constitutional amendment defining/maintaining marriage as between one man and one woman." – Stamford
- "Gays should be permitted to enjoy benefits as married people. Don't think it would be marriage. The issue is not worthy of a Constitutional Amendment." – Fairfield
- "Veterans' benefits should not be messed with. They should even be upgraded." – Bridgeport
- "Expand the medical and drug benefits for veterans." – Stamford
- "Take care of veterans. I have cancer, once waited for over a year to see a Dr. in the VA. Also waited a year to see a surgeon. Spend more money to get the VA hospitals staffed with Drs." – Wilton
- "We must not admit illegal immigrants to citizenship or entitlements to do so would be unfair to these who legally apply and ruinous to our entire system." – New Canaan
- "Vote no on amnesty for illegal aliens. Improve security for airline industry (i.e., all cargo mail should be screened)." – Westport

# LEGISLATIVE VOTES

## AGRICULTURE

**(114) HR 108: Lands Grants – Passage** – April 08, 2003 – Hayworth, R-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Agriculture Department to pay for environmental reviews associated with conveying tracts of land to local school districts under the Education Land Grant Act. Motion agreed to 406-8. – VOTE: Yea

**(300) HR 2465: Bankruptcy Protection for Farmers – Passage** – June 23, 2003 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend Chapter 12 bankruptcy protection for family farmers until Jan. 1, 2004. Motion agreed to 379-3. – VOTE: Shays missed vote due to participation in World Economic Forum in Amman, Jordan but supported the measure.

**(314) HJ Res 49: Foreign Agricultural Service Tribute – Passage** – June 25, 2003 – Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution that would honor the Agriculture Department's Foreign Agricultural Service for 50 years of work to expand and promote U.S. agricultural commodities and products. Motion agreed to 409-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(354) HR 2673: Fiscal 2004 Agriculture Appropriations – Country-of-Origin Labels** – July 14, 2003 – Rehberg, R-Mont., amendment that would strike a provision that prohibits the Agriculture Department from using funds to implement country-of-origin labels for meat and meat products. Rejected 193-208. – VOTE: Yea

**(355) HR 2673: Fiscal 2004 Agriculture Appropriations – Prohibition on Animal Fighting** – July 14, 2003 – Blumenauer, D-Ore., amendment that would provide an additional \$800,000 to enforce laws prohibiting animal fighting. Adopted 222-179 – VOTE: Yea

**(356) HR 2673: Fiscal 2004 Agriculture Appropriations – Across-the-Board Decrease** – July 14, 2003 – Hefley, R-Colo., amendment that would reduce the bill's funding across the board by 1 percent. Rejected 68-333. – VOTE: Yea

**(357) HR 2673: Fiscal 2004 Agriculture Appropriations – Downed Animal Meat** – July 14, 2003 – Ackerman, D-N.Y., amendment that would block the use of funds for the Agriculture Department to approve for human consumption meat that comes from "downed animals," animals that cannot stand or walk. Rejected 199-202 – VOTE: Yea

**(358) HR 2673: Fiscal 2004 Agriculture Appropriations – Passage** – July 14, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$77.5 billion for agriculture, rural development and nutrition

programs in fiscal 2004. It would prohibit the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from using funds to prevent the importation of drugs approved by the FDA and prohibit the Agriculture Department from using funds to implement country-of-origin labels for meat and meat products. The bill also would limit to \$975 million spending on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which aims to improve water quality; bar funds to enroll more than 200,000 acres in the Wetlands Reserve Program, which aims to preserve wetlands areas; and block funds from being spent for the Conservation Security Program, a farm and ranch stewardship program. Passed 347-64. – VOTE: Yea

**(620) SJ Res 22: Agriculture Research – Passage** – November 17, 2003 – Gutknecht, R-Minn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would recognize the service of the Agricultural Research Service in the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Motion agreed to 332-0. – VOTE: Yea

## ARTS, IMMIGRATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND OTHER DOMESTIC ISSUES

**(23) HJ Res 19: Ronald Reagan's Birthday – Passage** – February 11, 2003 – Blackburn, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution that would wish former President Ronald Reagan a happy 92nd birthday. Motion agreed to 406-6. – VOTE: Yea

**(27) HR 4: Welfare Reauthorization – Kucinich Substitute** – February 13, 2003 – Kucinich, D-Ohio, amendment that would continue current law provisions that require welfare recipients to work 30 hours per week and require states to have at least half of the families in their case-loads working. It also would allow legal immigrants to receive assistance, give states a poverty reduction bonus, provide annual funding increases for inflation, and increase mandatory child care funding to \$20 billion over five years. Rejected 124-300. – VOTE: Nay

**(28) HR 4: Welfare Reauthorization – Cardin Substitute** – February 13, 2003 – Cardin, D-Md., amendment that would maintain the 30-hour-per-week work requirement for welfare recipients but require that 24 of those hours be in certain core activities. It would give states greater flexibility to provide job training and education to recipients, allow legal immigrants to receive benefits, and increase child care funding by \$11 billion over the next five years. Motion rejected 197-225. – VOTE: Nay

**(29) HR 4: Welfare Reauthorization – Recommit** – February 13, 2003 – Cardin, D-Md., motion to recommit the

bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions that it be reported back with language that would provide additional funding for child care programs. Motion rejected 197-221. – VOTE: Nay

**(30) HR 4: Welfare Reauthorization – Passage** – February 13, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would authorize \$16.5 billion to renew the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through fiscal 2008 and require new welfare aid conditions. The bill would increase the work requirements for individuals receiving assistance from 30 to 40 hours per week and require states to increase the number of recipient families working from the current level of 50 percent to 70 percent or more in 2008. The bill also would provide an additional \$1 billion in mandatory state child care grants and \$200 million to be matched by \$100 million of state money for marriage promotion programs. Passed 230-192. – VOTE: Yea

**(33) H Res 46: Al Hirschfeld Tribute** – February 25, 2003 – Blackburn, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor the life and legacy of caricaturist Al Hirschfeld. Motion agreed to 403-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(35) H Con Res 36: Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary – Adoption** – February 26, 2003 – Jo Ann Davis, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the historical significance of the 140th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, commend Abraham Lincoln's efforts to end slavery, and encourage the people of the United States to celebrate the proclamation's anniversary. Motion agreed to 415-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(42) H Res 111: Fred Rogers Tribute – Adoption** – March 4, 2003 – Murphy, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor the late Fred Rogers, the host and creator of the children's television show, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." Motion agreed to 412-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(47) HR 13: Museums and Libraries – Passage** – March 6, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would authorize a total of \$245 million in fiscal 2004, and such sums as may be necessary in fiscal 2005 through fiscal 2009, for the Office of Library Services and the Office of Museum Services, which are responsible for providing federal grants to libraries and museums. The minimum state allotment for libraries would be doubled, from \$340,000 to \$680,000. The bill also would establish a single, consolidated library and museum advisory board. Passed 416-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(54) H Res 122: Ohio Bicentennial – Adoption** – March 12, 2003 – Turner, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the 200th anniversary of Ohio's admission into the Union. Motion agreed to 424-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(55) H Con Res 85: Fire Safety – Adoption** – March 12, 2003 – Turner, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express regrets to the families of those individuals killed in a nightclub fire in Rhode Island on Feb. 20. It also would urge local government officials and private owners of entertainment facilities to review fire safety procedures to prevent future, similar accidents. Motion agreed to 422-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(99) HR 743: Social Security Fraud – Previous Question** – April 02, 2003 – Linder, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the resolution (H Res 168) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would require the Social Security Administration to re-issue benefits when a "representative payee" misuses funds. Motion agreed to 245-177. – VOTE: Yea

**(100) HR 743: Social Security Fraud – Substitute** – April 02, 2003 – Green, D-Texas, substitute amendment that would drop a provision in the bill that would require public employees who are eligible for a non-Social Security pension to work five years in a job that pays into Social Security before they could qualify for Social Security spousal benefits. Rejected 196-228. – VOTE: Nay

**(101) HR 743: Social Security Fraud – Recommit** – April 02, 2003 – Green, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to add an amendment addressing the concerns of government employees about the government pension offset under title II of the Social Security Act. Motion rejected 203-220. – VOTE: Nay

**(102) HR 743: Social Security Fraud – Passage** – April 02, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would require the Social Security Administration to re-issue benefits when a "representative payee" misuses funds. Non-governmental organizations that act as representative payees would be required to be bonded and licensed. Convicted felons and fugitives would be prohibited from acting as representatives. An individual who misuses benefit funds would be liable for twice the amount of misused benefits and a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation. Fines also would be imposed on individuals who fail to notify the administration of circumstances that could change the amount of Social Security benefits that they are entitled to receive,

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS Used in the Voting Record Report

**Amendment** – a proposal by a member of Congress to alter the language, provisions, or stipulations in a bill or in another amendment. It is usually printed, debated, and voted upon in the same way as a bill.

**Appropriations** – Legislation which provides the spending authority approved by authorization bills, but not necessarily the full amount authorized. There are 13 appropriations bills each year, effective for the fiscal year which begins October 1.

**Authorization** – Basic legislation that establishes or continues (reauthorizes) the legal operation of a federal program or agency, either indefinitely or for a specific time period, or which sanctions a particular type of obligation or expenditure.

**Bill** – A legislative proposal, designated as "HR" in the House of Representatives or "S" in the Senate, followed by a number assigned in the order in which it is introduced during the two-year period of a Congress. A bill becomes a law if it is approved by both houses of Congress in identical form and signed by the President or a President's veto is overridden by a two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate.

**Committee of the Whole House** – A procedural construct designed to expedite the legislative work of the House in which slightly less formal rules of debate and voting on amendments apply.

**Concurrent Resolution** – A resolution, designated as House Concurrent Resolution ("H Con Res") or Senate Concurrent Resolution ("S Con Res"), often used to express the "sense of Congress" on various domestic or foreign policy issues. Concurrent resolutions differ from bills as they are neither required nor intended for approval by the President and, therefore, do not have the full force of law.

**Conference Report** – The product of a meeting ("conference") between designated representatives of the House and Senate to reconcile differences between the two houses over provisions of a bill or joint resolution passed by both chambers in different form. No bill or joint resolution can be sent to the President unless both chambers of Congress have approved the same language.

**Continuing Resolution** – A bill which provides appropriations for specific ongoing activities of federal agencies when a fiscal year begins and the regular 13 appropriations bills have not yet been enacted into law.

**Joint Resolution** – A resolution designated House Joint Resolution ("HJ Res") or Senate Joint Resolution ("SJ Res"), followed by a number assigned in the order in which it is introduced during the two-year periods in which a particular Congress is convened. If approved by both houses in identical form and signed by the President, it becomes a law (just as a bill). A joint resolution is generally limited to special circumstances and is also used to propose amendments to the Constitution. Under that purpose, a joint resolution does not require a Presidential signature and becomes part of the Constitution if three-fourths of the states ratify it.

**Resolution** – A simple resolution, designated House Resolution ("H Res") or Senate Resolution ("S Res"), deals with matters entirely within the prerogatives of one chamber or the other. It requires neither passage by the other house nor approval by the President. It is commonly used for internal business or for expressing the views ("sense") of the House or Senate.

**Suspension of the Rules** – A procedure used in the House intended to speed the consideration of non-controversial legislation. Under suspension of the rules, debate is limited to 40 minutes, no amendments are permitted, and a two-thirds vote is required for passage.

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and public employees would be required to work in a public job that pays into Social Security for five years before they could qualify for an exemption under the Government Pension Offset. Passed 396-28. –VOTE:Yea

**(148) H Con Res 149: Patriots Tribute – Adoption** – April 29, 2003 – Janklow, R-S.D., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express support for the annual celebration in April of Patriots' Day and honor the country's first patriots who acted during the battle for independence in 1775. Motion agreed to 411-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(227) H Res 159: Irma Rangel Tribute – Adoption** – June 02, 2003 – Souder, R-Ind., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would pay tribute to the late Irma Rangel, who in 1977 became the first Mexican-American woman ever elected to the Texas House of Representatives. Motion agreed to 373-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(228) H Res 195: Honoring Sammy Sosa – Adoption** – June 02, 2003 – Souder, R-Ind., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would congratulate Sammy Sosa for hitting on April 4, 2003, his 500th home run and thank him for being a Latino role model. Motion agreed to 372-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(239) HR 1954: Citizenship for Soldiers – Passage** – June 04, 2003 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reduce from three years to one year the length of time non-citizen members of the U.S. military must serve before they can apply for citizenship. It also would allow immediate family members of servicemembers who are citizens and who are killed in the line of duty to apply for immigration benefits, effective retroactively to Sept. 11, 2001. Motion agreed to 414-5. –VOTE:Yea

**(261) HR 2350: Temporary Welfare Extension – Passage** – June 11, 2003 – Herger, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend through Sept. 30 the 1996 welfare law's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program. Motion agreed to 406-6. –VOTE:Yea

**(277) H Con Res 220: Medgar Evers Tribute – Adoption** – June 16, 2003 – Carter, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would honor the work and lives of civil rights advocates Medgar Wiley Evers and Myrlie Evers-Williams. It also would support establishment of "Medgar Evers National Week of Remembrance." Motion agreed to 376-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(278) S 703: Carl T. Curtis Building – Passage** – June 16, 2003 – Hayes, R-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name the National Park Service's midwest regional headquarters building under construction in Omaha, Neb., after the late former Sen. Carl T. Curtis, R-Neb., (1955-1979). Motion agreed to 378-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(279) H Res 276: Child Abuse Prevention and Adoption Programs – Previous Question** – June 17, 2003 – Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 276) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill that would reauthorize through fiscal 2008 federal programs aimed at preventing the abuse and abandonment of children and promoting adoption services. Motion agreed to 226-200. –VOTE:Yea

**(282) S 342: Child Abuse Prevention and Adoption Programs – Conference Report** – June 17, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would reauthorize through fiscal 2008 federal programs aimed at preventing the abuse and abandonment of children and promoting adoption services. The agreement would authorize \$312 million in fiscal 2004 for these federal

programs. It also would reauthorize through fiscal 2008 the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 421-3. –VOTE:Yea

**(312) S 858: Abraham Lincoln Commission – Passage** – June 25, 2003 – Souder, R-Ind., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend through 2010 the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, which works to educate the public on the former president's accomplishments and leadership. Motion agreed to 409-2. –VOTE:Yea

**(313) HR 2474: Anti-Poverty Fellowships – Passage** – June 25, 2003 – Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Congressional Hunger Center, a private volunteer organization dedicated to fighting poverty and hunger, to administer all funds in fiscal 2003 and 2004 to the Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship and the Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowship. Motion agreed to 411-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(376) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Arts and Humanities Funds** – July 17, 2003 – Slaughter, D-N.Y., amendment that would provide an additional \$10 million for the National Endowment for the Arts and an additional \$5 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Adopted 225-200. –VOTE:Yea

**(409) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Citizenship and Immigration Information** – July 22, 2003 – Tancredo, R-Colo., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds for law enforcement assistance grants to any state or local government entity that restricts its officials from transmitting information regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status to or from the Department of Homeland Security. Rejected 122-305. –VOTE:Yea

**(460) H Res 350: Lance Armstrong Tribute – Adoption** – September 03, 2003 – Tom Davis, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution congratulating Lance Armstrong on winning the 2003 Tour de France. Motion agreed to 396-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(526) H Res 357: Bob Hope Tribute – Adoption** – September 30, 2003 – Miller, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would pay tribute to the life and legacy of entertainer Bob Hope. Motion agreed to 408-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(475) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation – Treasury Appropriations – Tax Law Enforcement** – September 04, 2003 – Cooper, D-Tenn., amendment that would earmark \$25 million appropriated for tax law enforcement for the Internal Revenue Service's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) pre-certification initiative, and earmark another \$75 million for enforcing tax laws for mid-size and large corporations. The amendment text would have no net impact on the provisions of the bill. Rejected 192-219. –VOTE:Yea

**(477) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – September 05, 2003 – Cooper, D-Tenn., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 186-210. –VOTE:Nay

**(493) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – September 10, 2003 – Ruppertsberger, D-Md., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the

increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 206-213. –VOTE:Nay

**(501) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – September 10, 2003 – Davis, D-Tenn., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 195-214. –VOTE:Nay

**(506) HR 7: Charitable Giving – Democratic Substitute** – September 17, 2003 – Cardin, D-Md., amendment that would include all provisions of the underlying bill and increase funding for social services block grants by \$1.1 billion in fiscal 2004, paid for by reducing corporate tax breaks. Rejected 203-220. –VOTE:Nay

**(507) HR 7: Charitable Giving – Recommit** – September 17, 2003 – Neal, D-Mass., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report the bill back after adding language that would provide a child tax-credit to low-income families as contained in the Senate-passed version of HR 1308, offset by an extension of customs user fees, and language that would provide several tax breaks for members of the military and their families. Motion rejected 201-221. –VOTE:Nay

**(508) HR 7: Charitable Giving – Passage** – September 17, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would provide \$12.7 billion in tax breaks and incentives to encourage charitable giving. Taxpayers who do not itemize deductions could deduct up to \$250 in charitable donations (\$500 for couples) in each of the next two years. The cap on deductible corporate charitable contributions would increase gradually from 10 percent of taxable income to 20 percent by 2012. The bill also would reduce the current excise tax on foundations' investment income, but tighten a requirement that they contribute 5 percent of their assets to charity each year. Passed 408-13. –VOTE:Yea

**(509) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – September 23, 2003 – Ryan, D-Ohio, motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 199-214. –VOTE:Shays did not vote and did not support the measure.

**(520) HJ Res 69: Fiscal 2004 Continuing Appropriations – Passage** – September 25, 2003. – Passage of the joint resolution to provide continuing appropriations through Oct. 31, 2003, for all federal agencies and departments whose fiscal 2004 spending bills have not been enacted by Sept. 30. The continuing resolution would set spending at fiscal 2003 levels and also transfer \$2.2 billion in already appropriated fiscal 2004 funding for education back into fiscal 2003. Passed 407-8. –VOTE:Shays did not vote but supported the measure.

**(525) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – September 30, 2003 – Pallone, D-N.J., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 202-207. –VOTE:Nay

**(565) HR 3288: Social Security Technical Corrections – Passage** – October 20, 2003 – Upton, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make technical corrections to the Social Security Act relating to state qualification for the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Motion agreed to 382-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(603) H Con Res 94: Direct Support Professionals – Adoption** – November 04, 2003 – McKeon, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of Congress that state and federal governments should promote a stable qualified workforce to provide direct support to those with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. Motion agreed to 382-0. –VOTE:Shays did not vote because of commitments in Connecticut, but submitted a statement in support of the measure.

**(621) SJ Res 18: Inspectors General – Passage** – November 17, 2003 – Duncan, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would commend the inspectors general for their efforts to prevent and detect government waste, abuse, fraud and mismanagement on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. Motion agreed to 326-3. –VOTE:Yea

**(622) H Con Res 299: Sargent Shriver – Adoption** – November 17, 2003 – Duncan, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor Sargent Shriver for his service to the United States, including time spent in the Navy and his work on behalf of the poor. Motion agreed to 325-3. –VOTE:Yea

**(635) H Con Res 320: Motorsports – Adoption** – November 19, 2003 – Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of Congress regarding the importance of motorsports. Motion agreed to 414-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(636) HR 3491: African-American History Museum – Passage** – November 19, 2003 – Ney, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$32 million in fiscal 2004 and such sums as may be necessary in later years to plan and construct a National Museum of African-American History and Culture as part of the Smithsonian Institution. The bill would establish a 19-member commission to make recommendations for the location, construction, funding and contents of the museum to the Smithsonian's Board of Regents. The board would be required to choose a site for the museum within 18 months of the bill's enactment. Motion agreed to 409-9. –VOTE:Yea

**(3) H Res 491: Benefits of Mentoring – Adoption** – January 21, 2004 – Osborne, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commend people who mentor children and support efforts to recruit more mentors in the United States. Motion agreed to 397-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(15) HR 3030: Community Service Grants – Non-Discrimination Provision** – February 04, 2004 – Scott, D-Va., amendment that would add religion as a non-discrimination criteria for hiring by organizations receiving federal Community Services Block Grant

funds. The amendment also would strike language in current law that allows organizations receiving CSBG funds to hire on a religious basis. Rejected 182-231. – VOTE: Yea

**(16) HR 3030: Community Service Grants – Religious Activity** – February 04, 2004 – Scott, D-Va., amendment that would require religious groups that receive Community Service Block Grant funds to conduct religious activities separately and make them voluntary for program participants. Rejected 180-233 – VOTE: Yea

**(17) HR 3030: Community Service Grants – Democratic Substitute** – February 04, 2004 – Woolsey, D-Calif., substitute amendment that would prohibit organizations that receive federal Community Services Block Grant funds from hiring on a religious basis and require them to operate in a "lawful and secular" manner when using the funds. Rejected 183-232 – VOTE: Yea

**(22) HR 743: Social Security Fraud – Previous Question** – February 11, 2004 – Linder, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 520) to provide for House floor consideration of the motion to concur with the Senate amendments to the bill that would require the Social Security Administration to re-issue benefits when a "representative payee" misuses funds. Motion agreed to 226-197. – VOTE: Yea

**(23) HR 743: Social Security Fraud – Concur with Senate Amendments** – February 11, 2004 – Shaw, R-Fla., motion to concur with the Senate amendments to the bill that would require the Social Security Administration to re-issue benefits when a "representative payee" misuses funds. It also would require state and local government employees to work in a job that pays into Social Security for five years before they could qualify for an exemption under the government pension offset. Illegal immigrants would not be able to collect Social Security benefits for the time they worked in the country illegally unless they were later granted legal status. Motion agreed to 402-19. – VOTE: Yea

**(29) H Con Res 287: Raul Julia Tribute – Adoption** – February 25, 2004 – Miller, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would honor the late actor Raul Julia for his contributions to the performing arts and the Latino community as well as his commitment to ending world hunger. Motion agreed to 422-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(42) H Res 519: California Earthquake – Adoption** – March 09, 2004 – T. Davis, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express sadness at the loss of life and property caused by the Dec. 22, 2003, earthquake in San Luis Obispo County, Calif., and recognize the local officials and personnel who aided the earthquake victims and their families. Motion agreed to 404-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(43) H Res 392: Detroit Shock Basketball Tribute – Adoption** – March 09, 2004 – Miller, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would congratulate the Detroit Shock for winning the 2003 Women's National Basketball Association Championship. Motion agreed to 401-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(44) H Res 475: San Jose Earthquakes Soccer Tribute – Adoption** – March 09, 2004 – Miller, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would congratulate the San Jose Earthquakes for winning the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup. Motion agreed to 399-0. VOTE: Yea

**(75) HR 2489: Cowlitz Indian Settlement – Passage** – March 23, 2004 – Saxton, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would set aside 20 percent of the funds from a government settlement owed to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe of Washington for a tribal

elderly assistance program, with the remainder distributed among eight other assistance programs. Motion agreed to 404-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(86) HR 2993: Commemorative Coins – Passage** – March 25, 2004 – Castle, R-Del., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the Commemorative Coin Program – which issues a commemorative quarter for each state – for an additional year, through 2009, and would add the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories to the program. Motion agreed to 411-14. VOTE: Yea

**(93) HR 3095: Lowering of Flags – Passage** – March 25, 2004 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would explicitly authorize top local government officials to order the lowering of the U.S. flag to half-staff to honor the deaths of current and past local government employees. Motion agreed to 374-2. – VOTE: Yea

#### BUDGET, TAXES, AND ECONOMY

**(8) HJ Res 1, HJ Res 2: Fiscal 2003 Continuing Appropriations – Previous Question** – January 8, 2003 – Linder, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the resolution (H Res 15) to provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolutions that would provide continuing appropriations through Jan. 31, 2003, for all federal departments and programs. Motion agreed to 225-198. – VOTE: Yea

**(10) HJ Res 1: Fiscal 2003 Continuing Appropriations – Ruling of the Chair** – January 8, 2003 – Gutknecht, R-Minn., motion to table (kill) the Frank, D-Mass., appeal of the ruling of the chair that the Obey, D-Wis., motion to recommit violates section 302 (c) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1974 as an inappropriate allocation of new budget authority. The Obey motion would recommit the joint resolution to a select committee made up of Young, R-Fla., and Obey with instructions that it be reported back with language that would provide additional supplemental funding for several federal programs including \$776 million for the Securities and Exchange Commission. Motion agreed to 217-192. – VOTE: Yea

**(11) HJ Res 1: Fiscal 2003 Continuing Appropriations – Recommit** – January 8, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to recommit the joint resolution to a select committee made up of Young, R-Fla., and Obey, with instructions that it be reported back with language that would modify last year's homeland security legislation to prevent the Homeland Security Department from contracting for services with corporate expatriates and suspend the bill's liability protections for vaccine makers. Motion rejected 192-220. – VOTE: Nay

**(15) HJ Res 13: Fiscal 2003 Continuing Appropriations – Appeal Ruling of the Chair** – January 28, 2003 – Putnam, R-Fla., motion to table (kill) the Obey, D-Wis., appeal of the ruling of the chair that the Obey motion to recommit violates section 302(c) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1974 as an inappropriate allocation of new budget authority. The Obey motion would recommit the joint resolution to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back with language that would provide \$3.5 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to support first responders and \$90 million for the Centers for Disease Control to screen emergency response personnel exposed to toxic substances at the World Trade Center site in New York. Motion agreed to 222-196. – VOTE: Yea

**(16) HJ Res 13: Fiscal 2003 Continuing Appropriations – Recommit** – January 28, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to recommit the joint resolution to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back with language that would provide a total of \$3.5 billion for homeland security grants for first responders and \$90 million for the

Centers for Disease Control to screen and monitor the long-term health of emergency personnel who responded to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Motion rejected 201-222. – VOTE: Nay

**(17) HJ Res 2: Fiscal 2003 Omnibus Appropriations – Motion to Instruct** – January 29, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to instruct House conferees to agree to the highest levels of funding for military veterans' medical care and for all programs under the jurisdiction of the House Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee. The instructions also would direct conferees to insist on full funding to meet President Bush's request for homeland security needs. Motion rejected 200-209. – VOTE: Nay

**(18) HJ Res 18: Fiscal 2003 Continuing Appropriations – Recommit** – February 5, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to recommit the joint resolution to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions that it be reported back with language that would continue payment rates for physician services under Medicare at fiscal 2002 levels and increase the base payment amount that hospitals in small urban and rural areas receive through Medicare to the same as that for larger urban hospitals. Motion rejected 195-215. – VOTE: Nay

**(31) HJ Res 2: Fiscal 2003 Omnibus Appropriations – Recommit** – February 13, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to recommit the conference report on the joint resolution that would provide \$397.4 billion in fiscal 2003 spending to the conference committee with instructions to strike several environmental-related provisions including one that would permit leasing studies of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and to add language that would provide additional funding for conservation resource programs and \$500 million for state and local "first responders." Motion rejected 193-226. – VOTE: Nay

**(32) HJ Res 2: Fiscal 2003 Omnibus Appropriations – Conference Report** – February 13, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the joint resolution that would provide \$397.4 billion in fiscal 2003 spending for all Cabinet departments and government agencies covered in 11 unfinished spending bills. The included bills are: Agriculture, Treasury-Postal, Transportation, VA-HUD, Legislative Branch, Energy and Water, District of Columbia, Labor-HHS, Commerce-Justice-State, Interior and Foreign Operations. The agreement would provide a 0.65 percent across-the-board cut to many programs to offset additional increased funding primarily for education. It would provide \$10 billion for intelligence and military activities, an additional \$3.1 billion for drought relief, \$1.5 billion for state election overhaul efforts, and an increase in Medicare payments to physicians by \$54 billion over 10 years. Adopted 338-83. – VOTE: Yea

**(78) H Con Res 95: Fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution – Blue Dog Substitute** – March 20, 2003 – Hill, D-Ind., amendment that would provide a balanced budget by fiscal 2009. It would maintain the president's spending levels including a \$400 billion prescription drug benefit but provide congressional flexibility in allocating funds. It also would postpone future tax cuts for high income individuals if the budget remains in a deficit because of costs associated with a war on Iraq. Rejected 174-254. – VOTE: Nay

**(79) H Con Res 95: Fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution – Conservative Alternative** – March 20, 2003 – Toomey, R-Pa., amendment that would provide a balanced budget by fiscal 2007. It would call for a 10-year, \$1.6 billion tax cut. It also would provide lower discretionary spending levels. Rejected 80-342. – VOTE: Nay

**(80) H Con Res 95: Fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution – Black Caucus/Progressive Caucus Alternative** – March 20, 2003 – Owens, D-N.Y., amendment that would provide a balanced budget by fiscal 2008. It would repeal tax cuts for high income individuals and call for additional breaks for low income families. It also would provide additional funding in such areas as education, health and child care, and housing. Rejected 85-340. – VOTE: Nay

**(81) H Con Res 95: Fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution – Democratic Substitute** – March 20, 2003 – Spratt, D-S.C., amendment that would provide additional non-defense discretionary funding for fiscal 2004, maintain mandatory spending at current levels, provide a \$528 billion prescription drug benefit, and include a \$136 billion tax cut. Rejected 192-236. – VOTE: Nay

**(82) H Con Res 95: Fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution – Adoption** – March 21, 2003 – Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. The resolution would call for \$1.3 trillion in tax cuts and \$265 billion in mandatory spending reductions over the next decade. It would call for \$775.4 billion in discretionary spending for fiscal 2004. Discretionary funding unrelated to defense and homeland security would receive a one percent reduction from the current level. It also sets up a \$400 billion, 10-year reserve fund for Medicare overhaul and a prescription drug benefit. Adopted 215-212. – VOTE: Yea

**(95) H Con Res 95: Fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution – Motion to Instruct** – April 01, 2003 – Spratt, D-S.C., motion to instruct House conferees to eliminate certain reconciliation instructions contained in the House-adopted budget resolution to the Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans Affairs, and Ways and Means Committees and to defer to a Senate amendment that would create a \$396 billion Social Security Reserve Account for use in implementing future legislation to strengthen Social Security. Motion agreed to 399-22. – VOTE: Yea

**(128) H Con Res 141: Tax Code Overhaul – Adoption** – April 10, 2003 – Thomas, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of Congress in supporting a national debate on overhauling the nation's tax code and agree with a presidential economic report stating that making the code simpler, improving economic incentives, and reaching fairness should be key objectives. It also states that Congress will begin hearings on overhauling the code. Motion agreed to 424-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(139) H Con Res 95: Fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution – Consideration of Rule** – April 11, 2003 – Adoption of the resolution (H Res 190) that would waive the two-thirds vote requirement for same day consideration of the rule (H Res 191) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the concurrent resolution that would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. Adopted 223-203. – VOTE: Yea

**(140) H Con Res 95: Fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution – Rule** – April 11, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 191) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report to the concurrent resolution that would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. Adopted 221-202. – VOTE: Yea

**(141) H Con Res 95: Fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution – Conference Report** – April 11, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the concurrent resolution that would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. The agreement would allow a tax cut of up to \$550 billion to be protected by reconciliation rules. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 216-211. – VOTE: Yea

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**(178) HR 2: Tax Reductions – Previous Question** – May 09, 2003 – Reynolds, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the resolution (H Res 227) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would provide \$550 billion in tax breaks over 11 years. Motion agreed to 219-203. –VOTE:Yea

**(179) HR 2: Tax Reductions – Rule** – May 09, 2003 – Adoption of the resolution (H Res 227) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would provide \$550 billion in tax breaks over 11 years. Adopted 220-203. –VOTE:Yea

**(180) HR 2: Tax Reductions – Ruling of the Chair Appeal** – May 09, 2003 – Thomas, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Rangel, D-N.Y., appeal of the ruling of the chair that the Rangel motion to recommit was not germane. The Rangel motion would have sent the bill back to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to add language that would have provided a \$177 billion tax package that included smaller breaks for individuals and businesses, an extension of unemployment benefits and grants to states to help with their budget crises. Motion agreed to 222-202. –VOTE:Yea

**(181) HR 2: Tax Reductions – Recommit** – Moore, D-Kansas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to add language that would provide that the bill's provisions would not take effect until there is a balanced federal budget. Motion rejected 202-218. –VOTE: Nay

**(182) HR 2: Tax Reductions – Passage** – May 09, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would provide \$550 billion in tax breaks over 11 years. The bill would establish through 2013 a new top tax rate of 15 percent on capital gains and dividends. Lower-income taxpayers would pay 5 percent. Income tax cuts enacted in 2001 and scheduled to take effect in 2006 would be accelerated and made retroactive to Jan. 1, and the upper limit of the 10 percent income tax bracket for couples would be increased to \$14,000 through 2005. The child tax credit increase also would be accelerated so that the \$1,000 credit would be effective through 2005. The tax break for married couples also would be accelerated so that their standard income tax deduction would be double the standard deduction for a single filer through 2005. The alternative minimum tax exemption for couples would be increased to \$59,000 through 2005. The deduction that small businesses could take on investments would be increased to \$100,000 through 2005. It also would increase to 50 percent the portion of an investment that larger companies can write off in the first year. Passed 222-203. –VOTE:Yea

**(191) HR 1527: NTSB Reauthorization – Ruling of the Chair** – May 15, 2003 – Motion to sustain the ruling of the chair upholding the Mica, R-Fla., point of order against the Cardin, D-Md., amendment that would extend unemployment benefits by 13 weeks to workers who have exhausted federal benefits. The Mica point of order was that the amendment was not germane. Motion agreed to 225-200. –VOTE:Yea

**(211) HR 2: Tax Reductions – Previous Question** – May 22, 2003 – L. Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the resolution (H Res 249) that would waive the two-thirds vote requirement for same day consideration of the rule to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill that would provide \$350 billion in tax breaks over 11 years. Motion agreed to 221-202. –VOTE:Yea

**(212) HR 2: Tax Reductions – Consideration of Rule** – May 22, 2003 – Adoption of the resolution (H Res 249) that would waive the two-thirds vote requirement for same day consideration of the rule to provide for House floor consideration of the

conference report on the bill that would provide \$350 billion in tax breaks over 11 years. Adopted 218-202. –VOTE:Yea

**(224) HR 2: Tax Reductions – Previous Question** – May 23, 2003 – Motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 253) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill that would provide \$350 billion in tax breaks. Motion agreed to 221-205. –VOTE:Yea

**(225) HR 2: Tax Reductions – Conference Report** – May 23, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would provide \$350 billion in tax breaks over 11 years. It would provide \$20 billion in state aid that consists of \$10 billion for Medicaid and \$10 billion to be used at states' discretion. The agreement includes a new top tax rate of 15 percent on capital gains and dividends through 2007 (5 percent for lower-income taxpayers in 2007 and no tax in 2008). Income tax cuts enacted in 2001 and scheduled to take effect in 2006 would be accelerated. The child tax credit would increase to \$1,000 through 2004. The standard deduction for married couples would be double that for a single filer through 2004. Tax breaks for businesses would include increasing the deduction that small businesses could take on investments to \$100,000 through 2005. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 231-200. –VOTE:Yea

**(273) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Previous Question** – June 12, 2003 – Pryce, R-Ohio, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 270) that would concur with a Senate amendment to the bill, with a further House amendment. Motion agreed to 225-201. –VOTE:Yea

**(274) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Rule** – June 12, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 270) that would concur with a Senate amendment to the bill, with a further House amendment. The House amendment would extend through 2010 the \$1,000-per-child tax credit enacted in the 2003 tax law; increase from \$110,000 to \$150,000 the income limit for couples eligible for the credit; and accelerate to 2003 the increase in the amount of the credit that could be refunded to low-income families, with no payments until tax returns are filed. The amendment also would provide a number of tax breaks for members of the armed forces. Adopted 224-201. –VOTE:Yea

**(275) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – June 12, 2003 – Rangel, D-N.Y., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It also would instruct conferees to not include additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. Motion agreed to 205-201. –VOTE: Nay

**(284) HR 8: Estate Tax Repeal – Previous Question** – June 18, 2003 – Reynolds, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 281) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would make permanent the repeal of the estate tax contained in the 2001 tax cut law (PL 107-16) which is set to expire after 2010. Motion agreed to 227-200. –VOTE:Yea

**(285) HR 8: Estate Tax Repeal – Rule** – June 18, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 281) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that make permanent the repeal of the estate tax contained in the 2001 tax cut law (PL 107-16) which is set to expire after 2010. Adopted 230-199. –VOTE:Yea

**(287) HR 8: Estate Tax Repeal – Democratic Substitute** – June 18, 2003 – Pomeroy, D-N.D., substitute amendment that would cap the estate tax rate at 49 percent and exempt from the tax all estates under \$3 million. Rejected 188-239. –VOTE: Nay

**(288) HR 8: Estate Tax Repeal – Passage** – June 18, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would make permanent the repeal of the estate tax contained in the 2001 tax cut law (PL 107-16) and which is set to expire after 2010. Passed 264-163. –VOTE:Yea

**(291) HR 1528: Tax Filing Changes – Democratic Substitute** – June 19, 2003 – McDermott, D-Wash., substitute amendment that would make numerous revisions to the Internal Revenue Code, including changes to tax collection practices, tax filing procedures and IRS administrative policies. It would remove a health-insurance waiver provision. It would include Senate-passed language expanding the child tax credit to low-income families and granting additional tax breaks for military personnel. The amendment also would make other tax code changes aimed at assisting low-income taxpayers and eliminating tax breaks for companies that move their headquarters overseas to avoid paying U.S. income taxes. Rejected 196-226. –VOTE: Nay

**(292) HR 1528: Tax Filing Changes – Recommit** – June 19, 2003 – Visclosky, D-Ind., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions that it be reported back after striking language that would allow workers to waive federal consumer protections in exchange for a health insurance tax credit and inserting language that would expand the health insurance tax credit in the 2002 Trade Act to any retiree who has had their pension taken over by the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation or who qualifies for Trade Adjustment Assistance. Motion rejected 199-226. –VOTE: Nay

**(293) HR 1528: Tax Filing Changes – Passage** – June 19, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would make numerous revisions to the Internal Revenue Code, including changes to tax collection practices, tax filing procedures and IRS administrative policies. It would give taxpayers filing electronically an additional 15 days to file their taxes, allow the IRS to enter into installment agreements with delinquent taxpayers for less than the full amount of their tax liability, and exclude from taxable income interest paid to taxpayers who overpaid their taxes. Workers who lose their jobs because of imports and receive state-based health insurance coverage in states that do not have approved plans could waive federal requirements related to pre-existing conditions and guaranteed coverage in exchange for a tax credit. Passed 252-170. –VOTE:Yea

**(370) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – July 16, 2003 – DeLauro, D-Conn., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report by Friday, July 18, 2003. Motion rejected 206-220. –VOTE: Nay

**(390) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – July 17, 2003 – Michaud, D-Maine, motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within

two legislative days of adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 202-214. –VOTE: Nay

**(396) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – July 18, 2003 – Bell, D-Texas, motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 188-201. –VOTE: Shays did not vote and does not support the measure.

**(398) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – July 21, 2003 – Van Hollen, D-Md., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 193-212. –VOTE: Nay

**(446) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – July 25, 2003 – Ross, D-Ark., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 202-214. –VOTE: Nay

**(447) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – July 25, 2003 – Solis, D-Calif., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 206-216. –VOTE: Nay

**(448) HR 2859: Fiscal 2003 Supplemental Disaster Funds – Previous Question** – July 25, 2003 – Hastings, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 339) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$983.6 million in emergency spending in fiscal 2003 for Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief activities. Motion agreed to 219-200. –VOTE:Yea

**(449) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – July 25, 2003 – Bishop, D-N.Y., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 202-221. –VOTE: Nay

**(458) HR 2859: Fiscal 2003 Supplemental Disaster Funds – Offsets** – July 25, 2003 – Toomey, R-Pa., amendment that would offset the bill's cost by rescinding \$983.6 million in unobligated fiscal 2003 funds for all discretionary spending accounts except for those related to the departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs. Rejected 111-300. – VOTE: Yea

**(459) HR 2859: Fiscal 2003 Supplemental Disaster Funds – Passage** – July 25, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$983.6 million in emergency spending in fiscal 2003 for Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief activities. Passed 352-60. – VOTE: Nay

**(529) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – October 01, 2003 – Davis, D-Ala., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 207-219. – VOTE: Nay

**(541) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – October 15, 2003 – Crowley, D-N.Y., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 203-204. – VOTE: Nay

**(566) HJ Res 73: Fiscal 2004 Continuing Appropriations – Rule** – October 21, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 407) that would provide for consideration of the joint resolution that would make continuing appropriations through Nov. 7 for federal departments and agencies covered by fiscal 2004 spending bills that have not yet been enacted. Adopted 219-189. – VOTE: Yea

**(568) HJ Res 73: Fiscal 2004 Continuing Appropriations – Passage** – October 21, 2003 – Passage of the joint resolution that would make continuing appropriations through Nov. 7 for federal departments and agencies covered by fiscal 2004 spending bills that have not yet been enacted. Passed 397-19. – VOTE: Yea

**(572) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – October 28, 2003 – Woolsey, D-Calif., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of Customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 197-208. – VOTE: Nay

**(574) HJ Res 75: Fiscal 2004 Continuing Appropriations – Rule** – October 29, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 417) that would provide for consideration of the joint resolution that would make continuing appropriations for those federal departments and agencies whose fiscal 2004 appropriations bills have not been enacted. Adopted 311-112. – VOTE: Yea

**(583) HJ Res 75: Fiscal 2004 Continuing Appropriations – Passage** – October 30, 2003 – Passage of the joint resolution that would make continuing fiscal 2004 appropriations through Nov. 7 for all federal departments and agencies whose regular fiscal 2004 spending bills have not been enacted. Passed 406-13. – VOTE: Yea

**(605) HJ Res 76: Fiscal 2004 Continuing Resolution – Passage** – November 05, 2003 – Passage of the joint resolution that would provide continuing appropriations through Nov. 21 for all federal departments and agencies whose fiscal 2004 appropriations bills have not been enacted. Passed 418-5. – VOTE: Yea

**(614) HR 1308: Child Tax Credit and Military Tax Breaks – Motion to Instruct** – November 06, 2003 – Becerra, D-Calif., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions of the Senate-adopted amendment including language that would allow low-income families to receive the increased child tax credit refund immediately, and offset the \$9.8 billion cost by an extension of Customs user fees. It would instruct conferees to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets. It also would instruct conferees to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. Motion rejected 197-207. – VOTE: Nay

**(645) HJ Res 78: Fiscal 2004 Continuing Appropriations – Rule** – November 20, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 450) to provide for House floor consideration of the joint resolution that would provide continuing appropriations through Nov. 23 for all federal departments and agencies whose fiscal 2004 appropriations bills have not been enacted. Adopted 406-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(648) HJ Res 78: Fiscal 2004 Continuing Appropriations – Passage** – November 20, 2003 – Passage of the joint resolution that would make continuing fiscal 2004 appropriations through Nov. 23 for all federal departments and agencies whose fiscal 2004 appropriations bills have not been enacted. Passed 410-10. – VOTE: Yea

**(661) H Res 458: Fiscal 2004 Appropriations – Previous Question** – November 21, 2003 – Motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 458) that would waive the two-thirds vote requirement for same day consideration of any rule reported on Nov. 21, 2003, on a resolution to provide continuing fiscal 2004 appropriations or the conference report on any fiscal 2004 appropriations bill. Motion agreed to 225-202. – VOTE: Yea

**(662) H Res 458: Fiscal 2004 Appropriations – Consideration of Rule** – November 21, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 458) that would waive the two-thirds vote requirement for same day consideration of any rule reported on Nov. 21, 2003, on a resolution to provide continuing fiscal 2004 appropriations or the conference report on any fiscal 2004 appropriations bill. Adopted 224-203. – VOTE: Yea

**(664) HJ Res 79: Fiscal 2004 Continuing Appropriations – Passage** – November 21, 2003 – Passage of the joint resolution that would make continuing fiscal 2004 appropriations through Jan. 31, 2004, for all federal departments and agencies whose fiscal 2004 appropriations bills have not been enacted. Passed 407-16. – VOTE: Yea

**(84) H Con Res 393: Fiscal 2005 Budget Resolution – Previous Question** – March 25, 2004 – Hastings, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 574) to provide for House floor consideration of the concurrent resolution that would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next five years. Motion agreed to 222-201. – VOTE: Yea

**(88) H Con Res 393: Fiscal 2005 Budget Resolution – Congressional Black Caucus Substitute** – March 25, 2004 – Cummings, D-Md., amendment that would provide for \$43.3 billion in additional spending and \$5 billion for deficit reduction in fiscal 2005. It would call for action to rescind tax cuts for individuals making more than \$200,000 in gross income, close several tax loopholes and reduce funding for the ballistic missile defense program. Spending increases would include \$30.5 billion more for non-defense programs and an additional \$12.8 billion for defense, homeland security and veterans' programs. Rejected 119-302. – VOTE: Nay

**(89) H Con Res 393: Fiscal 2005 Budget Resolution – Blue Dog Substitute** – March 25, 2004 – Stenholm, D-Texas, amendment that would provide for a balanced budget by fiscal 2012 and reduce the deficit by half over the next two years. Action on additional tax cuts or other proposals that would create additional budgetary obligations would be deferred until Congress and the president has taken action to reduce the deficit. It would allow for a one-year extension of the \$1,000 child tax credit, so-called marriage penalty relief, and the 10 percent tax bracket and allow for an extension of the tax cuts after 2010 subject to pay-as-you-go rules. Rejected 183-243. – VOTE: Nay

**(90) H Con Res 393: Fiscal 2005 Budget Resolution – Republican Study Committee Substitute** – March 25, 2004 – Hensarling, R-Texas, amendment no. 3 that would provide procedural protection for \$182.6 billion in tax cuts over five years, while reducing the deficit by half in three years. It also would call for reducing non-defense, non-homeland security discretionary spending by 1 percent from fiscal 2004 levels and scaling back the growth of non-Social Security mandatory spending by 1 percent in fiscal 2005. Rejected 116-309. – VOTE: Nay

**(91) H Con Res 393: Fiscal 2005 Budget Resolution – Democratic Substitute** – March 25, 2004 – Spratt, D-S.C., amendment no. 4 that would provide for a balanced budget by fiscal 2012 and allow discretionary spending to keep pace with inflation. It would allow for an extension of certain tax cuts, such as the \$1,000 child tax credit, while reducing tax cuts for those who make more than \$500,000 a year. It also would establish a "pay-as-you-go" point of order that could be raised against any tax cuts or spending increases that are not offset. Rejected 194-232. – VOTE: Nay

**(92) H Con Res 393: Fiscal 2005 Budget Resolution – Adoption** – March 25, 2004 – Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next five years. The resolution would call for \$821.3 billion in discretionary spending for fiscal 2005, and assumes \$50 billion for additional fiscal 2005 spending to support military operations in Iraq. It would call for \$152.6 billion in tax cuts over five years, and provide reconciliation protection for \$137.6 billion of that total. It also would call for the budget deficit to be reduced by approximately half by fiscal 2009. Mandatory spending would rise by 5 percent in fiscal 2005. It would allow for a 7 percent increase in defense spending in fiscal 2005 and a 12 percent increase in homeland security spending. Adopted 215-212. – VOTE: Nay

**(97) S Con Res 95: Fiscal 2005 Budget Resolution – Motion to Instruct** – March 30, 2004 – Thompson, D-Calif., motion to instruct House conferees to accept provisions in the Senate version of the budget resolution that would subject any tax cut or mandatory spending expansion to either a pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) offset or a 60-vote point of order in the Senate. Motion rejected 209-209. – VOTE: Yea

## BUSINESS, TRADE, AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

**(26) HR 395: Do Not Call Registry – Passage** – February 12, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would allow the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to collect user fees to set up a program that would let individuals avoid telemarketers by placing their numbers on a "do not call" list. The program would expire in 2007. It also would require the Federal Communications Commission to complete its own current review of telemarketing rules within six months of the bill's enactment and work to reconcile its rules with those of the FTC. Motion agreed to 418-7. – VOTE: Yea

**(36) HR 258: Nickel Redesign – Adoption** – February 26, 2003 – Biggert, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the bill that would allow the Treasury Secretary to change the design on 5-cent coins issued in 2003, 2004, and 2005 in recognition of the bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase and the expedition of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, and establish the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee to advise the Treasury Secretary on the selection of themes and designs for coins. Motion agreed to 412-5. – VOTE: Yea

**(45) HR 1047: Various Tariff Reductions – Passage** – March 5, 2003 – Crane, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would temporarily reduce or eliminate tariffs and duties on over 300 chemical and other products that are produced outside the United States. Most of the reductions or suspensions would last through 2005. The bill would lift import duties on hand-made rugs from such countries as Pakistan, Egypt and Morocco. The bill also would allow the president to lower tariffs on imports from Serbia and Montenegro and allow the U.S. Customs Service to enter into an agreement with Canada to strengthen border security. Motion agreed to 415-11. – VOTE: Yea

**(68) S 23: HR 314: Mortgage Service Exemptions – Passage** – March 19, 2003 – Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would exempt from collection disclosure requirements companies who both act as debt collectors and service mortgage loans secured by first liens. Motion agreed to 424-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(71) HR 975: Bankruptcy Overhaul – Place of Corporate Filings** – March 19, 2003 – Sherman, D-Calif., amendment that would require a corporation to file for bankruptcy in the district court with jurisdiction over the corporation's principal place of business. Rejected 155-269. – VOTE: Nay

**(72) HR 975: Bankruptcy Overhaul – Democratic Substitute** – March 19, 2003 – Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would make changes to the means test and require a court to consider an individual's reasonable and necessary expenses and income when determining whether to convert a filing under Chapter 7 to one under Chapter 13. The court also would determine whether an individual could repay 30 percent of unsecured debt. It also would provide additional protections related to health insurance, child support and alimony payments. Rejected 128-296. – VOTE: Nay

**(73) HR 975: Bankruptcy Overhaul – Recommit** – March 19, 2003 – Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to include an amendment that would allow additional protections for alimony and child support payments. Motion rejected 150-276. – VOTE: Nay

**(74) HR 975: Bankruptcy Overhaul – Passage** – March 19, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would require individuals who are determined to have sufficient resources after the application of a means test to reorganize their debts under Chapter 13 instead of discharging more of their unpaid obligations under Chapter 7. Under the test, individuals able to repay \$10,000 or 25 percent of their debts

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over five years would be required to enter into a repayment plan. A debtor would be limited to a total exemption of \$125,000 in home equity for residences purchased within 40 months of a bankruptcy filing. The bill also would make permanent Chapter 12 bankruptcy relief for farmers. Passed 315-113. – VOTE: Yea

**(94) HR 1166: Small Business Development – Passage** – March 31, 2003 – Shuster, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would amend the Small Business Act to expand the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, native Alaskans, and native Hawaiians. Motion agreed to 378-14. – VOTE: Yea

**(98) HR 522: Deposit Insurance – Passage** – April 02, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would make several changes to the federal deposit insurance system including increasing from \$100,000 to \$130,000 the maximum account deposit covered through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and adjusting that amount for inflation. Certain retirement accounts such as individual 401(k) plans would be insured for up to twice that amount. The bill would merge the insurance funds for banks and savings associations, and give the FDIC more leeway in setting premiums and reserved levels. Passed 411-11. – VOTE: Yea

**(116) HR 205: Small Business Assistance – Passage** – April 08, 2003 – Manzullo, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Small Business Administration to coordinate with Small Business Development Centers to provide additional information and assistance to help small businesses comply with federal and state regulations. Motion agreed to 417-4. – VOTE: Yea

**(238) H Res 201: Businesses Tribute – Adoption** – June 04, 2003 – Stearns, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commend businesses and business owners who supported military reservists called to active duty. Motion agreed to 410-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(243) HR 1474: Digital Checks – Previous Question** – June 05, 2003 – Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 256) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would authorize the creation of a substitute check, a new negotiable instrument that is a paper reproduction of an original check from an electronically transmitted image. Motion agreed to 220-198. – VOTE: Yea

**(246) HR 1474: Digital Checks – Passage** – June 05, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would authorize the creation of the substitute check, a new negotiable instrument that is a paper reproduction of an original check from an electronically transmitted image. Substitute checks would have to accurately represent all the information on the front and back of the original check at the time it was reproduced. Substitute checks would have the same legal status as cancelled paper checks and carry the same consumer protections. Banks would be liable for any consumer losses that result from the use of substitute checks. Passed 405-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(256) H Res 252: Food Biotech Products – Adoption** – June 10, 2003 – Camp, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the administration's efforts to challenge the European Union's moratorium on agriculture and food biotech products. It also would urge President Bush to press this issue. Motion agreed to 339-80. – VOTE: Yea

**(281) HR 658: SEC Investigators – Passage** – June 17, 2003 – Baker, R-La., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the Securities and Exchange Commission to use an expedited process to hire professional staff for corporate crime

investigations. Accountants, economists and securities compliance examiners would be exempted from competitive service hiring procedures and would instead be treated like excepted service hires such as attorneys. Once hired, however, they would be treated like all other competitive service employees. Motion agreed to 423-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(303) HR 923: Small Business Loans – Passage** – June 24, 2003 – Manzullo, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reduce the amount of money that lenders are required to keep in reserve to cover defaults on small business loans under the Premier Certified Lenders Program. The bill would require 1 percent of a loan's outstanding balance to be kept in reserve as opposed to the current requirement of 1 percent of a loan's original value. Motion agreed to 416-3. – VOTE: Yea

**(361) HR 2330: Burma Trade Ban – Passage** – July 15, 2003 – Leach, R-Iowa, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would prohibit any Burmese products from being imported into the United States and freeze the Burmese regime's assets in U.S. financial institutions. The bill also would extend a current U.S. visa ban against members of the ruling military junta in Burma and would authorize President Bush to assist pro-democracy activities in that country. The president could lift sanctions against Burma by certifying that human rights and pro-democracy standards have been met. Motion agreed to 418-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(407) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Media Ownership** – July 22, 2003 – Hinchey, D-N.Y., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to grant a radio or television broadcast station license if the owner also operates or controls a daily newspaper in the same region. It also would block funds from being used, in most cases, to grant a license that would result in a party controlling two television stations in the same market. Rejected 174-254. – VOTE: Nay

**(411) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Ruling of the Chair** – July 23, 2003 – Motion to sustain the ruling of the chair that upheld the Kolbe, R-Ariz., point of order against the Levin, D-Mich., amendment on grounds that it would constitute legislation in an appropriations bill. The Levin amendment would block funds from being used by the U.S. Trade Representative to negotiate a Free Trade Area of the Americas or a Central American Free Trade Agreement that fails to protect U.S. copyrights, to ensure open markets for U.S. agriculture and other products, and to ensure the enforcement of various labor standards. Motion agreed to 231-198. – VOTE: Yea

**(413) HR 2738, HR 2739: U.S.-Chile Trade and U.S.-Singapore Trade – Previous Question** – July 23, 2003 – Dreier, R-Calif., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 329) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2738) that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Chile and the bill (HR 2739) that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Singapore. Motion agreed to 226-200. – VOTE: Yea

**(414) HR 2738, HR 2739: U.S.-Chile Trade and U.S.-Singapore Trade – Previous Question Reconsideration** – July 23, 2003 – Dreier, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Hastings, D-Fla., motion to reconsider the vote on the motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 329) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2738) that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade

barriers between the United States and Chile and the bill (HR 2739) that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Singapore. Motion agreed to 223-201. – VOTE: Yea

**(415) HR 2738, HR 2739: U.S.-Chile Trade and U.S.-Singapore Trade – Rule** – July 23, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 329) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2738) that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Chile and the bill (HR 2739) that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Singapore. Adopted 281-144. – VOTE: Yea

**(416) HR 2738, HR 2739: U.S.-Chile Trade and U.S.-Singapore Trade – Rule Reconsideration** – July 23, 2003 – Dreier, R-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Hastings, D-Fla., motion to reconsider the vote on adoption of the rule (H Res 329) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2738) that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Chile and the bill (HR 2739) that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Singapore. Motion agreed to 228-197. – VOTE: Yea

**(430) HR 2739: U.S.-Singapore Trade – Engrossment and Third Reading** – July 24, 2003 – Question of engrossment and third reading of the bill that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Singapore. Other 309-114. – VOTE: Yea

**(431) HR 2739: U.S.-Singapore Trade – Reconsider Engrossment and Third Reading** – July 24, 2003 – Crane, R-Ill., motion to table (kill) the Levin, D-Mich., motion to reconsider the vote on the question of engrossment and third reading of the bill that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Singapore. Motion agreed to 269-153. – VOTE: Yea

**(432) HR 2739: U.S.-Singapore Trade – Passage** – July 24, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Singapore. The agreement would eliminate tariffs on goods and duties on textiles, open markets for services, and establish intellectual property, environmental and labor standards. Passed 272-155. – VOTE: Yea

**(434) HR 2738: U.S.-Chile Trade – Engrossment and Third Reading** – July 24, 2003 – Question of engrossment and third reading of the bill that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Chile. Other 299-129. – VOTE: Yea

**(435) HR 2738: U.S.-Chile Trade – Reconsider Engrossment and Third Reading** – July 24, 2003 – Crane, R-Ill., motion to table (kill) the McDermott, D-Wash., motion to reconsider the vote on the question of engrossment and third reading of the bill that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Chile. Motion agreed to 276-152. – VOTE: Yea

**(436) HR 2738: U.S.-Chile Trade – Passage** – July 24, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would implement a trade agreement that would reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Chile. The trade pact would reduce duties and tariffs on agricultural and textile products and open markets for services. It also would establish intellectual property safeguards and require enforcement of environmental and labor standards. Passed 270-156. – VOTE: Yea

**(495) HR 2622: Credit Reporting – Interest Rate Increases** – September 10, 2003 – Sanders, I-Vt., amendment that would prohibit credit card companies from increasing a promised or introductory interest rate because of negative information regarding other credit accounts found on an individual's credit report. Credit card companies would still be allowed to change interest rates if the individual had been late by 60 or more days in making payments on other credit cards. Rejected 142-272. – VOTE: Yea

**(496) HR 2622: Credit Reporting – Sunset Provision** – September 10, 2003 – Kanjorski, D-Pa., amendment that would end after nine years the bill's extension of uniform national standards for credit reporting rules, including those dealing with the sharing of consumer credit information by corporate affiliates. Rejected 112-310. – VOTE: Nay

**(497) HR 2622: Credit Reporting – Regional Credit Bureaus** – September 10, 2003 – Frank, D-Mass., amendment that would require regional credit bureaus to provide consumers with one free copy of a credit report each year. The underlying bill would place such a requirement only on the three national credit bureaus. Adopted 235-186. – VOTE: Nay

**(498) HR 2622: Credit Reporting – State Law Pre-Emption** – September 10, 2003 – Ney, R-Ohio, amendment that would pre-empt any future state law regarding free credit reports and consumer access to credit scores. Existing state laws regarding those subjects would not be pre-empted. Adopted 233-189. – VOTE: Yea

**(499) HR 2622: Credit Reporting – Passage** – September 10, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would make permanent uniform national consumer protection standards created under the 1996 Fair Credit Reporting Act, which includes provisions aimed at reducing fraud and identity theft. Credit card companies would be required to notify customers if there was a risk of credit card fraud through a request for additional credit cards on an account in which the address had been changed within 30 days. Consumers would be allowed to have fraud alerts entered into their credit report to prevent fraud and identity theft. The bill would require credit reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission to set up procedures for disseminating credit information. Consumers would be allowed to request one free copy of their credit report per year from each of the national and regional credit bureaus. Passed 392-30. – VOTE: Yea

**(521) HR 3161: Do-Not-Call Registry – Passage** – September 25, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would give the Federal Trade Commission explicit authority to create a "do not call" list, begin enforcing it Oct. 1 and impose fines on violators. Passed 412-8. – VOTE: Shays did not vote but supported the measure.

**(579) H Res 414: Trade With China – Adoption** – October 29, 2003 – English, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would encourage China to fulfill its commitment under international trade agreements, support the U.S. manufacturing sector and establish monetary and financial market reforms. Motion agreed to 411-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(602) H Con Res 176: Financial Planning Week – Adoption** – November 04, 2003 – Turner, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the goals and ideals of Financial Planning Week, recognize the importance of financial planning, and honor the financial planning industry. Motion agreed to 381-0. – VOTE: Shays did not vote because of commitments in Connecticut, but submitted a statement in support of the measure.

**(638) HR 2420: Mutual Fund Trading Abuses – Passage** – November 19, 2003 – Oxley, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would seek to curb trading abuses involving mutual funds and increase disclosure of mutual fund fees and expenses. The bill would require the Securities and Exchange Commission to issue rules that would prevent late trades; would prohibit mutual fund employees from engaging in any short-term trading of their personal shares; would allow funds to charge higher redemption fees to discourage short-term trades by others; and would prohibit any individual from managing both a mutual fund and a hedge fund at the same time. Motion agreed to 418-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(667) HR 2622: Credit Reporting – Conference Report** – November 21, 2003 – Oxley, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the conference report on the bill that would establish national credit reporting standards. It would permanently extend existing law that forbids states from enacting stronger credit laws, and would implement new provisions to prevent identity theft, including allowing consumers to place “fraud alerts” in their credit files. Consumers would be able to obtain a free copy of their credit reports each year, would be able to obtain information on their credit scores, and would be able to opt-out of receiving marketing materials from affiliates of companies with which they do business. Financial institutions would be required to notify consumers whenever they send negative information regarding the consumer to a credit bureau. Motion agreed to 379-49. – VOTE: Yea

**(671) S 877: Unsolicited E-Mail – Passage** – November 22, 2003 – Tauzin, R-La., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would seek to reduce unsolicited bulk e-mails. All commercial e-mail would be required to be labeled as a commercial communication, have a valid and functional return e-mail address, and include a physical postal address to which recipients can respond. False header information and deceptive subject lines would be prohibited, and all e-mails containing sexually explicit material would have to carry a warning in the subject line. Commercial e-mailers would be required to allow recipients to “opt out” of future communications, and honor that request within 10 days or a shorter period set by the Federal Trade Commission. The bill would also prohibit methods of “harvesting” e-mail addresses and would create a “do-not-spam” list for people to register their e-mail addresses with the FTC. Motion agreed to 392-5. – VOTE: Yea

**(8) S 1920: Bankruptcy Extension and Overhaul – Democratic Substitute** – January 28, 2004 – Baldwin, D-Wis., substitute amendment that would make permanent Chapter 12 bankruptcy protection for family farmers and would expand eligibility requirements for Chapter 12, including permitting family fishermen to file for bankruptcy. Rejected 158-204. – VOTE: Nay

**(9) S 1920: Bankruptcy Extension and Overhaul – Recommit** – January 28, 2004 – Schakowsky, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to include a new section in the bill that would increase bankruptcy protection for members of the military, veterans and their families. Motion rejected 170-198. – VOTE: Nay

**(10) S 1920: Bankruptcy Extension and Overhaul – Passage** – January 28, 2004 – Passage of the bill that would require debtors who able to repay \$10,000 or 25 percent of their debts over five years to file under Chapter 13, which requires a reorganization of debts under a repayment plan, instead of seeking to discharge their debts under Chapter 7. A debtor would be limited to a total exemption of \$125,000 in home equity for residences purchased within 40 months of a bankruptcy filing. The bill also would make permanent and retroactive Chapter 12 bankruptcy relief for farmers. Passed 265-99. – VOTE: Yea

**(11) S 1920: Bankruptcy Extension and Overhaul – Motion to Instruct** – January 28, 2004 – Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to instruct conferees to strike parts of the bill that would repeal an element of the bankruptcy code designed to prevent conflicts of interest for investment bankers. Motion rejected 146-203. – VOTE: Nay

**(36) HR 3389: Nonprofit Management Awards – Passage** – March 03, 2004 – Hart, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make nonprofit entities eligible to apply for and receive Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards, which recognize organizations that have provided substantial economic or social benefits through improvements in their goods or services that result from effective management practices. Motion agreed to 408-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(37) HR 1417: Copyright Royalty Regulation – Passage** – March 03, 2004 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish three new judgeships, called copyright royalty judges (CRJs), to determine copyright royalty rates and the distribution of royalties. The Librarian of Congress – in consultation with the Register of Copyrights – would appoint the three full-time CRJs to serve six-year, staggered terms, with one judge designated as chief CRJ. To participate in a copyright proceeding, an individual would have to file a petition and pay a \$150 filing fee. The bill authorizes such sums as necessary to pay the costs of proceedings not covered by the copyright filing fees. Motion agreed to 406-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(38) HR 1561: Patent and Trademark Fees – Passage** – March 03, 2004 – Passage of the bill that would increase most patent application fees by approximately 15 percent. Fees in excess of the amount appropriated to the agency in a fiscal year would be deposited in a Patent and Trademark Fee Reserve Fund in the Treasury department and could be refunded. The bill would permit the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to outsource the search process that determines whether a patent application infringes on any standing patents or trademarks – but only after a pilot program assesses the effectiveness of outsourcing the searches. Participation in the pilot program would be restricted to U.S. citizens, or businesses organized under U.S. law. The bill, as amended, also would reduce the filing fee charged to small businesses, independent investors and nonprofit organizations by 75 percent if the application is filed electronically. Passed 379-28. – VOTE: Yea

**(55) HR 3717: Broadcast Indecency – Passage** – March 11, 2004 – Passage of the bill that would increase to \$500,000 per violation the maximum fines that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) could levy on broadcasters for airing indecent, obscene or profane material. The bill would make it easier for the FCC to fine individuals for indecent actions and make them subject to the same fines as broadcasters. It would require that the FCC consider revoking a license after a broadcaster committed three or more indecency-related offenses. The bill also would establish a 180-day window for the FCC to make indecency enforcement decisions. Passed 391-22. – VOTE: Yea

**(66) HR 1375: Financial Services Regulation – Returned Checks** – March 18, 2004 – Weiner, D-N.Y., amendment no. 4 that would prohibit commercial banks from charging a fee to the depositor of a check that is returned for insufficient funds. Rejected 167-255. – VOTE: Nay

**(67) HR 1375: Financial Services Regulation – Impact of Bank Mergers** – March 18, 2004 – Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, amendment no. 5 that would express the sense of Congress that when a banking agency requests expedited action on a merger application, the merger's impact on corporate and individual customers should be considered. Rejected 194-225. – VOTE: Yea

**(68) HR 1375: Financial Services Regulation - Interest Restriction Removal** – March 18, 2004 – Kelly, R-N.Y., amendment no. 6 that would allow banks to pay interest on business checking accounts and allow the Federal Reserve to pay interest on “sterile” accounts that banks must maintain under federal law. Adopted 418-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(69) HR 1375: Financial Services Regulation – Passage** – March 18, 2004 – Passage of the bill that would ease dozens of banking regulations, including expanding the ability of banks and thrifts to open new branches or merge with other institutions. It would provide banks with greater flexibility to manage their operations, such as providing greater leeway in the calculation of dividend payments. The bill, as amended, would ban any company with less than 85 percent of its business in financial services from using an industrial loan company to branch across state lines. It also would allow credit unions to expand their investment opportunities and their service offerings, such as wire transfers, while streamlining merger procedures. Passed 392-25. VOTE: Yea

**(87) HR 254: North American Development Bank – Concur with Senate Amendments** – March 25, 2004 – Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and concur with Senate amendments to the bill that would revamp the North American Development Bank, including codifying a U.S.-Mexico agreement that would allow the bank to make below-market-rate loans and extend the zone in Mexico served by the bank. The bill, as amended, would limit the bank's new authority to make grants. Motion agreed to 377-48. – VOTE: Yea

## CONGRESS AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS

**(2) Election of the Speaker** – January 7, 2003 – Nomination of J. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., for Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 108th Congress. Rep. J. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., elected Speaker of the House. 228-202. – VOTE: Yea

**(3) H Res 5: House Rules – Motion to Commit** – January 7, 2003 – Slaughter, D-N.Y., motion to commit the resolution to set the rules for the 108th Congress to a select committee comprised of the majority and minority leader with instructions that it be reported back after striking several rules changes including one that would give committee chairmen greater flexibility to postpone committee votes and another that would require dynamic scoring by the House Ways and Means Committee. Motion rejected 200-225. – VOTE: Nay

**(4) H Res 5: House Rules – Adoption** – January 7, 2003 – Adoption of the resolution that would set the rules for the 108th Congress. The rules would require the House Ways and Means Committee to use dynamic scoring in the economic analysis of all tax bills, create a new Select Committee on Homeland Security, and eliminate the eight-year term limit for House Speaker. Adopted 221-203. – VOTE: Yea

**(34) H Con Res 40: Holocaust Remembrance – Adoption** – February 25, 2003 – Mica, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would permit the use of the Capitol Rotunda for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. Motion agreed to 408-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(52) H Res 19: Dick Armey Tribute – Adoption** – March 11, 2003 – Burgess, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would pay tribute to former House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas (1985-2003) by naming room H-236 in the U.S. Capitol after him. Motion agreed to 406-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(147) H Con Res 156: Capitol Police Tribute – Adoption** – April 29, 2003 – Linder, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor the U.S. Capitol Police on its 175th anniversary and express thanks to police employees and families especially to the late Christopher Eney, Jacob J. Chestnut, and John Michael Gibson, who died in the line of duty. Motion agreed to 409-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(168) H Con Res 53: Soap Box Derby – Adoption** – May 07, 2003 – LaTourette, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would authorize use of the U.S. Capitol grounds on June 21, 2002, for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. Motion agreed to 422-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(323) H Res 297: Wednesday Suspensions – Adoption** – June 26, 2003 – Adoption of the resolution that would allow the Speaker to consider measures under suspension of the rules on Wednesdays for the remainder of the 108th Congress. Adopted 226-203. – VOTE: Yea

**(342) HR 2657: Fiscal 2004 Legislative Branch Appropriations – Rule** – July 09, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 311), as amended, to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$2.7 billion in fiscal 2004 for legislative branch operations, \$34 million less than the fiscal 2003 level. Adopted 411-13. – VOTE: Yea

**(345) HR 2657: Fiscal 2004 Legislative Branch Appropriations – Passage** – July 09, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$2.7 billion in fiscal 2004 for legislative branch operations, \$34 million less than the fiscal 2003 level. It would provide \$1 billion for House operations and provide funding for other congressional agencies including the Library of Congress, the General Accounting Office and the Government Printing Office. The bill would provide \$212 million for the Capitol Police, 12 percent less than in fiscal 2003, and \$295 million for the Architect of the Capitol, 25 percent less than the current level. Passed 394-26. – VOTE: Yea

**(397) H Res 324: Disapproval of Conduct – Motion to Table** – July 18, 2003 – McCreery, R-La., motion to table (kill) the resolution that would express the House's disapproval of how Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., conducted a markup of pension legislation (HR 1776) in the House Ways and Means Committee on July 18, 2003. It also would find that the pension bill was not validly ordered reported to the House during the markup. Motion agreed to 170-143. – VOTE: Yea

**(410) H Res 330: Disapproval of Conduct – Motion to Table** – July 23, 2003 – DeLay, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the Pelosi, D-Calif., privileged resolution that would express the House's disapproval of how Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., summoned the U.S. Capitol Police to evict Democrats from the House Ways and Means Committee's library and the manner in which he conducted a markup of pension legislation (HR 1776) in the committee on July 18, 2003. It also would find that the pension bill was not validly ordered reported to the House during the markup. Motion agreed to 223-193. – VOTE: Yea

**(471) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Election System Overhaul** – September 04, 2003 – Hastings, D-Fla., amendment that would increase funding by \$232 million for election reform grants to states. The grants would be used to update election systems and replace obsolete voting equipment. Rejected 186-228. – VOTE: Nay

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**(516) HR 2657: Fiscal 2004 Legislative Branch Appropriations – Recommit** – September 24, 2003 – Moran, D-Va., motion to recommit the conference report on the bill to the conference committee with instructions to include a provision that would increase funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to \$1.55 billion, the level requested in the Senate version of the bill. Motion rejected 202-225. – VOTE: Nay

**(517) HR 2657: Fiscal 2004 Legislative Branch Appropriations – Conference Report** – September 24, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would provide \$3.5 billion in fiscal 2004 spending for legislative branch operations and \$938 million in fiscal 2003 spending for emergency disaster relief. House operations would be funded at \$1 billion, with Senate operations receiving \$717 million. The bill would provide \$48 million for completion of the Capitol Visitors Center and allow the Capitol Police to hire 75 more officers. The bill would cut overall funding for the police by 8 percent and the Architect of the Capitol by 11 percent, and eliminate the Corrections Calendar Office. Pay for congressional staff would be increased by 3.7 percent. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 371-56. – VOTE: Nay

**(5) H Res 489: Paul Simon Tribute – Adoption** – January 21, 2004 – Doolittle, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would concur with S Res 281, which honored former Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., and expressed sorrow and regret over the announcement of his death. Motion agreed to 394-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(19) H Con Res 358: History of the Capitol – Adoption** – February 10, 2004 – Mica, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would authorize the printing of "History of the United States Capitol" as a House document. Motion agreed to 402-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(21) H Con Res 264: Constantino Brumidi Tribute – Adoption** – February 10, 2004 – Mica, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would authorize and request that the president issue a proclamation to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Constantino Brumidi, who spent more than 25 years of his life painting and decorating the Capitol. Motion agreed to 404-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(58) H Res 551: C-SPAN Anniversary – Adoption** – March 16, 2004 – Ney, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the 25th anniversary of the Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network (C-SPAN) and its coverage of the House of Representatives' proceedings. The resolution also would commend the network and its employees for providing outstanding coverage that benefits the government and the public. Motion agreed to 392-0. VOTE: Yea

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**(24) HR 346: Fraud in Emergencies – Passage** – February 12, 2003 – Stearns, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would increase from \$11,000 to \$22,000 the maximum civil penalty that may be imposed on an individual who commits an unfair or deceptive act that exploits popular reaction during an emergency that is declared by the president. Motion agreed to 422-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(77) H Res 132: Pledge of Allegiance – Adoption** – March 20, 2003 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the House that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled inconsistently with the U.S. Constitution when it held in *Newdow v. U.S. Congress* that having the words "one nation, under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance is an unconstitutional endorsement of religion. It also would reaffirm the wording of the pledge. Motion agreed to 400-7. – VOTE: Yea

**(86) HR 1104: Protections for Children – Previous Question** – March 26, 2003 – Myrick, R-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the resolution (H Res 160) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1104) that would appoint a national coordinator for AMBER alerts, an alert system for missing children, provide additional protections for children and establish stricter punishments for sex offenders. Motion agreed to 218-198. – VOTE: Yea

**(87) HR 1104: Protections for Children – Sentencing Limits** – March 27, 2003 – Feeney, R-Fla., amendment that would allow courts to vary from federal sentencing guidelines only on specifically enumerated grounds. Courts would be required to provide written, detailed reasons for varying from guidelines. It also would make it easier for appellate courts to review sentences issued by lower courts that differ from federal guidelines. Courts would be required to have government agreement to reduce a sentence because of "acceptance of responsibility." It also would provide increased penalties for individuals who possess child pornography that depicts violent conduct. Adopted 357-58. – VOTE: Yea

**(88) HR 1104: Protections for Children – Virtual Pornography** – March 27, 2003 – Smith, R-Texas, amendment that would narrow the definition of child pornography in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Ashcroft v. the Free Speech Coalition*. Under the definition, it would include digital and computer-generated images that are indistinguishable from minors engaged in sexually-explicit conduct. It would criminalize the pandering of visual depictions as child pornography. It also would call for Justice Department reports on its enforcement of record-keeping requirements for the producers of adult material to certify that they are not using minors. Adopted 406-15. – VOTE: Yea

**(89) HR 1104: Protections for Children – Passage** – March 27, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would appoint a national coordinator for AMBER alerts, an alert system for missing children, provide additional protections for children and establish stricter punishments for sex offenders. Repeat child sex offenders would be subject to mandatory life sentences. It would increase maximum sentences for several specified crimes against children and criminalize traveling into the United States to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor. It also would make it a crime for a U.S. citizen traveling in foreign commerce to engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor. The bill also would expand law enforcement's wiretap and electronic surveillance capabilities for an expanded list of crimes against children. Passed 410-14. – VOTE: Yea

**(90) H Res 153: Day of Prayer – Adoption** – March 27, 2003 – Shays, R-Conn., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the House urging President Bush to designate a day of prayer, fasting and humility. It also would urge individuals to observe the day and to seek guidance from God to understand their failings and to find resolve to confront the nation's challenges. Motion agreed to 346-49. – VOTE: Yea

**(120) HR 1036: Gun Liability – Prior Conviction** – April 09, 2003 – Scott, D-Va., amendment that would strike a provision that would require a prior criminal conviction against a person who transferred a firearm knowing that it would be used to commit a crime before a plaintiff could bring a civil lawsuit against that individual. Rejected 148-278. – VOTE: Nay

**(121) HR 1036: Gun Liability – Drug User Exception** – April 09, 2003 – Linda T. Sanchez, D-Calif., amendment that would allow liability lawsuits against manufacturers and sellers who sell or transfer guns or ammunition to an individual who uses, or is addicted to drugs, or who has been adjudicated a "mental defective." Rejected 134-289. – VOTE: Yea

**(122) HR 1036: Gun Liability – Negligence Lawsuits** – April 09, 2003 – Meehan, D-Mass., amendment that would permit plaintiffs to bring negligence actions against firearms manufacturers, sellers and trade associations. Rejected 144-280. – VOTE: Yea

**(123) HR 1036: Gun Liability – Recommit** – April 09, 2003 – Watt, D-N.C., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to strike language that would make the measure apply immediately to any pending cases. Motion rejected 140-282. – VOTE: Nay

**(124) HR 1036: Gun Liability – Passage** – April 09, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would block liability lawsuits against gunmakers and sellers based on the criminal misuse of firearms. It also would block such actions against gun trade organizations and against ammunition makers and sellers. The measure would apply immediately to any pending cases. Several specific exceptions to the ban exist and include allowing civil suits against a maker or seller who "knowingly and willfully violated" state or federal laws in selling or marketing a weapon. Design and manufacturing defect lawsuits also would be allowed when weapons are "used as intended." Passed 285-140. – VOTE: Nay

**(127) S 151: Protections for Children – Conference Report** – April 10, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would appoint a national coordinator for AMBER alerts, an alert system for missing children, provide additional protections for children and establish stricter punishments for sex offenders. Two-time child sex offenders would be subject to mandatory life sentences. The measure would make it a crime to pander visual depictions of children as child pornography. It would increase maximum sentences for several specified crimes against children and make it a crime to travel to foreign countries and engage in illicit sexual conduct with a minor. It also would expand law enforcement's wiretap and electronic surveillance capabilities in investigations of child pornography. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 400-25. – VOTE: Yea

**(164) H Con Res 96: Police Memorial Service – Adoption** – May 07, 2003 – LaTourette, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would authorize use of the U.S. Capitol grounds on May 15, 2003, for the 22nd Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service, which pays tribute to those killed in the line of duty in the preceding year. Motion agreed to 419-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(197) HR 1925: Missing and Runaway Children – Passage** – May 20, 2003 – Gingrey, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize for five years the Runaway and Homeless Youth program and the Missing Children's Assistance Act. It would authorize \$105 million in fiscal 2004 for housing, outreach and other programs aimed at assisting runaway and homeless children. The bill also would authorize \$20 million annually through fiscal 2008 for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Motion agreed to 404-14. – VOTE: Yea

**(233) HJ Res 4: Flag Desecration – Watt Substitute** – June 03, 2003 – Watt, D-N.C., substitute amendment that would grant Congress the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag but only if that is consistent with the First Amendment of the Constitution. Rejected 129-296. – VOTE: Nay

**(234) HJ Res 4: Flag Desecration – Passage** – June 03, 2003 – Passage of the joint resolution to propose a Constitutional amendment to state that Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. Passed 300-125. – VOTE: Nay

**(235) H Res 231: Law Enforcement Tribute – Adoption** – June 03, 2003 – Souder, R-Ind., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support a presidential proclamation to declare May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of law enforcement officers killed and injured in the line of duty. Motion agreed to 422-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(252) HR 2143: Internet Gambling – Previous Question** – June 10, 2003 – Linder, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 263) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would require financial institutions and credit card companies to take steps to block the processing of Internet wagers. Motion agreed to 222-196. – VOTE: Yea

**(253) HR 2143: Internet Gambling – Rule** – June 10, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 263) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would require financial institutions and credit card companies to take steps to block processing of Internet wagers. Adopted 259-158. – VOTE: Yea

**(254) HR 2143: Internet Gambling – State-Licensed Wagers** – June 10, 2003 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., amendment that would delete a provision exempting state regulated or licensed transactions from the ban on processing Internet wagers. Rejected 186-237. – VOTE: Yea

**(255) HR 2143: Internet Gambling – Passage** – June 10, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would require financial institutions and credit card companies to take steps to block the processing of Internet wagers. State regulated or licensed transactions would be exempt from the ban. Passed 319-104. – VOTE: Yea

**(265) HR 1115: Class Action Lawsuits – Previous Question** – June 12, 2003 – Pryce, R-Ohio, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 269) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would give federal courts original jurisdiction over class action lawsuits in which any of the plaintiffs are from a different state than the defendant, at least 100 plaintiffs are involved, and at least \$2 million are expected in damages. Motion agreed to 229-193. – VOTE: Yea

**(266) HR 1115: Class Action Lawsuits – Rule** – June 12, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 269) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would give federal courts original jurisdiction over class action lawsuits in which any of the plaintiffs are from a different state than the defendant, at least 100 plaintiffs are involved, and at least \$2 million are expected in damages. Adopted 235-188. – VOTE: Yea

**(268) HR 1115: Class Action Lawsuits – Mergers and Repatriations** – June 12, 2003 – Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would prevent domestic corporations from evading U.S. federal court jurisdiction through mergers or repatriations with foreign companies. Rejected 185-238. – VOTE: Nay

**(269) HR 1115: Class Action Lawsuits – State Antitrust and Consumer Protection Laws** – June 12, 2003 – Lofgren, D-Calif., amendment that would allow local prosecutors to enforce state antitrust and consumer protection laws in state courts. Rejected 186-234. – VOTE: Nay

**(270) HR 1115: Class Action Lawsuits – Democratic Substitute** – June 12, 2003 – Sandlin, D-Texas, substitute amendment that would set up a multi-district litigation panel that could consolidate class actions in state courts for pretrial proceedings. It also would authorize the National Center for State Courts to establish procedures for when a state court or the litigation panel could move a class action to federal court. Rejected 170-255. – VOTE: Nay

**(271) HR 1115: Class Action Lawsuits – Recommit** – June 12, 2003 – Weiner, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions that it be reported back after striking language that would make the bill apply to currently pending lawsuits and language that would allow appeals of district court orders granting or denying class certification. Motion rejected 185-240. – VOTE: Nay

**(272) HR 1115: Class Action Lawsuits – Passage** – June 12, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would allow class action lawsuits to be removed to federal court when fewer than one-third of the plaintiffs live in the same state than the defendant, at least 100 plaintiffs are involved, and damages are expected to total at least \$5 million. It would allow judicial discretion when between one-third and two-thirds of the plaintiffs live in the same state as the defendant. Class actions could remain in state courts if more than two-thirds of plaintiffs live in the same state as the defendant. The bill also contains a “consumer class action bill of rights” including a provision that would require a court to determine that an award is fair, reasonable, and adequate prior to approving any non-cash benefits. Passed 253-170. – VOTE: Yea

**(401) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Previous Question** – July 22, 2003 – Linder, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 326) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$38.6 billion for the departments of Commerce, Justice and State and the federal judiciary and related agencies in fiscal 2004. Motion agreed to 221-199. – VOTE: Yea

**(402) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Motion to Rise** – July 22, 2003 – Sanders, I-Vt., motion to rise from the Committee of the Whole. Motion rejected 77-335. – VOTE: Nay

**(403) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Motion to Rise** – July 22, 2003 – Sanders, I-Vt., motion to rise from the Committee of the Whole. Motion rejected 84-319. – VOTE: Nay

**(404) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Motion to Rise** – July 22, 2003 – Kucinich, D-Ohio, motion to rise from the Committee of the Whole. Motion rejected 75-307. – VOTE: Nay

**(406) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Pledge of Allegiance** – July 22, 2003 – Hostettler, R-Ind., amendment that would bar the Justice Department from using funds to enforce the ruling in *Newdow v. U.S. Congress* in which the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals held that requiring schoolchildren to recite the Pledge of Allegiance was unconstitutional. Adopted 307-119. – VOTE: Nay

**(418) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Child Abductors** – July 23, 2003 – Ose, R-Calif., amendment that would bar the use of funds to grant U.S. entry visas to child abductors who violate a U.S. court order or to immediate family members who aid and abet child abductors. Adopted 424-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(419) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Ten Commandments** – July 23, 2003 – Hostettler, R-Ind., amendment that would block the use of funds for the Justice Department to enforce the ruling in *Glassroth v. Moore* in which the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals held that a memorial to the Ten Commandments must be removed from the Alabama State Supreme Court building. Adopted 260-161. – VOTE: Nay

**(420) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Medical Marijuana** – July 23, 2003 – Hinchey, D-N.Y., amendment that would prohibit the use of

funds to prevent the implementation of state laws authorizing the use of marijuana for medical reasons in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. Rejected 152-273. – VOTE: Nay

**(421) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Death Penalty** – July 23, 2003 – Rush, D-Ill., amendment that would bar the use of funds to carry out the sentencing phase of any trial in which federal prosecutors seek the death penalty. Rejected 85-339. – VOTE: Nay

**(422) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Passage** – July 23, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$38.6 billion for the departments of Commerce, Justice and State and the federal judiciary and related agencies in fiscal 2004. The bill would prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from spending any funds to grant licenses that would allow a single company to own television stations that reach more than 35 percent of the national audience. It also would bar the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives from requesting transaction records from gun retailers unless the request was part of a criminal investigation. Passed 400-21. – VOTE: Yea

**(504) H Res 352: Civil Rights March Tribute – Adoption** – September 16, 2003 – Blackburn, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commemorate the Aug. 28, 1963, civil rights march on Washington. Motion agreed to 426-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(608) HR 3214: DNA Testing – Passage** – November 05, 2003 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$1.85 billion over five years to provide state and local governments with grants to eliminate the backlog in the testing of DNA samples, including those from “rape kits,” and provide training and education to law enforcement officials on the use of DNA evidence. Nearly one-third of the funds would be reserved for state grants to improve the prosecution and legal representation of defendants in death penalty cases. The bill also would establish new procedures to allow inmates to obtain post-conviction DNA testing to determine their guilt or innocence. Motion agreed to 357-67. – VOTE: Yea

**(610) HR 1829: Prison Industries – Mandatory Sourcing** – November 06, 2003 – Green, R-Wis., amendment no. 7 that would allow the Justice Department to postpone by at least one year the phasing out of rules that give preference to products made by federal prison inmates in contracts with federal agencies. The Justice Department would be able to act if it determined that phasing out the rules resulted in a significant threat to prison operations or general public safety. Rejected 91-325. – VOTE: Nay

**(611) HR 1829: Prison Industries – Sunset Provision** – November 06, 2003 – Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would make the bill’s provisions expire after three years if the attorney general determines that the new rules have had an adverse effect on public or prison safety, prison operations, or rehabilitation. Rejected 100-313. – VOTE: Nay

**(612) HR 1829: Prison Industries – Passage** – November 06, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would phase out, over five years, the preference given to products made by federal prison inmates in contracts with federal agencies. Vocational education and rehabilitation programs for federal inmates would be authorized for \$75 million a year. Passed 350-65. – VOTE: Yea

**(40) H Res 412: Drug Enforcement Administration Anniversary – Adoption** – March 04, 2004 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would congratulate the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on its 30th

anniversary and honor DEA employees who have been killed or wounded in the line of duty. Motion agreed to 402-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(48) HR 339: Food Industry Lawsuits – State Consumer Protection Laws** – March 10, 2004 – Scott, D-Va., amendment no. 6 that would exempt from the bill an action brought by a state agency to enforce state consumer protection laws concerning mislabeling or other “unfair and deceptive trade practices.” Rejected 177-241. VOTE: Nay

**(49) HR 339: Food Industry Lawsuits – Federal Court Restrictions** – March 10, 2004 – Watt, D-N.C., amendment no. 7 that would restrict the provisions of the bill to lawsuits filed in federal courts, allowing weight-related civil liability suits to be brought in state courts. Rejected 158-261. – VOTE: Nay

**(50) HR 339: Food Industry Lawsuits – Genetically Modified Foods** – March 10, 2004 – Andrews, D-N.J., amendment no. 2 that would permit civil liability suits in cases related to food that contains genetically engineered material, unless the food’s labeling explicitly states that it contains genetically engineered material. Rejected 129-285. – VOTE: Nay

**(51) HR 339: Food Industry Lawsuits – Downed Animal Meat** – March 10, 2004 – Ackerman, D-N.Y., amendment no. 1 that would change the bill’s definition of a “manu” and “seller” so that it does not apply to meat slaughtering, packing, canning or rendering establishments that provide meat for human consumption that comes from “downed animals,” animals that cannot stand or walk. Rejected 141-276. – VOTE: Nay

**(52) HR 339: Food Industry Lawsuits – Weight Loss Products** – March 10, 2004 – Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, amendment no. 10 that would exempt from the bill civil actions that allege a weight loss product caused health problems or any other complication that might be associated with a person’s weight gain. Rejected 166-250. – VOTE: Nay

**(53) HR 339: Food Industry Lawsuits – Pending Civil Actions** – March 10, 2004 – Watt, D-N.C., amendment no. 8 that would strike the section of the bill that dismisses all qualified weight-related civil liability actions pending at the time of the bill’s enactment. Rejected 164-249. – VOTE: Nay

**(54) HR 339: Food Industry Lawsuits – Passage** – March 10, 2004 – Passage of the bill that would prohibit lawsuits in federal or state courts against restaurants, food manufacturers and distributors based on claims that the food contributed to the plaintiff’s obesity or weight gain. The bill would allow suits if the defendant knowingly and willfully violated federal or state laws governing the labeling, advertising or selling of food products. Passed 276-139. – VOTE: Yea

**(79) HR 1768: Multidistrict Litigation – Passage** – March 24, 2004 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow federal judges to retain jurisdiction over lawsuits that have been filed in multiple federal district courts by plaintiffs but consolidated in one district. Motion agreed to 418-0. – VOTE: Yea

## DEFENSE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

**(25) H Res 62: Prisoners of War in Vietnam – Adoption** – February 12, 2003 – Hunter, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would pay tribute to Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas, and other members of the U.S. armed forces imprisoned during the Vietnam War and urge an accounting of all members still missing from that conflict. Motion agreed to 424-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(46) HJ Res 27: Military Personnel Tribute – Passage** – March 5, 2003 – Passage of the joint resolution that would pay tribute to all U.S. military members who are fighting the war on terrorism. Passed 426-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(76) HR 1307: Military and Assorted Tax Breaks – Passage** – March 20, 2003 – Thomas, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow a total of \$445 million in tax benefits over five years for military personnel. Benefits for military personnel would include an exemption from taxable income of the full \$6,000 cash payment given to survivors of military members killed in the line of duty and a relaxation of a residency requirement to take advantage of a capital gains exclusion on the sale of a primary home. The bill would exempt from military members’ taxable income amounts received under the Homeowners Assistance Program and would allow military personnel serving in “contingency operations” a temporary postponement on filing and paying taxes. Individuals serving in the military reserves could take deductions for travel expenses to meetings more than 100 miles from home. Motion agreed to 422-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(83) H Con Res 104: Troop Support – Adoption** – March 21, 2003 – Adoption of the resolution that would express support and thanks to President Bush as commander-in-chief for his leadership and action on military operations in Iraq and to U.S. military personnel serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Adopted 392-11. – VOTE: Yea

**(97) H Con Res 109: Blue Star Banner – Adoption** – April 01, 2003 – Gibbons, R-Nev., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that calls on all Americans to honor the men and women of the U.S. armed forces and their families and encourages families to display the Blue Star Banner or the Gold Star, and calls on the media to recognize the importance and symbolism of the Blue Star Banner. Motion agreed to 418-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(125) H Res 170: Tribute to Submarine Crews – Adoption** – April 09, 2003 – Bradley, R-N.H., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would remember the crew of the U.S.S. Thresher, the first nuclear submarine lost at sea, on the 40th anniversary of its sinking. Motion agreed to 423-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(163) HR 100: Military Financial Relief – Passage** – May 07, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would update the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act of 1940 and to enhance several financial and legal breaks to active-duty military personnel. Military members who have difficulty repaying debts because of their service would be allowed to have the interest rates on their debts lowered to 6 percent. The bill also would provide a 90-day automatic stay for civil court proceedings against military personnel whose service duties prevent them from appearing and offer them protections from evictions. Motion agreed to 425-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(196) S 330: Military Memorials – Passage** – May 20, 2003 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would impose a fine or a prison term of up to 10 years on anyone found guilty of destroying or attempting to destroy a monument, or any other memorial honoring members of the U.S. military. Motion agreed to 419-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(201) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Previous Question** – May 21, 2003 – Myrick, R-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 245) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would authorize \$400.5 billion for defense programs for fiscal 2004. Motion agreed to 225-203. – VOTE: Yea

**(202) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Rule** – May 21, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 245) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would authorize \$400.5 billion for defense programs for fiscal 2004. Adopted 224-200. – VOTE: Yea

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**(204) HR 1911: Military Health Care – Passage** – May 21, 2003 – Boozman, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish a Department of Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee to improve collaboration in providing health care services and resources to veterans, service members, military retirees and their families. Motion agreed to 426-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(205) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Inspector General Employees, Environmental Rules** – May 21, 2003 – Hunter, R-Calif., amendment that would clarify that no Defense Department Inspector General employee transferred to a special court of the United Nations would be subject to the Hatch Act, which restricts the political activities of federal employees. It also would strike language changing the designation of critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act and restrict the definition of “harassment” under the Marine Mammal Protection Act to “military readiness activity.” Adopted 252-175. – VOTE: Yea

**(215) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Abortions at Military Facilities** – May 22, 2003 – Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., amendment that would allow U.S. military facilities located abroad to perform abortions as long as they are privately funded. Rejected 201-227. – VOTE: Yea

**(216) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Nuclear Weapons Research** – May 22, 2003 – Tauscher, D-Calif., amendment that would transfer \$21 million to study the feasibility of developing new nuclear weapons, including an earth penetrating weapon, to conventional weapons research programs. Rejected 199-226. – VOTE: Yea

**(217) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Legal Actions Abroad** – May 22, 2003 – Goss, R-Fla., amendment that would require the secretary of Defense to report on how the department should respond to nations that attempt to bring legal actions against U.S. employees or officials for actions related to their official duties. Adopted 412-11. – VOTE: Yea

**(218) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Defense Attache to France** – May 22, 2003 – Saxton, R-N.J., amendment that would repeal the current requirement that the military officer serving as defense attache to France must hold the rank of, or be on the list for promotion to, brigadier general or rear admiral. Adopted 302-123. – VOTE: Yea

**(219) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Computer Exports Standard** – May 22, 2003 – Dreier, R-Calif., amendment that would repeal 120 days after enactment the “million theoretical operations per second” (MTOPS) standard for approving computer exports and require the president to consult congressional committees in implementing new computer-export rules. Rejected 207-217. – VOTE: Yea

**(220) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Recommit** – May 22, 2003 – Cooper, D-Tenn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Armed Services Committee with instructions to add language that would establish an “Employee Bill of Rights” that would call for additional civil service protections for civilian employees of the Defense Department. Motion rejected 204-224. – VOTE: Nay

**(221) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Passage** – May 22, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would authorize \$400.5 billion for defense programs for fiscal 2004. It would include \$9.1 billion for the administration’s anti-missile defense system program and \$1.7 billion to develop the Future Combat Systems program, a family of lightweight fighting vehicles and robots. The bill would authorize research funding for two new types of nuclear

weapons and would give the Pentagon greater flexibility over civilian personnel issues. The bill also would give the military more leeway in complying with environmental regulations including the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The bill would allow the Pentagon to purchase more goods and services on a fixed-price basis rather than going through open, competitive bidding and would exempt half of the nation’s military bases from closure. Passed 361-68. – VOTE: Yea

**(237) H Con Res 177: Armed Forces Tribute – Adoption** – June 04, 2003 – Hunter, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would pay tribute to members of the U.S. armed forces, Pentagon civilian employees, defense contractors, allies, and others who participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Motion agreed to 406-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(318) HR 2417: Fiscal 2004 Intelligence Authorization – Diversity Within Intelligence Community** – June 26, 2003 – Hastings, D-Fla., amendment that would require the CIA director to establish a pilot project aimed at increasing diversity within the intelligence community by recruiting more ethnic and cultural minorities and women. Adopted 418-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(319) HR 2417: Fiscal 2004 Intelligence Authorization – Intelligence Communications** – June 26, 2003 – Kucinich, D-Ohio, amendment that would require an audit of all telephone and electronic communications from Sept. 11, 2001, to the start of the war in Iraq between the CIA and Vice President Dick Cheney on the topic of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction. Rejected 76-347. – VOTE: Nay

**(320) HR 2417: Fiscal 2004 Intelligence Authorization – Intelligence Sharing with U.N. Inspectors** – June 26, 2003 – Lee, D-Calif., amendment that would require a study on how much intelligence the Pentagon and the intelligence community shared with U.N. inspectors searching for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq before the war. Rejected 185-239. – VOTE: Nay

**(324) HR 2559, H Res 298: Fiscal 2004 Military Construction Appropriations – Previous Question** – June 26, 2003 – Myrick, R-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 298) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would provide \$9.2 billion in fiscal 2004 for military construction projects, including family housing and barrack construction and modernization, \$1.5 billion less than the current level. Motion agreed to 220-200. – VOTE: Yea

**(325) HR 2559: Fiscal 2004 Military Construction Appropriations – Passage** – June 26, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would provide \$9.2 billion in fiscal 2004 for military construction projects, including family housing and barrack construction and modernization, \$1.5 billion less than the current level. The bill includes \$169 million for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and \$370 million for the cost of prior base closures. Passed 428-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(333) HR 2417: Fiscal 2004 Intelligence Authorization – Passage** – June 27, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would authorize classified amounts in fiscal 2004 for U.S. intelligence activities and agencies including the CIA, the National Security Agency, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency. It also would require the CIA director to file a report within one year of the bill’s enactment on the intelligence lessons learned from the war in Iraq. Passed 410-9. – VOTE: Yea

**(334) HR 2658: Fiscal 2004 Defense Appropriations – Base Closures** – July 08, 2003 – Hostettler, R-Ind., amendment that would block funds from being used to carry out the round of base closures and realignments scheduled for 2005. Rejected 57-358. – VOTE: Nay

**(335) HR 2658: Fiscal 2004 Defense Appropriations – Passage** – July 08, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would provide \$369.2 billion for fiscal 2004 for the Defense Department, \$3 billion less than President Bush’s request. The bill would include \$8.9 billion for ballistic missile defense, \$1.3 billion more than the current level. It would increase funding for anti-terrorism activities including \$4.6 billion for special operations, a 35 percent increase over initial appropriations for fiscal 2003, and provide \$1.5 billion for shipbuilding programs. The bill also would include \$3.5 billion for F-22 fighters and \$1.3 billion for unmanned aerial vehicles. Passed 399-19. – VOTE: Yea

**(375) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Motion to Close Conference** – July 16, 2003 – Hunter, R-Calif., motion to close portions of the conference on the bill that would authorize funding for defense programs for fiscal 2004. Motion agreed to 398-23. – VOTE: Yea

**(500) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Motion to Instruct** – September 10, 2003 – Edwards, D-Texas, motion to instruct House conferees to accept provisions of the Senate bill that would make permanent an increase from \$100 to \$250 the monthly separation allowance for military personnel stationed away from their families, and make permanent an increase from \$150 to \$225 the supplemental hostile fire and imminent danger special pay given to military personnel in combat areas. Motion agreed to 406-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(503) HR 2658: Fiscal 2004 Defense Appropriations – Close Portions of Conference** – September 16, 2003 – Young, R-Fla., motion to close to the public those portions of the conference on the bill relating to classified national security information. Motion agreed to 424-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(511) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Motion to Instruct** – September 23, 2003 – Rodriguez, D-Texas, motion to instruct House conferees to accept provisions of the Senate bill that would make it easier for non-citizens serving in the U.S. military to obtain U.S. citizenship, and extend immigration benefits to families of immigrant soldiers who die in the line of duty. Motion agreed to 298-118. – VOTE: Yea

**(513) HR 2658: Fiscal 2004 Defense Appropriations – Conference Report** – September 24, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would appropriate \$368.7 billion in fiscal 2004 for defense and national security, \$3.6 billion less than the administration’s request. The total includes \$115.9 billion for operations and maintenance, \$98.5 billion for personnel and \$74.7 billion for procurement. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 407-15. – VOTE: Yea

**(523) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Motion to Instruct** – September 25, 2003 – Crowley, D-N.Y., motion to instruct House conferees to accept the Senate provision that authorizes Defense Department subsidies to help pay health insurance costs for the families of National Guard and Reserves members called to active duty. Motion agreed to 356-67. – VOTE: Yea

**(537) HR 2998: Military Meal Payment Exemption – Passage** – October 08, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would exempt service personnel from having to pay for meals while they are hospitalized for injuries sustained during military service. Motion agreed to 399-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(578) HR 3365: Military Death Benefits – Passage** – October 29, 2003 – Sam Johnson, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would increase the military death benefit from \$6,000 to \$12,000, and would make the entire amount tax exempt. The bill would be retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001. Motion agreed to 413-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(582) H Con Res 291: Operation Restore Hope – Adoption** – October 30, 2003 – McHugh, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commend the members of the armed forces who were deployed in Operation Restore Hope to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia 10 years ago. Motion agreed to 402-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(604) HR 2443: Coast Guard Reauthorization – Coast Guard Museum** – November 05, 2003 – DeFazio, D-Ore., amendment no. 12 that would prohibit the National Coast Guard Museum authorized by the bill from being located on any property that has been condemned or taken by eminent domain through government action from an unwilling seller. Rejected 199-221. – VOTE: Nay

**(606) HR 2559: Fiscal 2004 Military Construction Appropriations – Conference Report** – November 05, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would provide \$9.3 billion for military construction, \$199 million more than the president’s request. Of that amount, \$1.1 billion would be spent on new family housing units for military personnel and their dependents. The bill also would rescind \$496 million in previously appropriated funds, mostly for construction projects in Germany and Korea, to facilitate the redeployment of U.S. forces to other foreign bases, such as in Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 417-5. – VOTE: Yea

**(609) HR 3365: Military Tax Breaks – Passage** – November 05, 2003 – Sam Johnson, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and concur with the Senate amendments to the bill that would implement \$1.3 billion in tax breaks for members of the military over 10 years. The death benefit paid to survivors of military personnel killed on duty would increase to \$12,000 and would be tax-exempt. National Guard and reserve members would be allowed a tax deduction for all overnight transportation, meals, and lodging expenses for members who travel more than 100 miles from home to attend National Guard or reserve meetings. The bill would exempt from taxable income amounts received under the Defense Department’s Homeowners Assistance Program. Motion agreed to 420-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(616) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Recommit** – November 07, 2003 – Marshall, D-Ga., motion to recommit the conference report to the conference committee with instructions that it be reported back to the House with provisions that would allow all veterans to immediately receive full disability and retirement benefits simultaneously. Motion rejected 188-217. – VOTE: Nay

**(617) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Conference Report** – November 07, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize \$401.3 billion for defense and national security spending in fiscal 2004. It would allow certain disabled military retirees to receive both their retirement and disability benefits simultaneously and would extend the military’s TRICARE health coverage to National Guard and reservists and their families if such servicemembers have been called to active duty. The Air Force would be authorized to immediately lease up to 20 Boeing 767 aerial refueling tanker planes and buy up to 80 more. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 362-40. – VOTE: Yea

**(80) H Con Res 328: National Military Appreciation Month – Adoption** – March 24, 2004 – Miller, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would express Congress' support for the designation of a National Military Appreciation Month, which honors members of the armed forces, including those who have died in the line of duty. Motion agreed to 424-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(98) HR 3966: Access for Military Recruiters – Previous Question** – March 30, 2004 – Myrick, R-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 580) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would prohibit universities that bar access to Reserve Officer Training Corps or military recruiters from receiving some kinds of federal funding. Motion agreed to 223-202. – VOTE: Yea

**(99) H Res 558: New NATO Members – Adoption** – March 30, 2004 – Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the House in welcoming the accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and reaffirming that NATO expansion enhances the security of the United States and the North Atlantic area. Motion agreed to 422-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(100) S 2057: Military Travel Reimbursement – Passage** – March 30, 2004 – Bradley, R-N.H., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Defense Department to reimburse members of the armed services for one domestic round trip between Sept. 25, 2003, and Dec. 18, 2003, that was related to their leave from Iraq and Afghanistan. Motion agreed to 423-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(101) HR 3966: Access for Military Recruiters – Passage** – March 30, 2004 – Passage of the bill that would prohibit universities that bar access to Reserve Officer Training Corps or military recruiters from receiving some kinds of federal funding. It also would require schools that receive federal funding to provide military recruiters the same access to students as they offer other groups. Passed 343-81. – VOTE: Yea

**(102) HR 3104: Military Medals – Passage** – March 30, 2004 – Simmons, R-Conn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the president to establish a campaign medal specifically to recognize service by members of the armed forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. Motion agreed to 423-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(103) H Con Res 386: Air Force Academy Anniversary – Adoption** – March 30, 2004 – Wilson, R-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would congratulate the United States Air Force Academy on its 50th anniversary, acknowledge the academy's role in U.S. defense and recognize the service provided by the academy's graduates. Motion agreed to 420-0. – VOTE: Yea

## EDUCATION

**(12) H Res 10: Ohio State Football Football Tribute – Adoption** – January 8, 2003 – Tiberi, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would pay tribute to the Ohio State University Buckeye football team. Motion agreed to 404-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(13) H Res 26: Catholic Schools Tribute – Adoption** – January 27, 2003 – Castle, R-Del., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would pay tribute to Catholic schools and support the goals of Catholic Schools Week. Motion agreed to 392-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(14) H Res 25: Youth Mentors Tribute – Adoption** – January 27, 2003 – Osborne, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and adopt

the resolution that would honor individuals who act as youth mentors and support additional awareness of the importance of mentoring programs. Motion agreed to 393-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(40) H Res 106: Lutheran Schools Tribute** – March 4, 2003 – Castle, R-Del., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the goals of National Lutheran Schools Week and pay tribute to all those individuals involved in Lutheran schools. Motion agreed to 407-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(96) HR 1412: Financial Aid for Military Students – Passage** – April 01, 2003 – Kline, R-Minn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would grant the Education Department authority to waive or modify any statutory or regulatory provision applicable to federal student financial aid programs in order to assist students whose lives are disrupted by being called to serve in the U.S. armed forces. Motion agreed to 421-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(110) H Res 127: Youths and Money – Adoption** – April 07, 2003 – Thomas M. Davis III, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the House in support of increasing awareness among students about the importance of understanding personal finances. Motion agreed to 380-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(146) H Res 204: Charter Schools Tribute – Adoption** – April 29, 2003 – Porter, R-Nev., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would pay tribute to charter schools, support the fourth annual National Charter Schools Week, and express the sense of the House urging the president to issue a proclamation calling for individuals to mark the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Motion agreed to 403-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(149) HR 1350: Special Education Reauthorization – Rule** – April 30, 2003 – Adoption of the resolution (H Res 206) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Adopted 211-195. – VOTE: Yea

**(150) HR 1350: Special Education Reauthorization – Paperwork Reduction Recommendations** – April 30, 2003 – Vitter, R-La., amendment that would mandate that a General Accounting Office (GAO) review of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act include recommendations to reduce paperwork requirements for teachers. It also would require a GAO report on the review every two years after the bill's enactment. Adopted 413-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(151) HR 1350: Special Education Reauthorization – Attendance at Private Schools** – April 30, 2003 – DeMint, R-S.C., amendment that would allow states to use federal funds to set up programs for children with disabilities to attend private schools. Rejected 182-240. – VOTE: Yea

**(152) HR 1350: Special Education Reauthorization – Certificates for Private School Students** – April 30, 2003 – Musgrave, R-Colo., amendment that would let school districts give the parents of disabled children in private schools a certificate that could be used for their child's specific education needs. Rejected 176-247. – VOTE: Nay

**(153) HR 1350: Special Education Reauthorization – Definition of Learning Disability** – April 30, 2003 – Tancredo, R-Colo., amendment that would define "specific learning disability" as a disorder resulting from a medically detectable and diagnosable psychological condition relying on physical and scientific evidence. Rejected 54-367. – VOTE: Nay

**(154) HR 1350: Special Education Reauthorization – Passage** – April 30, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It would authorize federal per pupil spending for special education equal to 40 percent of the

average cost of educating a student in the United States. The authorized funding level would be phased in by 2010. The bill also would allow school administrators to discipline special education students the same as non-disabled students. Paperwork requirements would be reduced for special education teachers and additional restrictions would be placed on lawsuits by parents against school districts. It also would provide new measures aimed at reducing the number of children who are mislabeled as learning disabled including the elimination of the use of the IQ test, which measures the difference between intelligence and achievement. Passed 251-171. – VOTE: Yea

**(203) HR 1170: Prescription Drugs in Schools – Passage** – May 21, 2003 – Burns, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require states that receive federal education funds to implement procedures to prohibit school personnel from requiring a child to obtain a prescription for a controlled substance as a condition of attending school. Motion agreed to 425-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(280) H Res 171: University of Minnesota Women's Hockey Tribute – Adoption** – June 17, 2003 – Kline, R-Minn., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor the University of Minnesota-Duluth women's hockey team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women's ice hockey championship. Motion agreed to 423-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(337) HR 438: Student Loan Forgiveness for Teachers – Rule** – July 09, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 309) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would increase from \$5,000 to \$17,500 the amount in student loans that could be forgiven for math, science and special education teachers who serve low-income students. Adopted 230-192. – VOTE: Yea

**(338) HR 221 I: Teacher Training – Rule** – July 09, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 310) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would reauthorize through fiscal 2008 grant programs aimed at improving the quality, preparation and recruitment of teachers. Adopted 252-170. – VOTE: Yea

**(339) HR 221 I: Teacher Training – Scientifically Based Research and Partnership Grants** – July 09, 2003 – Gingrey, R-Ga., amendment that would add language aimed at ensuring that teachers are able to understand scientifically based research. It would require a school district that wants to form a partnership with a university to certify in its grant application that it would directly benefit from a partnership grant. It also would require grant funds to supplement, and not replace, other funds aimed at improving teacher preparation, and would mandate that states include average raw scores in their accountability reports. Adopted 416-4. – VOTE: Yea

**(340) HR 221 I: Teacher Training – Passage** – July 09, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would reauthorize through fiscal 2008 grant programs aimed at improving the quality, preparation and recruitment of teachers. It would authorize \$300 million in fiscal 2004 for teacher quality state grants, school and business or non-profit partnership grants, and recruitment grants. It would impose additional accountability and reporting requirements to measure the effectiveness of grant-funded programs. The bill also would authorize \$10 million in fiscal 2004 to establish teaching "centers of excellence" at colleges that serve minorities. Passed 404-17. – VOTE: Yea

**(341) HR 2660: Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS Education Appropriations – Previous Question** – July 09, 2003 – Pryce, R-Ohio, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 312) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$470 billion for the Labor,

Health and Human Services and Education departments and related agencies, \$46.9 billion more than the current level. Motion agreed to 223-200. – VOTE: Yea

**(343) HR 438: Student Loan Forgiveness for Teachers – Passage** – July 09, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would increase from \$5,000 to \$17,500 the amount in student loans that could be forgiven for math, science and special education teachers who serve low-income students. Loan forgiveness also would be available to reading teachers who have obtained a separate state credential in reading. Teachers would have to be "highly qualified" as defined in the 2001 education reauthorization law (PL 107-110) and work in a Title I school in which more than 40 percent of its students come from families below the poverty line. It also would accelerate the timetable for forgiveness to allow a teacher to have a portion of their loans forgiven after only two years of service. Passed 417-7. – VOTE: Yea

**(347) HR 2660: Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS Education Appropriations – Motion to Strike** – July 10, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to strike the bill's enacting clause, thus killing the bill. Motion rejected 199-222. – VOTE: Nay

**(348) HR 2660: Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS Education Appropriations – Motion to Strike** – July 10, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to strike the bill's enacting clause, thus killing the bill. Motion rejected 197-224. – VOTE: Nay

**(350) HR 2660: Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS Education Appropriations – Failing Schools** – July 10, 2003 – Allen, D-Maine, amendment that would block the Department of Education from carrying out any sanctions on schools that fail to meet standards set out in the 2001 elementary and secondary education law (PL 107-110) until schools receive the full amount of funds authorized in the measure. Rejected 199-223. – VOTE: Nay

**(352) HR 2660: Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS Education Appropriations – Sex-Related Studies** – July 10, 2003 – Toomey, R-Pa., amendment that would prohibit any continued use of funds by the National Institutes of Health to support grants entitled "Mood Arousal and Sexual Risk Taking;" "Study on Sexual Habits of Older Men;" "Study on San Francisco's Asian Prostitutes/Masseuses;" and "Study on American Indian Transgender Research." Rejected 210-212. – VOTE: Yea

**(353) HR 2660: Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS Education Appropriations – Passage** – July 10, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$470 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education departments and related agencies, \$46.9 billion more than the current level. It would provide \$55.4 billion in total discretionary education funding that would include \$12.4 billion in Title I grants to low-income school districts and \$9.9 billion in state grants for special education programs. The bill also would include \$22.7 billion for the National Institutes of Health and \$1.8 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Passed 215-208. – VOTE: Yea

**(441) HR 2210: Head Start Reauthorization – Religious Organizations** – July 25, 2003 – Woolsey, D-Calif., amendment that would strike a provision that would allow religious organizations that operate Head Start programs to consider religion as a factor in hiring teachers. Rejected 199-231. – VOTE: Nay

**(442) HR 2210: Head Start Reauthorization – Democratic Substitute** – July 25, 2003 – Miller, D-Calif., substitute amendment that would reauthorize through fiscal 2008 the Head Start program. It would not allow religious organizations that operate Head Start programs to consider religion as a factor in hiring teachers. It also would not set up an eight-state demonstration program. Rejected 200-229. – VOTE: Yea

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**(443) HR 2210: Head Start Reauthorization – Recommit** – July 25, 2003 – Grijalva, D-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report the bill back after adding language that would increase funding for Native American, migrant and seasonal Head Start programs. Motion rejected 203-227. – VOTE: Nay

**(444) HR 2210: Head Start Reauthorization – Passage** – July 25, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would reauthorize the Head Start program through fiscal 2008. The bill would authorize \$6.9 billion in fiscal 2004 for the federal program that aims to assist low-income families prepare their children for school. It would establish a pilot program to allow eight states to coordinate their state preschool programs with Head Start centers. The bill also would allow religious organizations that operate Head Start programs to consider religion as a factor in hiring teachers. Passed 217-216. – VOTE: Nay

**(478) HR 2765: Fiscal 2004 District of Columbia Appropriations – School Vouchers** – September 05, 2003 – Tom Davis, R-Va., amendment that would authorize a school voucher program in the District of Columbia. Students would be eligible for up to \$7,500 in funds to attend a private elementary or high school in the District. Eligible students would have to be residents of the District and their family income could not exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level. It would authorize \$10 million for the program for fiscal 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the four succeeding fiscal years. Adopted 205-203. – VOTE: Yea

**(479) HR 2765: Fiscal 2004 District of Columbia Appropriations – School Vouchers** – September 05, 2003 – Norton, D-D.C., amendment that would strike from the bill a provision providing \$10 million for a school voucher program in the District of Columbia. Rejected 203-203. – VOTE: Nay

**(490) HR 2765: Fiscal 2004 District of Columbia Appropriations – School Vouchers** – September 09, 2003 – Tom Davis, R-Va., amendment that would authorize a school voucher program in the District of Columbia. Students would be eligible for up to \$7,500 in funds to attend a private elementary or high school in the District. Eligible students would have to be residents of the District and their family income could not exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level. It would authorize \$10 million for the program for fiscal 2004 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the four succeeding fiscal years. Adopted 209-208. – VOTE: Yea

**(491) HR 2765: Fiscal 2004 District of Columbia Appropriations – Passage** – September 09, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$466 million in fiscal 2004 spending and allow the use of \$7.4 billion in local funds for government operations and services in the District of Columbia. The bill would authorize \$10 million to be spent on a school voucher program for students living in the District. Passed 210-206. – VOTE: Yea

**(613) HR 2660: Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations – Motion to Instruct** – November 06, 2003 – DeLauro, D-Conn., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the higher Senate level of appropriations to fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Motion agreed to 310-101. – VOTE: Yea

**(651) HR 2660: Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations – Motion to Instruct** – November 20, 2003 – Kildee, D-Mich., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on at least \$14.2 billion for student financial aid, and the highest funding level possible for the Pell Grant program. Motion agreed to 360-64. – VOTE: Yea

**(2) H Res 492: Catholic Schools Tribute – Adoption** – January 21, 2004 – Boehner, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express support for Catholic Schools Week and honor Catholic schools for their contributions to American education. Motion agreed to 398-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(47) H Con Res 373: “Kids Love a Mystery” Month – Adoption** – March 10, 2004 – Gingrey, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would express the sense of Congress that “Kids Love a Mystery” month – a program that promotes children’s reading and literacy – should be supported and encouraged. Motion agreed to 388-11. – VOTE: Yea

**ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**(19) H Res 51: Space Shuttle Columbia – Adoption** – February 5, 2003 – Adoption of the resolution that would offer condolences to the families of the seven crew members killed Feb. 1 aboard the space shuttle Columbia. Adopted 404-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(69) S 23: HR 417: Walter’s Camp – Passage** – March 19, 2003 – Pombo, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$3.5 million for an Interior Department study of the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer. The study would be conducted in consultation with the states of Washington and Idaho. Motion agreed to 414-6. – VOTE: Yea

**(70) S 23: HR 699: Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Study – Passage** – March 19, 2003 – Pombo, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$3.5 million for an Interior Department study of the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer. The study would be conducted in consultation with the states of Washington and Idaho. Motion agreed to 414-6. – VOTE: Yea

**(84) HR 788: Glen Canyon National Recreation Area – Passage** – March 25, 2003 – Radanovich, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the exchange of 370 acres of land in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area for 152 acres of private land and expand the recreational area’s acreage ceiling to 1.25 million acres. Motion agreed to 423-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(85) HR 961: Mississippi River Monitoring – Passage** – March 25, 2003 – Radanovich, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$6.25 million annually for the U.S. Geological Survey to establish a network to monitor nutrients and sediments in the upper Mississippi River basin. It would require the agency to establish a computer modeling program and to file annual monitoring reports to Congress. The bill also would include an authorization of \$625,000 for a comprehensive water resources assessment of the basin. Motion agreed to 411-13. – VOTE: Yea

**(113) HR 273: Nutria Eradication – Passage** – April 08, 2003 – Gilchrest, R-Md., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$6 million annually over the next five years for programs in Maryland and Louisiana to eradicate nutria and to restore damaged marshland. Motion agreed to 385-30. – VOTE: Yea

**(130) HR 6: Energy Plan – Previous Question** – April 10, 2003 – Hastings, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the resolution (H Res 189) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would overhaul the nation’s energy policies through changes in such areas as production, conservation, taxes and research. Motion agreed to 226-202. – VOTE: Yea

**(131) HR 6: Energy Plan – Rule** – April 10, 2003 – Adoption of the resolution (H Res 189) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would overhaul the nation’s energy policies through changes in such areas as production, conservation, taxes and research. Adopted 236-190. – VOTE: Yea

**(132) HR 6: Energy Plan – Oil Consumption** – April 10, 2003 – Boehlert, R-N.Y., amendment that would require the Transportation Department to ensure that the total amount of gas consumed by cars and light trucks in 2010 be 5 percent less than allowed under average fuel economy standards for 2004. Rejected 162-268. – VOTE: Yea

**(133) HR 6: Energy Plan – Alternative Electricity Provisions** – April 10, 2003 – Dingell, D-Mich., amendment that would strike the bill’s electricity regulation provisions and insert language that would give the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) sweeping anti-fraud authority for electricity and natural gas markets. It also would require the reporting of price quotes and transactions involving electricity and gas sales and transmission, increase civil and criminal penalties, and authorize FERC to retroactively refund electricity overcharges. Rejected 193-237. – VOTE: Yea

**(134) HR 6: Energy Plan – ANWR Limit** – April 10, 2003 – Wilson, R-N.M., amendment that would limit to 2,000 acres the maximum surface area that could be used by oil production facilities in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Adopted 226-202. – VOTE: Nay

**(135) HR 6: Energy Plan – ANWR Drilling** – April 10, 2003 – Markey, D-Mass., amendment that would delete language authorizing the Interior Department to grant oil and gas drilling leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Rejected 197-228. – VOTE: Yea

**(136) HR 6: Energy Plan – Federal Contracts** – April 10, 2003 – Thomas M. Davis III, R-Va., amendment that would clarify that federal procurement and contracting reports should be submitted to all relevant congressional committees. It also would require studies on the conservation benefits of telecommuting by federal employees and on the benefits of establishing performance measures to guide the reduction of petroleum consumption by federal fleets. Adopted 415-10. – VOTE: Yea

**(137) HR 6: Energy Plan – Gas Reserves** – April 10, 2003 – Brown, D-Ohio, amendment that would authorize a Gasoline Availability Stabilization Reserve program similar to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Three reserves would be established within two years of enactment and two additional reserves could be established anytime within the program’s six-year authorization. Rejected 173-252. – VOTE: Nay

**(138) HR 6: Energy Plan – Uranium Mining** – April 10, 2003 – Udall, D-N.M., amendment that would eliminate an authorization of \$10 million annually for three years to improve leaching uranium mining techniques. Rejected 193-231. – VOTE: Yea

**(142) HR 6: Energy Plan – Royalty Payments** – April 11, 2003 – Kind, D-Wis., amendment that would strike provisions that reduce royalty payments on oil and gas leases. Rejected 171-251. – VOTE: Yea

**(143) HR 6: Energy Plan – Coal Leases** – April 11, 2003 – Rahall, D-W.Va., amendment that would strike a provision that would eliminate the 160-acre limit on coal leases. Rejected 208-212. – VOTE: Yea

**(144) HR 6: Energy Plan – Recommit** – April 11, 2003 – Dingell, D-Mich., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to add new language on mandatory condition and fishway alternatives related to hydroelectric energy projects. It also would require new data collection procedures for hydroelectric licenses. Motion rejected 171-250. – VOTE: Nay

**(145) HR 6: Energy Plan – Passage** – April 11, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would overhaul the nation’s energy policies through changes in such areas as production, conservation, taxes and research. The bill would restructure the electricity system, allow oil and gas leasing in Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and provide \$18.7 billion in tax breaks over 11 years for energy production, conservation and alternative fuels. It also would block tax breaks for corporations that relocate offshore. Passed 247-175. – VOTE: Nay

**(165) HR 766: Nanotechnology Research – Additional Studies** – May 07, 2003 – Bell, D-Texas, amendment that would require the bill’s program activities to include toxicological and environmental impact studies. Rejected 209-214. – VOTE: Nay

**(166) HR 766: Nanotechnology Research – Clean Energy** – May 07, 2003 – Bell, D-Texas, amendment that would require research and development on the potential of nanotechnology to produce or facilitate production of clean, inexpensive energy. Rejected 207-217. – VOTE: Nay

**(167) HR 766: Nanotechnology Research – Passage** – May 07, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would authorize \$2.4 billion through fiscal 2006 for a federal program to support research, development and education activities in the field of nanotechnology. The program would include supporting individual research grants, the establishment of interdisciplinary research centers, and the development of commercial nanotechnology applications. It would establish an interagency committee to coordinate research and development activities. The bill also would establish a non-government advisory committee and require an annual report to Congress on the program. Passed 405-19. – VOTE: Yea

**(185) H Res 222: Columbia Debris – Adoption** – May 13, 2003 – Burgess, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor the individuals who helped collect debris after the space shuttle Columbia accident. Motion agreed to 411-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(195) HR 1904: Forest Thinning – Rule** – May 20, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 239) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that aims to reduce the risk of wildfires, diseases and insect infestations by allowing the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to conduct thinning projects on up to 20 million acres of federal forest land. Adopted 234-179. – VOTE: Yea

**(198) HR 1904: Forest Thinning – Democratic Substitute** – May 20, 2003 – Miller, D-Calif., substitute amendment that would allow forest thinning projects without environmental reviews within one-half mile of at-risk communities and on land located near municipal water supplies. Other forest thinning activities would be subject to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. Rejected 184-239. – VOTE: Yea

**(199) HR 1904: Forest Thinning – Recommit** – May 20, 2003 – Udall, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to strike provisions that would speed up judicial review of court decisions that challenge wildfire prevention projects, and would require a court considering a request for an injunction against an agency action to give special weight to agency findings that the action is necessary to avoid long term harm to the ecosystem. Motion rejected 176-250. – VOTE: Nay

**(200) HR 1904: Forest Thinning – Passage** – May 20, 2003 – Passage of the bill that aims to reduce the risk of wildfires, diseases and insect infestations by allowing the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to conduct thinning projects on up to 20 million acres of federal forest land. Wildfire plans would not have to include alternative approaches as currently required under the

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Insect infestation research could be conducted on parcels of forest land of up to 1,000 acres and would be exempt from NEPA environmental assessments. Judicial review of thinning projects would be expedited. Passed 256-170. – VOTE: Nay

**(230) S 222: Zuni Water Rights – Passage** – June 03, 2003 – Renzi, R-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would approve a water rights settlement agreement between the Zuni Indian tribe and non-Indian communities in Arizona. It would authorize \$19 million for the tribe to purchase water rights from willing sellers and to restore wetlands and other areas on the reservation. In exchange, the tribe would waive current and all water claims in the Little Colorado River basin. Motion rejected 224-188. – VOTE: Yea

**(231) S 273: Grand Teton National Park – Passage** – June 03, 2003 – Cubin, R-Wyo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the secretary of the Interior to acquire 1,406 acres of state lands within the exterior boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. The land could be acquired through donation, purchase, or through exchange with federal land. It also would set up a process for appraising the value of state lands. Motion rejected 217-198. – VOTE: Yea

**(244) S 222, S 273: Zuni Water and Grand Teton National Park – Previous Question** – June 05, 2003 – Hastings, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 258) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill (S 222) that would approve a water rights settlement agreement between the Zuni Indian tribe and non-Indian communities in Arizona and the bill (S 273) that would authorize the secretary of the Interior to acquire 1,406 acres of state lands within the exterior boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. Motion agreed to 220-194. – VOTE: Yea

**(245) S 222, S 273: Zuni Water and Grand Teton National Park – Rule** – June 05, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 258) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill (S 222) that would approve a water rights settlement agreement between the Zuni Indian tribe and non-Indian communities in Arizona and the bill (S 273) that would authorize the secretary of the Interior to acquire 1,406 acres of state lands within the exterior boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. Adopted 229-175. – VOTE: Yea

**(247) S 222: Zuni Water Rights – Passage** – June 05, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would approve a water rights settlement agreement between the Zuni Indian tribe and non-Indian communities in Arizona. It would authorize \$19 million for the tribe to purchase water rights from willing sellers and to restore wetlands and other areas on the reservation. In exchange, the tribe would waive all water claims in the Little Colorado River basin. Passed 389-3. – VOTE: Yea

**(248) S 273: Grand Teton National Park – Passage** – June 05, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would authorize the secretary of the Interior to acquire 1,406 acres of state lands within the exterior boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. The land could be acquired through donation, purchase, or through exchange with federal land. It also would set up a process for appraising the value of state lands. Passed 375-4. – VOTE: Yea

**(250) H Con Res 162: Wright Brothers Tribute – Adoption** – June 09, 2003 – Turner, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor Dayton, Ohio, for hosting “Inventing Flight: The Centennial Celebration,” in tribute to Wilbur and Orville Wright’s first flight on Dec. 17, 1903. Motion agreed to 378-3. – VOTE: Yea

**(259) H Con Res 110: Human Genome Research – Adoption** – June 11, 2003 – Bilirakis, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the scientific importance of sequencing the human genome and support the goals and ideals of Human Genome Month and DNA Day. Motion agreed to 414-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(260) HR 1320: Federally-Owned Radio Spectrum – Passage** – June 11, 2003 – Upton, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would create a trust fund to reimburse government agencies for the cost of relocating radio spectrum operation to other frequencies. The fund would be supported by auction bids from private licensees. Bids would have to be at least 110 percent of the estimated relocation costs. Motion agreed to 408-10. – VOTE: Yea

**(371) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Previous Question** – July 16, 2003 – Hastings, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 319) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$19.6 billion for the Interior Department, related agencies and cultural programs in fiscal 2004. Motion agreed to 219-199. – VOTE: Yea

**(372) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Rule** – July 16, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 319) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$19.6 billion for the Interior Department, related agencies and cultural programs in fiscal 2004. Adopted 232-189. – VOTE: Yea

**(377) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Recreational Fees** – July 17, 2003 – DeFazio, D-Ore., amendment that would limit the recreational fee demonstration program to National Park Service areas. Rejected 184-241. – VOTE: Nay

**(378) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Across-the-Board Cut** – July 17, 2003 – Hefley, R-Colo., amendment that would require a 1 percent across-the-board cut to discretionary spending. Rejected 81-341. – VOTE: Nay

**(379) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Firefighting Funds** – July 17, 2003 – Tancredo, R-Colo., amendment that would provide an additional \$57 million for firefighting funds for the U.S. Forest Service and offset the cost with a reduction in funds for the National Endowment for the Arts. Rejected 112-313. – VOTE: Nay

**(380) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Klamath Wildlife Refuge** – July 17, 2003 – Blumenauer, D-Ore., amendment that would bar funds from being used to enter into new agricultural leases that allow growing row crops or alfalfa in Oregon’s and California’s Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges. Rejected 197-228. – VOTE: Yea

**(381) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Additional Firefighting Funds** – July 17, 2003 – Shadegg, R-Ariz., amendment that would provide an additional \$19 million in Forest Service firefighting funds and offset the cost with a reduction in funds for land acquisition. Rejected 128-298. – VOTE: Nay

**(382) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Bear Baiting on Federal Lands** – July 17, 2003 – Gallegly, R-Calif., amendment that would prohibit the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management from using funds for the baiting of bears on federal lands. Rejected 163-255. – VOTE: Yea

**(383) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Bison in Yellowstone Park** – July 17, 2003 – Rahall, D-W.Va., amendment that would bar funds from being used to kill, or assist in killing, bison in Yellowstone National Park. Rejected 199-220. – VOTE: Yea

**(384) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Forest Management Plans** – July 17, 2003 – Udall, D-N.M., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to finalize regulations that would change scientific and public input criteria related to developing forest management plans. Rejected 198-222. – VOTE: Yea

**(385) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton Parks** – July 17, 2003 – Holt, D-N.J., amendment that would block funds from being used to do anything inconsistent with the phase out of recreational snowmobile use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Rejected 210-210. – VOTE: Yea

**(386) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Roadless Lands** – July 17, 2003 – Inslee, D-Wash., amendment that would prohibit funds from being used to change the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. A “nay” vote was a vote in support of the president’s position. Rejected 185-234. – VOTE: Yea

**(387) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Private Contractors** – July 17, 2003 – Bereuter, R-Neb., amendment that would block funds from being used to carry out a study on hiring a private contractor to operate Nebraska’s Midwest Archaeological Center and Florida’s Southeast Archaeological Center. Adopted 362-57. – VOTE: Nay

**(388) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Rights-of-Way on Public Lands** – July 17, 2003 – Taylor, R-N.C., amendment to the Udall, D-Colo., amendment. The Taylor amendment would limit “disclaimers of interest,” which allow the Bureau of Land Management to grant non-federal entities rights-of-way on public lands without congressional approval, in national monument, park and wilderness areas. The Udall amendment would prohibit funds from being used to carry out disclaimers of interest. Adopted 226-194. – VOTE: Nay

**(389) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Passage** – July 17, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$19.6 billion in fiscal 2004 in discretionary funds for the Interior Department, related agencies and cultural programs, \$186 million less than the current level. The bill would include funds for the Forest Service, energy-related programs, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Endowment for the Arts. It would include \$1.1 billion for land acquisition and conservation. It also would provide funds to combat wildfires including \$1.6 billion for Forest Service firefighting efforts and \$699 million for Bureau of Land Management suppression initiatives. Passed 268-152. – VOTE: Yea

**(391) HR 2754: Fiscal 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations – Delaware Channel Project** – July 18, 2003 – Andrews, D-N.J., amendment that would cut \$7.7 million for the Delaware River Main Channel Deepening project. Rejected 194-213. – VOTE: Yea

**(392) HR 2754: Fiscal 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations – Renewable Energy** – July 18, 2003 – Udall, D-Colo., amendment that would provide an additional \$30 million for renewable energy programs and offset the cost with a reduction to nuclear waste disposal funds. Rejected 153-251. – VOTE: Yea

**(393) HR 2754: Fiscal 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations – Across-the-Board Cut** – July 18, 2003 – Hefley, R-Colo., amendment that would require a 1 percent across-the-board decrease in discretionary spending. Rejected 82-327. – VOTE: Nay

**(394) HR 2754: Fiscal 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations – Recommit** – July 18, 2003 – Hoyer, D-Md., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee. Motion rejected 99-310. – VOTE: Nay

**(395) HR 2754: Fiscal 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations – Passage** – July 18, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would appropriate about \$27.1 billion for the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, water projects, parts of the Interior Department, and other independent agencies for fiscal 2004. It would include \$6.1 billion for nuclear weapons activities and \$765 million for nuclear waste disposal. The bill also would include \$4.5 billion for the Corps of Engineers, which is responsible for flood control and navigation projects. Passed 377-26. – VOTE: Yea

**(454) HR 2861: Fiscal 2004 VA-HUD Appropriations – Superfund** – July 25, 2003 – Markey, D-Mass., amendment that would increase funding for the cleanup of hazardous substances by \$115 million and offset the cost with a decrease to NASA’s exploration funds. Rejected 114-309. – VOTE: Yea

**(476) HR 6: Energy Plan – Motion to Instruct** – September 05, 2003 – Dingell, D-Mich., motion to instruct House conferees to resolve differences with the Senate by Sept. 12 on provisions in the bill dealing with electricity liability. Motion rejected 176-211. – VOTE: Yea

**(512) HR 1409: Indian Land Exchange – Passage** – September 23, 2003 – Renzi, R-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow for a land exchange between the federal government and the Cherokee Indian tribe in Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina. The government would receive 218 acres of private land and the Cherokee Indians would receive 143 acres of land in the park. The land would be used for a new Cherokee Indian school and campus. Motion agreed to 288-127. – VOTE: Nay

**(519) HR 2557: Water Resources Development – Passage** – September 24, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would authorize more than \$4 billion in beach, dredging, harbor and other water projects. Certain Army Corps of Engineers water development projects that exceed \$50 million would receive an independent review. The bill would authorize \$467 million for a hurricane and storm damage reduction project along the Louisiana Gulf Coast. Passed 412-8. – VOTE: Yea

**(527) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Motion to Instruct** – October 01, 2003 – Dicks, D-Wash., motion to instruct House conferees to accept a provision in the Senate bill that would appropriate an additional \$400 million in firefighting funds. Motion agreed to 259-165. – VOTE: Nay

**(540) HR 6: Energy Policy – Motion to Instruct** – October 15, 2003 – Capps, D-Calif., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on a provision of the House-passed bill relating to consistency determinations under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 and to maintain current moratoriums on offshore oil pre-leasing, leasing or development. Motion agreed to 229-182. – VOTE: Yea

**(571) HR 6: Energy Policy – Motion to Instruct** – October 28, 2003 – Markey, D-Mass., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on provisions in the House bill relating to the secure transfer of nuclear materials, and provisions requiring the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to issue regulations to ensure that nuclear facilities licensed by the NRC address the threat of a terrorist attack against such facilities. Motion agreed to 346-59. – VOTE: Yea

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**(575) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Rule** – October 29, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 418) that would provide for consideration of the conference report on the bill that would appropriate \$19.7 billion, plus an additional \$400 million in firefighting emergency funds for the Department of the Interior in fiscal 2004. Adopted 289-136. – VOTE: Yea

**(594) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Recommit** – October 30, 2003 – Hinchey, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the conference report on the bill back to the conference committee. Motion rejected 190-229. – VOTE: Nay

**(595) HR 2691: Fiscal 2004 Interior Appropriations – Conference Report** – October 30, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would appropriate \$19.7 billion for the Department of the Interior in fiscal 2004, plus an additional \$400 million in emergency funds to repay debt by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management incurred for fighting wildfires in fiscal 2003. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 216-205. – VOTE: Nay

**(598) HR 6: Energy Policy – Motion to Instruct** – October 30, 2003 – Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas, motion to instruct House conferees to drop any provision from the conference report that weakens the Clean Air Act’s anti-smog requirements by extending deadlines for certain cities that missed deadlines to clean up unhealthy air. Motion rejected 182-232. – VOTE: Yea

**(618) HR 6: Energy Policy – Motion to Instruct** – November 07, 2003 – Filner, D-Calif., motion to instruct House conferees to reject the section of the House bill relating to the definition of oil and gas exploration and production in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Motion rejected 188-210. – VOTE: Yea

**(625) HR 2754: Fiscal 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations – Rule** – November 18, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 444) that would provide for consideration of the conference report on the bill that would provide \$27.3 billion in fiscal 2004 spending for energy and water development projects, \$382 million more than the president’s request. Adopted 409-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(628) HR 6: Energy Policy – Previous Question** – November 18, 2003 – Motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 443) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill that would implement a comprehensive national energy policy. Motion agreed to 225-193. – VOTE: Yea

**(629) HR 6: Energy Policy – Rule** – November 18, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 443) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill that would implement a national energy policy. Adopted 248-167. – VOTE: Yea

**(630) HR 6: Energy Policy – Conference Report** – November 18, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would implement a comprehensive national policy for energy conservation, research and development. It would authorize \$25.7 billion in tax breaks over 10 years, including \$11.9 billion to encourage oil and gas production, \$2.5 billion for “clean coal” programs, \$2.2 billion in incentives for alternative motor vehicles, and \$1.8 billion for the electric power industry and other businesses. It would authorize \$18 billion in loan guarantees for a natural gas pipeline from Alaska. Ethanol producers would be required to double their output. Makers of the gasoline additive MTBE would be protected from liability, but would have to cease production of the additive by 2015. The bill would also impose reliability standards for electricity transmission networks and ease restrictions on utility ownership and mergers. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 246-180. – VOTE: Nay

**(631) HR 2754: Fiscal 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations – Conference Report** – November 18, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would appropriate \$27.3 billion in fiscal 2004 spending for energy and water development projects, \$382 million more than the president’s request. About 60 percent of the funding in the bill would go toward nuclear weapons research, testing and development, including \$7.5 million for a study on an earth-penetrating nuclear warhead. The Yucca Mountain nuclear waste storage site would receive \$580 million. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 387-36. – VOTE: Yea

**(634) HR 1006: Wild Animals – Passage** – November 19, 2003 – Souder, R-Ind., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make it illegal to import, export, sell, buy, or possess any lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, cougar, or any hybrid of those animals. Federally and state licensed entities including zoos, circuses, universities, and sanctuaries would be exempt. Motion agreed to 419-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(655) HR 253: Flood Insurance Reauthorization – Passage** – November 20, 2003 – Ney, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program and would authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which administers the program, to use \$450 million in program funding over five years to buy repetitive-loss properties or take other actions to mitigate against future damages. Owners of repetitive loss properties who refuse buyout offers or refuse to take actions to mitigate against future damages would have to pay market rates for flood insurance. Motion agreed to 352-67. – VOTE: Yea

**(656) HR 1904: Forest Thinning – Conference Report** – November 21, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would reduce and expedite environmental and judicial reviews of forest thinning projects. The U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management would be authorized to remove vegetation that could cause or facilitate the spread of wildfires, disease or insect infestation. Forest thinning would be limited to land that is within 1.5 miles of at-risk communities, high-risk land in the proximity of municipal water sources, high-risk land that serves as habitat for threatened and endangered species, and high-risk land that is particularly susceptible to disease or insect infestation. All forest thinning projects would have to come after public meetings. The bill would authorize \$760 million a year from fiscal 2004 to fiscal 2008. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 286-140. – VOTE: Nay

**(4) H Res 490: Mars Space Probe Recognition – Adoption** – January 21, 2004 – Rohrabacher, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize and commend the achievements of NASA, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Cornell University in conducting the Mars Exploration Rover mission, and to recognize the importance of space exploration. Motion agreed to 389-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(12) H Res 507: First Anniversary of the Columbia Tragedy – Adoption** – February 03, 2004 – Burgess, R-Tex., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the profound sorrow of the House on the anniversary of the space shuttle Columbia accident and offer condolences to the families of the seven astronauts killed in the disaster. Motion agreed to 397-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(26) HR 2707: Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Control – Passage** – February 24, 2004 – Pearce, R-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the Forest Service to create a trial program to control salt cedar and Russian olive trees in the western United States. The measure would authorize \$5 million in fiscal 2005 for assessing ways to control the trees and \$18 million annually in fiscal 2005 through fiscal 2009 to

carry out demonstration projects. Motion agreed to 367-40. – VOTE: Yea

**(27) S 714: Oregon Land Conveyance – Passage** – February 24, 2004 – Renzi, R-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the Bureau of Land Management to convey, without costs, approximately 68.8 acres of land to Douglas County, Ore. The conveyance is intended to provide improved access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreational Area for off-road vehicles and other visitors. Motion agreed to 397-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(35) HR 912: Amateur Astronomy Awards - Passage** – March 03, 2004 – Rohrabacher, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize NASA and the Minor Planet Center of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory to establish two annual Charles “Pete” Conrad Astronomy Awards of \$3,000 each for amateur astronomers. Motion agreed to 404-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(39) HR 3752: Space Tourism – Passage** – March 04, 2004 – Passage of the bill that would give the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulatory authority over space tourism. The bill would streamline FAA regulations for issuing experimental permits to companies that want to test new flight vehicles. Passed 402-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(73) HR 958: Navigational Safety – Passage** – March 23, 2004 – Saxton, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to maintain four navigation response teams in priority coastal areas to conduct navigational safety activities and to verify hydrographic data, which helps chart or map bodies of water. The bill also would extend the 2000 Fisheries Survey Vessel Authorization Act, which allows NOAA to acquire or lease up to six fishery research vessels. It would authorize \$51 million in fiscal 2005 and \$39 million in fiscal 2006 for the vessels. Motion agreed to 384-23. – VOTE: Yea

**(74) HR 2408: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Volunteers – Passage** – March 23, 2004 – Saxton, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize funding for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s volunteer programs, which allow the agency to recruit volunteers and enter into cooperative agreements with partner organizations, such as academic institutions. It would authorize \$2 million annually for fiscal years 2004 through 2009 for the programs. Motion agreed to 401-10. – VOTE: Yea

**(94) HR 2584: Utrok Atoll Monitoring – Concur with Senate Amendments** – March 29, 2004 – Gilchrest, R-Md., motion to suspend the rules and concur with the Senate amendments to the bill that would convey a decommissioned ship to the Utrok Atoll in the Marshall Islands to support radiological monitoring and resettlement of the atoll, whose residents were affected by U.S. nuclear testing. The bill, as amended, would require the atoll’s local government, in consultation with the government of the Marshall Islands, to submit a plan to Congress within six months for use of the vessel. Motion agreed to 379-1. – VOTE: Shays did not vote, but submitted a statement in support of the measure.

**EXECUTIVE BRANCH, FEDERAL BUILDINGS, AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**(109) HR 1055: Roswell Beck Post Office – Passage** – April 07, 2003 – Thomas M. Davis III, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office in Florence, South Carolina, after Dr. Roswell N. Beck. Motion agreed to 383-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(111) HR 1368: Norman Shumway Post Office – Passage** – April 07, 2003 – Thomas M. Davis III, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office

in Stockton, Calif., after former Rep. Norman David Shumway, R-Calif., (1979-91). Motion agreed to 380-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(115) S 380: Postal Service Retirement – Passage** – April 08, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would alter the formula used to determine the size of annual payments the Postal Service makes to the civil service pension fund. The Postal Service would be required to use the same formula for payments to the Civil Service Retirement System that it currently uses to determine payments to the Federal Employee Retirement System. Savings that result from the change through fiscal 2005 would go toward lowering the service’s debt to the U.S. Treasury. A portion of the savings in fiscal 2005 also would go toward maintaining current postage rates. Passed 424-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(159) HR 1596: Timothy Gaffney Post Office – Passage** – May 06, 2003 – Turner, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office in St. Louis, Mo., after Timothy Michael Gaffney, a former postal worker. Motion agreed to 405-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(160) HR 1625: Robert Hammer Post Office – Passage** – May 06, 2003 – Turner, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office in Clifton, N.J., after Robert P. Hammer, a former city manager. Motion agreed to 405-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(161) HR 1740: Caesar Clark Post Office – Passage** – May 06, 2003 – Turner, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office in Dallas, Texas, after Caesar A.W. Clark Sr., a pastor in that city. Motion agreed to 405-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(162) HR 1609: Donald Davis Post Office – Passage** – May 07, 2003 – Turner, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office in Brookfield, Mo., after Donald Davis, a former navy admiral. Motion agreed to 423-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(176) H Res 213: Public Service Tribute – Adoption** – May 08, 2003 – Murphy, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor government employees, encourage individuals to enter public service, and support efforts to promote public service. Motion agreed to 418-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(183) HR 281: Tony Hall Tribute – Passage** – May 13, 2003 – Burgess, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a federal building and post office in Dayton, Ohio, after former Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio (1979-2002). Motion agreed to 407-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(193) HR 1018: James L. Watson Building – Passage** – May 19, 2003 – LaTourette, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name the U.S. Court of International Trade Building in New York after James L. Watson. Motion agreed to 380-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(229) HR 1465: General Charles Gabriel Post Office – Passage** – June 02, 2003 – Souder, R-Ind., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office in Iron Station, North Carolina, after General Charles Gabriel. Motion agreed to 371-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(232) S 763: Birch Bayh Courthouse – Passage** – June 03, 2003 – LaTourette, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a federal courthouse in Indianapolis after former Sen. Birch Evan Bayh, D-Ind., (1963-1981). Motion rejected 235-179. – VOTE: Nay

**(249) HR 1610: Walt Disney Post Office – Passage** – June 09, 2003 – Turner, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office in Marceline, Mo., after Walter Elias Disney, the creator of Mickey Mouse and founder of the Disneyland

and Walt Disney World theme parks. Motion agreed to 384-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(251) S 763: Birch Bayh Courthouse – Passage** – June 09, 2003 – Pearce, R-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a federal courthouse in Indianapolis after former Sen. Birch Evan Bayh, D-Ind. (1963-1981). Motion agreed to 383-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(276) HR 2254: Bruce Woodbury Post Office – Passage** – June 16, 2003 – Carter, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a U.S. post office in Boulder City, Nev., after Bruce Woodbury, a former local county commissioner. Motion agreed to 369-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(336) HR 1761: Garner Shriver Building – Passage** – July 08, 2003 – T. Davis, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office in Wichita, Kan., after the late, former Rep. Garner E. Shriver, R-Kan., (1961-1977). Motion agreed to 415-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(461) HR 2309: J. Stephen Horn Post Office – Passage** – September 03, 2003 – Tom Davis, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the U.S. post office in Signal Hill, Calif., as the J. Stephen Horn Post Office Building. Motion agreed to 395-1 – VOTE: Yea

**(480) HR 2765: Fiscal 2004 District of Columbia Appropriations – Across-the-Board Cut** – September 05, 2003 – Hefley, R-Colo., amendment that would reduce funding for all provisions in the bill by 1 percent. Rejected 116-284. – VOTE: Nay

**(486) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Federal Job Outsourcing** – September 09, 2003 – Hastings, D-Fla., amendment that would prohibit the Office of Management and Budget from using any funds in the bill to require agencies to make an inventory of inherently government-related tasks and open those tasks up to competition from companies in the private sector. Rejected 205-211. – VOTE: Nay

**(487) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Federal Job Outsourcing** – September 09, 2003 – Van Hollen, D-Md., amendment that would prohibit any funds in the bill from being used to implement an Office of Management and Budget rule that would streamline the process by which an agency determines whether tasks performed by federal workers should be contracted out to private companies. Adopted 220-198. – VOTE: Nay

**(505) S 678: Postmasters Equity – Passage** – September 16, 2003 – Burton, R-Ind., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require postmasters and postmasters organizations to be included in the process for the development and planning of certain U.S. Postal Service policies, schedules, and programs. Motion agreed to 426-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(627) HR 3300: Walter F. Ehrnfelt Jr. Post Office Building – Passage** – November 18, 2003 – Duncan, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name the post office building in Srongsville, Ohio, after Walter F. Ehrnfelt Jr., who served as the town's mayor from 1978 to 2003 and died May 25. Motion agreed to 410-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(632) HR 1274: Fresno County Courthouse – Passage** – November 18, 2003 – Porter, R-Nev., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the administrator of general services to convey to Fresno County, Calif., the existing federal courthouse in that county. Motion agreed to 421-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(14) HJ Res 84: Ronald Reagan's 93rd Birthday – Passage** – February 03, 2004 – Shays, R-Conn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would extend

birthday greetings and best wishes to former President Ronald Reagan on his 93rd birthday. Motion agreed to 394-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(28) HR 2751: GAO Personnel Management – Passage** – February 25, 2004 – Passage of the bill that would provide the General Accounting Office (GAO) with additional discretion to manage its workforce, including tying employee raises to a minimum performance standard and making permanent the agency's authority to offer early retirement. The bill also would change the name of the agency to the Government Accountability Office. Passed 382-43. – VOTE: Yea

**(32) HR 3769: Ben Atchley Post Office – Passage** – March 02, 2004 – Duncan, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office building in Knoxville, Tenn., after Republican State Sen. Ben Atchley. Motion agreed to 383-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(59) HR 3733: Myron V. George Post Office – Passage** – March 16, 2004 – Miller, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office building in Altamont, Kan., after the late, former Rep. Myron V. George, R-Kan. (1950-1959). Motion agreed to 394-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(65) HJ Res 87: Franklin Delano Roosevelt Tribute – Passage** – March 17, 2004 – Miller, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would honor the life and legacy of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and recognize his contributions to the United States and the world on the anniversary of his birthday. Motion agreed to 398-5. – VOTE: Yea

**(81) HR 3059: Lloyd L. Burke Post Office – Passage** – March 24, 2004 – Miller, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office building in Stuttgart, Ark., after the late Col. Lloyd L. Burke, a veteran of three wars and winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Motion agreed to 425-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(95) HR 3723: Vaughn Gross Post Office – Passage** – March 29, 2004 – Carter, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would name a post office building in Dallas, Texas, after Vaughn Gross, the assistant superintendent of the Richardson Independent School District, located just outside of Dallas. Motion agreed to 379-0. – VOTE: Shays did not vote, but submitted a statement in support of the measure.

**(104) H Res 581: Federal Employee Pay Parity – Adoption** – March 31, 2004 – Adoption of the resolution that would express the sense of the House that federal civilian employees and military personnel should receive the same percentage pay increases in fiscal 2005, and that compensation must be sufficient to retain "quality" government employees. Adopted 299-126. – VOTE: Nay

#### FOREIGN AFFAIRS

**(20) H Con Res 27: Human Rights Commission – Adoption** – February 11, 2003 – Hyde, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would condemn the selection of Libya as the chair of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights. It also would urge the president to push for renewed U.N. sanctions against Libya because of its involvement in the attack on Pam Am Flight 103 and urge the secretary of State to encourage other countries to support U.S. opposition to the election of human rights violators to leadership positions in the United Nations. Motion agreed to 402-6. – VOTE: Yea

**(21) H Con Res 22: Vaclav Havel Tribute – Adoption** – February 11, 2003 – Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor Vaclav Havel, a playwright and the former president of the Czech Republic, for his support of human rights and democracy. Motion agreed to 415-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(22) H Res 61: Israel Tribute – Adoption** – February 11, 2003 – Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commend Israel for its free and fair election process and express gratitude for the U.S.-Israel relationship. Motion agreed to 411-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(117) H Res 179: Democracy in Cuba – Adoption** – April 08, 2003 – Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would condemn the crack-down by the government of Cuba on pro-democracy efforts, urge the release of all Cuban political prisoners, and support fundamental political and civil liberties for the Cuban people. It would call for a resolution by the U.N. Commission on Human Rights condemning the crackdown and urge commission members to oppose a renewal of Cuba's membership on the international panel until it meets international human rights standards. Motion agreed to 414-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(118) HR 1584: Conflict Diamonds – Passage** – April 08, 2003 – Crane, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the president to prohibit the import or export into the United States of any rough diamonds that have not been certified as not originating from areas where the diamond trade either finances or creates violent conflict. The president could waive the requirement under certain circumstances. Any person or corporate agent who willfully violates the prohibition could be fined up to \$50,000 and imprisoned up to 10 years. Motion agreed to 419-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(126) H Res 149: Zoran Djindjic Tribute – Adoption** – April 09, 2003 – Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would offer condolences to the family of Zoran Djindjic, the late Serbian prime minister. It also would recognize that organized crime threatens reform efforts in Serbia and expresses the sense of the House in support of continued democratization efforts in that country. Motion agreed to 425-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(129) H Res 165: Peace in Cyprus – Adoption** – April 10, 2003 – Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the House in appreciation of the U.N. secretary general's efforts to negotiate peace in Cyprus between the Turkish Cypriots and the Greek Cypriots. It would express disappointment that the secretary's settlement plan was rejected and express continued congressional support for reaching peace. Motion agreed to 422-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(155) HR 1298: AIDS Relief – Global Fund Salaries** – May 01, 2003 – Stearns, R-Fla., amendment that would require that next year's appropriation for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS be reduced by the same amount that any individual Fund staffer's salary exceeds that of Vice President Dick Cheney. Adopted 276-145. – VOTE: Yea

**(156) HR 1298: AIDS Relief – Funding and the Budget** – May 01, 2003 – Smith, R-Mich., amendment that would reconcile the bill's funding with the president's budget request and with the fiscal 2004 budget resolution. It would maintain the bill's total five-year authorization of \$15 billion but authorize only \$2 billion in fiscal 2004. It would increase that amount by \$500 million annually until it reaches \$4 billion in fiscal 2008. Rejected 130-288. – VOTE: Nay

**(157) HR 1298: AIDS Relief – Abstinence Programs** – May 01, 2003 – Pitts, R-Pa., amendment that would require that one-third of the funding for bilateral assistance for HIV/AIDS prevention go toward abstinence-until-marriage programs. Adopted 220-197. – VOTE: Yea

**(158) HR 1298: AIDS Relief – Passage** – May 01, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would authorize \$3 billion annually over the next five years to prevent and treat HIV and AIDS in Africa. The bill would require the president to

establish a five-year strategy to combat AIDS. It would provide funds for anti-retroviral therapy for individuals infected with HIV, encourage a strategy that extends palliative care for AIDS patients, and support the research and development of vaccines for HIV/AIDS and malaria. It would endorse a multi-prong approach to containing AIDS that encourages abstinence, monogamy, and condom use. It would establish an AIDS coordinator position within the State Department that would have control over disbursing funds. The bill would allow up to \$1 billion in fiscal 2004 for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Passed 375-41. – VOTE: Yea

**(184) H Con Res 160: Iraq Sanctions – Adoption** – May 13, 2003 – Smith, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the Congress that the United Nations should lift economic sanctions imposed against Iraq through U.N. Resolution 661 and 687 and that member countries should encourage trade with that country. Motion agreed to 409-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(297) H Res 264: Algerian Earthquake – Adoption** – June 23, 2003 – Green, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express sympathies to the Algerian people and the families of the victims of the earthquake on May 21, 2003. It also would support humanitarian aid and international support for Algeria as it recovers from the earthquake. Motion agreed to 382-1. – VOTE: Shays missed vote due to participation in World Economic Forum in Amman, Jordan but submitted a statement in support of the measure.

**(298) H Res 177: Kenyan Democracy – Adoption** – June 23, 2003 – Green, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commend the people of Kenya for conducting free and fair elections and express support for democracy in that country. Motion agreed to 380-0. – VOTE: Shays missed vote due to participation in World Economic Forum in Amman, Jordan but submitted a statement in support of the measure.

**(299) H Con Res 209: Albania, Croatia and Macedonia – Adoption** – June 23, 2003 – Green, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would support the U.S.-Adriatic Charter and commend Albania, Croatia and Macedonia for their efforts to become members of the NATO and the European Union. Motion agreed to 381-1. – VOTE: Shays missed vote due to participation in World Economic Forum in Amman, Jordan but submitted a statement in support of the measure.

**(315) H Con Res 49: Condemnation of Anti-Semitism – Adoption** – June 25, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the Congress that executive officials and members of Congress should discuss the issue of the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe in bilateral meetings and multilateral forums, and urge European countries to prosecute anti-Semitic acts and promote educational efforts to counter anti-Semitism. Motion agreed to 412-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(316) H Res 199: Detention of Dr. Yang Jianli – Adoption** – June 25, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would condemn the Chinese government's detention of Dr. Yang Jianli, a permanent U.S. resident and advocate for democracy in China, call for his immediate release and urge President Bush to make his release a top U.S. foreign policy priority. Motion agreed to 412-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(317) H Res 294: Terrorist Attacks in Israel – Adoption** – June 25, 2003 – Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would condemn recent terrorist attacks against Israelis, express solidarity with the Israeli people, commend

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President Bush for his vision of two states, Israel and Palestine, existing side by side in peace, recognize Israel's right to fight terrorism, and call on all states to cease support for Palestinian and other terrorist groups. Motion agreed to 399-5. —VOTE:Yea

**(326) H Res 277: Freedoms in Hong Kong — Adoption** — June 26, 2003 — Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would condemn any restriction of freedoms in Hong Kong, urge the Hong Kong and Chinese governments not to enact laws that would criminalize subversion and other acts against the Chinese Communist Party, and call upon the Chinese government to leave matters related to Hong Kong law to a legislature elected by universal suffrage. Motion agreed to 426-1. —VOTE:Yea

**(360) HR 1950: State Department Authorization — Rule** — July 15, 2003 — Adoption of the rule (H Res 316) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would authorize an estimated \$40 billion in appropriations through fiscal 2008 for the Department of State and foreign aid programs. Adopted 222-201. —VOTE:Yea

**(362) HR 1950: State Department Authorization — U.N. Population Fund** — July 15, 2003 — Smith, R-N.J., amendment that would strike a provision that would both ease statutory requirements for U.S. contributions to the U.N. Population Fund and authorize an additional \$25 million in each of fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the fund. Adopted 216-211. —VOTE:Yea

**(363) HR 1950: State Department Authorization — Developing Countries** — July 15, 2003 — Kolbe, R-Ariz., amendment to the Hyde, R-Ill., amendment. The Kolbe amendment would accelerate from fiscal 2006 to fiscal 2004 the time by which countries defined by the World Bank as lower and middle-income countries could begin receiving aid through the Millennium Challenge Account, which would provide aid to developing countries that meet certain political, human rights and other standards. The Hyde amendment would authorize \$9.3 billion over the next three years to create the new Millennium Challenge Account and \$1.7 billion over the next four years for the Peace Corps. Rejected 110-313. —VOTE:Yea

**(364) HR 1950: State Department Authorization — Ban on U.N. Contributions** — July 15, 2003 — Paul, R-Texas, amendment that would block any funds authorized in the bill to be used to pay the U.S. contribution to the United Nations. Rejected 74-350. —VOTE:Yea

**(365) HR 1950: State Department Authorization — Cap on U.N. Contributions** — July 15, 2003 — King, R-Iowa, amendment that would cap the U.S. contribution to the U.N. regular budget to no more than the amount paid by any other permanent member of the Security Council. Rejected 187-237. —VOTE:Yea

**(366) HR 1950: State Department Authorization — Satellite Marketing Information** — July 15, 2003 — Tauscher, D-Calif., amendment that would allow communication satellite exporters to share marketing data with potential customers in NATO countries, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. Rejected 207-219. —VOTE:Yea

**(368) HR 1950: State Department Authorization — Millennium Challenge Account** — July 16, 2003 — Hyde, R-Ill., amendment that would authorize \$9.3 billion over the next three years for the new Millennium Challenge Account, which would provide aid to developing countries that meet certain political, human rights and other standards. It also would establish the Millennium Challenge Corporation to administer the funds and authorize \$1.7 billion over the next four years for the Peace Corps. Adopted 368-52. —VOTE:Yea

**(369) HR 1950: State Department Authorization — Passage** — July 16, 2003 — Passage of the bill that would authorize \$32.2 billion in appropriations through fiscal 2008 for the Department of State and foreign aid programs. It would authorize funds for international broadcasting activities, embassy security, and refugee assistance programs. It would authorize \$9.3 billion over the next three years for the new Millennium Challenge Account, which provides aid to developing countries that meet certain political, human rights and other standards, and \$1.7 billion over the next four years for the Peace Corps. The bill would limit the U.S. share of financial contributions to U.N. peacekeeping activities at 27.1 percent. It also would express the sense of the Congress that the U.S. should not recognize a Palestinian state until President Bush certifies the existence of a binding peace agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians that includes several conditions including an end to Palestinian terrorism. Passed 382-42. —VOTE:Yea

**(405) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations — UNESCO Funds** — July 22, 2003 — Paul, R-Texas, amendment that would eliminate from the bill \$71 million in funding for the United States' re-entry into the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Rejected 145-279. —VOTE:Yea

**(423) HR 2800: Fiscal 2004 Foreign Operations Appropriations — Motion to Rise** — July 23, 2003 — DeLauro, D-Conn., motion to rise from the Committee of the Whole. Motion rejected 84-318. —VOTE:Yea

**(424) HR 2800: Fiscal 2004 Foreign Operations Appropriations — Motion to Rise** — July 23, 2003 — Jackson, D-Ill., motion to rise from the Committee of the Whole. Motion rejected 63-342. —VOTE:Yea

**(367) HR 1950: State Department Authorization — Consular Identification Cards** — July 15, 2003 — Hostettler, R-Ind., amendment that would authorize State Department to establish regulations governing the issuance of consular identification cards by foreign missions in the United States. It also would impose reporting and record-keeping requirements for such cards. Adopted 226-198. —VOTE:Yea

**(425) HR 2800: Fiscal 2004 Foreign Operations Appropriations — HIV/AIDS and Millennium Challenge Account** — July 24, 2003 — Kilpatrick, D-Mich., amendment that would increase by \$300 million funding for HIV/AIDS programs and offset the cost with a reduction to the Millennium Challenge Account, which would provide aid to developing countries that meet certain political, human rights and other standards. Rejected 192-228. —VOTE:Yea

**(426) HR 2800: Fiscal 2004 Foreign Operations Appropriations — HIV/AIDS and Colombian Military** — July 24, 2003 — McGovern, D-Mass., amendment that would increase by \$75 million funding for HIV/AIDS programs and offset the cost with a reduction in funding for U.S. counter-drug activities in Colombia and for foreign military financing programs. Rejected 195-226. —VOTE:Yea

**(427) HR 2800: Fiscal 2004 Foreign Operations Appropriations — Across-the-Board Cut** — July 24, 2003 — Hefley, R-Colo., amendment that would provide a 1 percent across-the-board funding cut. Rejected 110-309. —VOTE:Yea

**(428) HR 2800: Fiscal 2004 Foreign Operations Appropriations — No Funds for Saudia Arabia** — July 24, 2003 — Weiner, D-N.Y., amendment that would prohibit direct funding to several Saudi Arabia, along with Cuba, Libya, North Korea, Iran, and Syria. Rejected 191-231. —VOTE:Yea

**(429) HR 2800: Fiscal 2004 Foreign Operations Appropriations — Passage** — July 24, 2003 — Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$17.1 billion in discretionary funds in fiscal 2004 for foreign operations, \$928 million more than fiscal 2003. The bill would include \$1.4 billion to combat HIV/AIDS and \$800 million for the Millennium Challenge Account, which would provide aid to developing countries that meet certain political, human rights and other standards. It also would provide \$731 million for the Andean Counterdrug Initiative, a U.S. anti-narcotics program in Colombia and neighboring countries. Passed 370-50. —VOTE:Yea

**(483) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations — Cuba Travel Ban** — September 09, 2003 — Flake, R-Ariz., amendment that would prohibit any funds in the bill from being used to enforce the ban on traveling to Cuba placed on U.S. citizens. Adopted 227-188. —VOTE:Yea

**(484) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations — Cuban Remittance** — September 09, 2003 — Delahunt, D-Mass., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to enforce any restrictions on remittances from the United States to nationals of Cuba or Cuban households. Adopted 222-196. —VOTE:Yea

**(488) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations — Cuban Exchange Programs** — September 09, 2003 — Davis, D-Fla., amendment that would prohibit funds in the bill from being used to implement or enforce regulations proposed in March that would eliminate licenses for "people-to-people" educational exchanges with Cuba. Adopted 246-173. —VOTE:Yea

**(489) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations — Passage** — September 09, 2003 — Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$89.6 billion in fiscal 2004 spending, including \$27.5 billion in discretionary spending, for the departments of Treasury and Transportation, and related agencies. It includes \$33.4 billion for highway projects, \$14 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration, \$900 million in grants to Amtrak, \$3.4 billion for the Airport Improvement Program, and \$11.3 billion for the Treasury Department. It also would lift the ban on most travel to Cuba. Passed 381-39. —VOTE:Yea

**(492) H Res 359: Dalai Lama Tribute — Adoption** — September 10, 2003 — Leach, R-Iowa, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would welcome the Dalai Lama on his visit to Washington and recognize his commitment to non-violence, human rights, freedom and democracy. Motion agreed to 421-0. —VOTE:Yea

**(532) H Con Res 274: National Endowment for Democracy Tribute — Adoption** — October 07, 2003 — Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commend the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to democratic development around the world on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. Motion agreed to 391-1. —VOTE:Yea

**(538) H Res 355: Diplomatic Relations with Bulgaria — Adoption** — October 08, 2003 — Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commemorate the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Bulgaria. Motion agreed to 397-0. —VOTE:Yea

**(539) H Res 372: Anna Lindh Condolences — Adoption** — October 08, 2003 — Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the condolences of the House of Representatives in response to the murder of Swedish foreign minister Anna Lindh. Motion agreed to 398-0. —VOTE:Yea

**(543) HR 1828: Syria Sanctions — Passage** — October 15, 2003 — Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the president to impose at least two sanctions on Syria. Sanctions could include barring U.S. exports and investment in Syria with the exception of food and medicine, freezing Syrian government assets in the United States, banning Syrian aircraft from U.S. airspace, reducing diplomatic contacts, and restricting the travel of Syrian diplomats. Sanctions not dealing with military and dual-use exports could be waived for national security reasons. The bill also would condemn Syrian involvement with terrorism and demand a withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon. Motion agreed to 398-4. —VOTE:Yea

**(563) H Res 356: Ukrainian Famine — Adoption** — October 20, 2003 — Hyde, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the House of Representatives by commemorating the victims of the Ukrainian famine of 1932-33 and recognizing the famine as an act of terror caused by the Soviet regime. Motion agreed to 382-0. —VOTE:Yea

**(564) H Res 400: Pope John Paul II — Adoption** — October 20, 2003 — McCotter, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's ascension to the papacy. Motion agreed to 382-0. —VOTE:Yea

**(593) H Res 409: Anti-Semitic Remarks — Adoption** — October 30, 2003 — Leach, R-Iowa, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would repudiate outgoing Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad for his recent anti-Semitic remarks. Motion agreed to 411-0. —VOTE:Yea

**(596) H Con Res 302: Welcoming Taiwanese President — Adoption** — October 30, 2003 — Chabot, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan to the United States on Oct. 31, 2003. Motion agreed to 416-0. —VOTE:Yea

**(607) HR 2620: Human Trafficking — Passage** — November 05, 2003 — Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize a total of about \$200 million for fiscal 2004 and 2005 for enforcement of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, which is used to combat human trafficking, ensure the prosecution of human traffickers and protect the victims of trafficking. The bill would require the president to establish foreign border interdiction programs at key border crossing between foreign countries through grants to non-governmental organizations, as well as support the production of television and radio programs to inform vulnerable populations overseas of the dangers of trafficking. Motion agreed to 422-1. —VOTE:Yea

**(639) H Res 427: Vietnamese Unified Buddhist Church — Adoption** — November 19, 2003 — Leach, R-Iowa, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the House in commending the new leadership of the Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam and urges the Vietnamese government to increase religious freedom. Motion agreed to 409-13. —VOTE:Yea

**(640) H Con Res 83: Cambodian Genocide Victims — Adoption** — November 19, 2003 — Leach, R-Iowa, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979. Motion agreed to 420-1. —VOTE:Yea

**(641) H Con Res 288: Seeds of Peace — Adoption** — November 19, 2003 — Leach, R-Iowa, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor Seeds of Peace, an organization founded in 1993 that brings together children from regions of

conflict to study and learn about coexistence and conflict resolution. Motion agreed to 415-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(642) H Res 393: Afghan Women – Adoption** – November 19, 2003 – Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commend Afghan women for their participation in Afghan government and civil society since the fall of the Taliban regime in 2001. Motion agreed to 414-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(643) H Res 423: Religious Freedom – Adoption** – November 19, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the 5th anniversary of the signing of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 and would urge a renewed commitment to eliminating violations of the internationally recognized right to freedom of religion and fundamental human rights. Motion agreed to 416-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(652) HJ Res 63: Micronesia and Marshall Islands Compacts – Passage** – November 20, 2003 – Leach, R-Iowa, motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments to the joint resolution that would amend the Compacts of Free Association between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The measure would extend current U.S. financial and program assistance to Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, but would restructure the way those funds are provided to increase fiscal accountability and economic planning. Motion agreed to 417-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(653) H Con Res 209: U.S.-Adriatic Charter – Adoption** – November 20, 2003 – Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commend the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter between the United States, Albania, Croatia and Macedonia. Motion agreed to 416-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(654) HR 1828: Syria Sanctions – Passage** – November 20, 2003 – Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendments to the bill that would require the president to impose at least two sanctions on Syria. Sanctions could include barring U.S. exports and investment in Syria with the exception of food and medicine, freezing Syrian government assets in the United States, banning Syrian aircraft from U.S. airspace, reducing diplomatic contacts, and restricting the travel of Syrian diplomats. Any of the sanctions could be waived for national security reasons. The bill also would condemn Syrian involvement with terrorism and demand a withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon. Motion agreed to 408-8. – VOTE: Yea

**(657) H Res 453: Istanbul Attacks – Adoption** – November 21, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would condemn the terrorist attacks in Istanbul, Turkey, on Nov. 15, 2003. Motion agreed to 426-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(13) H Res 157: Prisoners of Conscience in China – Adoption** – February 03, 2004 – Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the House that the Chinese government should immediately release all prisoners of conscience, including Phuntsog Nyidron, a Tibetan Buddhist nun. Motion agreed to 398-0. – Vote: Yea

**(20) H Con Res 359: Holocaust Remembrance – Adoption** – February 10, 2004 – Mica, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would authorize the use of the Capitol Rotunda for a ceremony on April 22, 2004, as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. Motion agreed to 402-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(33) H Res 526: Iranian Earthquake – Adoption** – March 02, 2004 – Hyde, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the

resolution that would express the sympathy of the House of Representatives for the victims of the Dec. 26, 2003, earthquake in Bam, Iran. The resolution also would honor the life-saving work of U.S. and international aid personnel in Iran. Motion agreed to 381-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(34) H Res 530: Human Rights in China – Adoption** – March 03, 2004 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of Congress that the U.S. government should continue to insist that China adhere to fundamental human rights principles. The measure also would urge the U.S. government to introduce a resolution at the 60th session of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva, Switzerland, calling on China to end its human rights violations and meet internationally recognized standards for human rights. – Motion agreed to 402-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(41) H Res 56: Day of Remembrance – Adoption** – March 04, 2004 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the historical significance of an Executive Order signed by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on Feb. 19, 1942, which restricted the freedom of Japanese-Americans, German-Americans, Italian-Americans, and legal resident aliens by requiring identification cards and imposing travel restrictions, personal property seizures, and internment. The resolution also would support the efforts of Japanese-American, German-American, and Italian-American communities to recognize a national day of remembrance to commemorate and increase awareness of these events. Motion agreed to 404-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(56) H Con Res 15: India's Republic Day – Adoption** – March 11, 2004 – Leach, R-Iowa, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would commend India on its celebration of Republic Day, and reiterate Congress' support for continued strong relations between the United States and India. – Motion agreed to 418-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(57) H Res 540: Boris Trajkovski Remembrance – Adoption** – March 11, 2004 – Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the condolences and deepest sympathies of the House of Representatives for the death of Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski, who was killed in a plane crash on Feb. 26. Motion agreed to 411-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(60) H Res 433: Luis A. Ferre Tribute – Adoption** – March 16, 2004 – Miller, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor the late Luis A. Ferre – former governor of Puerto Rico and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom – for his outstanding political leadership, business savvy, advocacy for social justice, and love and support of the arts. Motion agreed to 398-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(62) H Res 557: War in Iraq and U.S. Troops – Previous Question** – March 17, 2004 – Dreier, R-Calif., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 561) to provide for House floor consideration of the resolution that would affirm that the United States and the world are safer with the removal of Saddam Hussein and his regime from power in Iraq. It also would commend U.S. and coalition forces for liberating Iraq. Motion agreed to 217-197. – VOTE: Yea

**(63) H Res 557: War in Iraq and U.S. Troops – Rule** – March 17, 2004 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 561) to provide for House floor consideration of the resolution that would affirm that the United States and the world are safer with the removal of Saddam Hussein and his regime from power in Iraq. It also would commend U.S. and coalition forces for liberating Iraq. Adopted 228-195. – VOTE: Yea

**(64) H Res 557: War in Iraq and U.S. Troops – Adoption** – March 17, 2004 – Adoption of the resolution that would affirm

that the United States and the world are safer with the removal of Saddam Hussein and his regime from power in Iraq. It also would commend U.S. and coalition forces for liberating Iraq and commend the Iraqi people on the adoption of Iraq's new interim constitution. Adopted 327-93. – VOTE: Yea

**(71) H Con Res 364: Marshall Islands Partnership – Adoption** – March 18, 2004 – Harris, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would express Congress' recognition of more than 50 years of strategic partnership between the United States and the people of the Marshall Islands. The resolution also would recognize the importance of the nuclear weapon test code-named Bravo at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands on March 1, 1954. Motion agreed to 408-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(83) H Con Res 189: International Geophysical Year – Adoption** – March 24, 2004 – Bonner, R-Ala., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would express the sense of Congress that the president should endorse an International Geophysical Year II (IGY-2) for 2007 to 2008, which would promote global scientific cooperation. Motion agreed to 420-3. – VOTE: Yea

**(85) HR 3786: Printing Foreign Documents – Passage** – March 25, 2004 – Castle, R-Del., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the secretary of the Treasury to produce currency, postage stamps and other security documents for foreign governments – provided that the foreign government reimburses the United States for the costs of production. Motion agreed to 422-2. – VOTE: Yea

## HEALTH CARE

**(37) HR 534: Prohibition on Human Cloning – Substitute** – February 27, 2003 – Greenwood, R-Pa., substitute amendment that would prohibit human cloning for reproduction but allow the cloning of embryos for medical research purposes. Researchers would be required to register with the Food and Drug Administration and would have to obtain the consent of embryo donors. The bill would make it illegal to pursue cloning to initiate a pregnancy and impose on violators a prison term of up to 10 years and a fine of up to \$10 million. Rejected 174-231. – VOTE: Yea

**(38) HR 534: Prohibition on Human Cloning – Recommit** – February 27, 2003 – Lofgren, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to add language that would exempt from the ban on imports of cloned embryos those products related to developing a cure for various diseases including Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, cancer and heart disease. The instructions provide that the exempted products of the cloning process could not be used to begin a pregnancy. Motion rejected 164-237. – VOTE: Yea

**(39) HR 534: Prohibition on Human Cloning – Passage** – February 27, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would ban human cloning and punish violators with up to 10 years in prison and fines of at least \$1 million. The bill would prohibit cloning, and attempts at cloning, for both medical research and reproductive purposes. It also would forbid importing cloned embryos or products made from them. Passed 241-155. – VOTE: Nay

**(50) HR 441: Observer Status for Taiwan – Passage** – March 11, 2003 – Chabot, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the secretary of State to carry out a U.S. plan to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Assembly summit in May 2003. Motion agreed to 414-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(51) H Con Res 77: Rescue of Bulgarian Jews – Adoption** – March 11, 2003 – Chabot, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commemorate

the 60th anniversary of the rescue of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust and would reaffirm support for strong ties between the United States and Bulgaria. Motion agreed to 418-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(65) H Con Res 26: Opposition to Stoning – Adoption** – March 18, 2003 – Royce, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would condemn some governments' sanctioning of execution by stoning and urge the international community to acknowledge the practice as a human rights violation. Motion agreed to 417-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(66) HR 868: Property in Nicaragua – Passage** – March 18, 2003 – Ballenger, R-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require U.S. citizens who claim the Nicaraguan government improperly seized their property between Jan. 1, 1956 and Jan. 9, 2002, to file such a claim within 120 days after a notice is published in the Federal Register in order for a prohibition against U.S. support for international assistance to apply. Motion agreed to 414-7. – VOTE: Yea

**(67) H Res 109: Human Rights in North Korea – Adoption** – March 18, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would urge the Secretary of State to support at the U.N. Commission on Human Rights a resolution addressing North Korean human rights abuses. Motion agreed to 419-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(41) H Con Res 54: Honoring Visiting Nurses – Adoption** – March 4, 2003 Miller, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of Congress that the second week in May should be designated as "National Visiting Nurse Association Week." Motion agreed to 411-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(56) HR 659: Hospital Mortgage Insurance – Passage** – March 12, 2003 – Miller, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would give the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development the authority to set up a process to determine whether hospitals in non-certificate-of-need states qualify for federal mortgage insurance. Motion agreed to 422-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(57) HR 389: Access to Defibrillators – Passage** – March 12, 2003 – Shimkus, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize state and local grants from the Health and Human Services Department to be used to set up clearinghouses of information to increase public access to defibrillators in schools. Motion agreed to 415-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(58) HR 342: Mosquito Control – Passage** – March 12, 2003 – Tauzin, R-La., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$100 million in fiscal 2003, and such sums as may be necessary through fiscal 2007, for the Health and Human Services Department to award state and local grants to establish and run mosquito control programs. Up to \$10,000 could be given to local governments to assess mosquito problems and develop control plans. Up to \$100,000 could be given to local governments to help them run their mosquito control efforts but they would have to provide matching funds of one-third of operation costs. Motion agreed to 416-9. – VOTE: Yea

**(59) HR 399: Organ Donor Promotion – Passage** – March 12, 2003 – Tauzin, R-La., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$5 million annually through fiscal 2008 to help pay travel costs of out-of-state organ donors who earn less than \$35,000. The bill also would authorize \$15 million in fiscal 2004, and such sums as may be necessary through fiscal 2008, for state donor promotion and awareness initiatives. Motion Agreed to 425-3. – VOTE: Yea

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**(60) HR 663: Medical Mistakes – Passage** – March 12, 2003 – Bilirakis, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the Health and Human Services Department to set up and certify patient safety organizations to collect and analyze confidential information on medical mistakes by health care providers. Data provided to the organizations would be voluntary and would not be released to the public. A \$10,000 fine could be levied against an individual who improperly discloses confidential data. A \$20,000 fine could be levied against employers who retaliate against employees who submit information on medical errors. Motion agreed to 418-6. –VOTE:Yea

**(61) H Res 139: Medical Malpractice – Previous Question** – March 13, 2003 – March 13, 2003 – Reynolds, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 139) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5) that would cap the awards that plaintiffs and their attorneys could receive in medical malpractice cases. Motion agreed to 225-201. –VOTE:Yea

**(62) HR 5: Medical Malpractice – Rule** – March 13, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 139) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would cap the awards that plaintiffs and their attorneys could receive in medical malpractice cases. Adopted 225-201. –VOTE:Yea

**(63) HR 5: Medical Malpractice – Recommit** – March 13, 2003 – Conyers, D-Mich., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to include language that would establish an independent advisory commission, and require plaintiff attorneys in medical malpractice cases to file a certificate of merit. Motion rejected 191-234. –VOTE: Nay

**(64) HR 5: Medical Malpractice – Passage** – March 13, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would cap the awards that plaintiffs and their attorneys could receive in medical malpractice cases. The bill would limit non-economic damages to \$250,000 and cap punitive damages to \$250,000 or double economic damages, whichever is greater. Punitive damages could only be awarded if economic damages were found. A court would be required to find “substantial probability” that a plaintiff could be awarded punitive damages before a request for such an award could be filed. Punitive damages would be barred against makers and distributors of medical products if those products were approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The bill would require all states to set damage caps but would not pre-empt existing state statutory limits. The bill would limit attorneys’ contingency fees to 40 percent of the first \$50,000 in damages; 33.33 percent of the next \$50,000; 25 percent of the next \$500,000; and 15 percent of any amount in excess of \$600,000. Passed 229-196. –VOTE:Yea

**(194) H Con Res 147: Orphan Drug Act – Adoption** – May 19, 2003 – Bilirakis, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Orphan Drug Act and the National Organization for Rare Disorders. Motion agreed to 386-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(236) HR 760: Partial-Birth Abortion Ban – Rule** – June 04, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 257) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would ban a medical procedure opponents refer to as “partial-birth” abortion. Adopted 280-138: R 222-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(240) HR 760: Partial-Birth Abortion Ban – Post-Viability Standard** – June 04, 2003 – Greenwood, R-Pa., substitute amendment that would ban an abortion after the fetus has become viable except when a doctor determines it is necessary to avert serious adverse health consequences to the woman or to save her life. Rejected 133-287 –VOTE:Yea

**(241) HR 760: Partial-Birth Abortion Ban – Recommit** – June 04, 2003 – Baldwin, D-Wis., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions that it be reported back promptly with language that would allow an exemption from the ban when a doctor determines it is medically necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother. Motion rejected 165-256 –VOTE:Yea

**(242) HR 760: Partial-Birth Abortion Ban – Passage** – June 04, 2003 – Passage of a bill that would ban a medical procedure opponents refer to as “partial-birth” abortion. The procedure would only be allowed when it is necessary to save a woman’s life. Those who unlawfully performed the procedure would face fines and up to two years in prison. Passed 282-139. –VOTE:Yea

**(289) HR 660: Health Plans for Small Businesses – Previous Question** – June 19, 2003 – L. Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 283) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would allow the creation of association health plans through which small companies could band together to buy insurance for their employees. Motion agreed to 224-198. –VOTE:Yea

**(290) HR 660: Health Plans for Small Businesses – Adoption** – June 19, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 283) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would allow the creation of association health plans through which small companies could band together to buy insurance for their employees. Adopted 224-199. –VOTE:Yea

**(294) HR 660: Health Plans for Small Businesses – Democratic Substitute** – June 19, 2003 – Kind, D-Wis., substitute amendment that would allow employers with fewer than 100 employees to participate in a Small Employer Health Benefits Plan that would be similar to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan. Employers would be required to pay at least half of their employees’ premium costs and to offer coverage to all employees who have completed three months of service. Rejected 183-238. –VOTE: Nay

**(295) HR 660: Health Plans for Small Businesses – Recommit** – June 19, 2003 – McCarthy, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to add language that would prohibit employers from joining a health plan if it allows for a reduction in breast cancer coverage. Motion rejected 192-230. –VOTE: Nay

**(296) HR 660: Health Plans for Small Businesses – Passage** – June 19, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would allow the creation of association health plans through which small companies could band together to buy insurance for their employees. Association health plans that cover employees in multiple states would be exempt from many individual state insurance regulations but would be regulated by the Labor Department. Passed 262-162. –VOTE:Yea

**(321) HR 1, HR 2596, H Con Res 231: Prescription Drug Benefit and Medical Savings Accounts – Previous Question** – June 26, 2003 – Pryce, R-Ohio, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 299) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would allow a voluntary prescription drug benefit under Medicare with coverage provided by private insurers, the bill (HR 2596) that would create a pair of tax-preferred medical savings accounts to cover unreimbursed health care expenses, and the adjournment resolution (H Con Res 231). Motion agreed to 226-203. –VOTE:Yea

**(322) HR 1, HR 2596, H Con Res 231: Prescription Drug Benefit and Medical Savings Accounts – Rule** – June 26, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 299) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 1) that would allow a voluntary prescription drug benefit under Medicare with coverage provided by private insurers, the bill (HR 2596) that would create a pair of tax-preferred medical savings accounts to cover unreimbursed health care expenses, and the adjournment resolution (H Con Res 231). Adopted 221-203. –VOTE:Yea

**(328) HR 2596: Medical Savings Accounts – Passage** – June 26, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would create a tax deduction for contributions to either of two new medical savings accounts and allow tax-free withdrawals for medical expenses. The bill also would allow some unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending accounts to be rolled over or deposited into the health savings accounts. Passed 237-191. –VOTE:Yea

**(330) HR 1: Prescription Drug Benefit – Democratic Substitute** – June 27, 2003 – Rangel, D-N.Y., substitute amendment that would establish a prescription drug benefit under Medicare. Beneficiaries would pay a \$25 monthly premium and a \$100 yearly deductible. The plan would cover 80 percent of all drug expenses up to \$2,000 after the deductible has been paid. Medicare would cover all drug expenditures above that level. Rejected 175-255. –VOTE: Nay

**(331) HR 1: Prescription Drug Benefit – Recommit** – June 27, 2003 – Thompson, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions that it be reported back after striking the text of the bill and substituting new text that would provide a prescription drug benefit under Medicare and make changes in the Medicare payment for rural providers while keeping the total 10-year cost of the program within the \$400 million cap set in the fiscal 2004 budget resolution. Motion rejected 208-223. –VOTE: Nay

**(332) HR 1: Prescription Drug Benefit – Passage** – June 27, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would allow a voluntary prescription drug benefit under Medicare with coverage provided by private insurers. Medicare beneficiaries could receive drug coverage through either a preferred provider option or through the traditional fee-for-service plan paired with a government-approved private insurance plan. The benefit, available in 2006, would carry a \$250 annual deductible. Beneficiaries would pay 20 percent of annual drug costs from \$251 to \$2,000. It also would provide catastrophic coverage so that private insurers would cover all drug costs once out-of-pocket expenses have reached \$3,500. Higher-income seniors would be required to pay greater out-of-pocket costs before catastrophic coverage would go into effect. Beginning in 2010, private insurers could compete with standard Medicare coverage of hospital and doctor services. The bill would lower premiums and co-payments for low-income individuals. It also contains –provisions that would speed generic drugs to the market and allow the reimportation of U.S.-made drugs from Canada. Passed 216-215. –VOTE:Yea

**(359) HR 1: Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – July 14, 2003 – Davis, D-Tenn., motion to instruct House conferees on the Medicare prescription drug bill to insist on Senate-passed language that would provide a federal “fallback” plan in regions that have fewer than two qualified private insurance bidders for prescription drug coverage and to reject House-passed language that would allow private insurers to compete with standard Medicare coverage of hospital and doctor services beginning in 2010. Motion rejected 191-221. –VOTE: Nay

**(374) H Con Res 6: Pulmonary Disease Awareness – Adoption** – July 16, 2003 – Ose, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would support the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month, which aims to increase the public awareness of the disease primarily associated with emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Motion agreed to 423-0. –VOTE:Yea

**(439) HR 2427: Importation of Prescription Drugs – Previous Question** – July 24, 2003 – Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 335) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would require the Food and Drug Administration to establish a program that would allow the importation of FDA-approved prescription drugs from FDA-approved facilities in the European Union, Australia, Canada, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Lichtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and South Africa. Motion agreed to 417-10. –VOTE:Yea

**(445) HR 2427: Importation of Prescription Drugs – Passage** – July 25, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would require the Food and Drug Administration to establish a program that would allow the importation of FDA-approved prescription drugs from FDA-approved facilities in the European Union, Australia, Canada, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Lichtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and South Africa. Passed 243-186. –VOTE:Yea

**(502) HR 1: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – September 10, 2003 – Michaud, D-Maine, motion to instruct House conferees to reject the provision in the House bill that requires, beginning in 2010, the traditional Medicare program to compete against private plans to offer doctor and hospital coverage. The motion also instructs House conferees to agree to the provision in the Senate bill that provides for a government-run plan if there are not at least two private plans in a geographical area. Motion rejected 189-220. –VOTE: Nay

**(510) HR 1: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – September 23, 2003 – Stenholm, D-Texas, motion to instruct House conferees to accept provisions in the Senate bill that would increase funding to rural hospitals, provide guaranteed prescription drug coverage through a Medicare fallback option in areas where private drug plans are not available and reject provisions in the House bill that would cut hospital inflation increases. Motion rejected 202-213. –VOTE: Nay

**(522) HR 1: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – September 25, 2003 – Kind, D-Wis., motion to instruct House conferees to accept provisions in the Senate bill that would increase funding to rural hospitals, provide guaranteed prescription drug coverage through a Medicare fallback option in areas where private drug plans are not available and reject provisions in the House bill that would cut hospital inflation increases. Motion rejected 199-220 –VOTE: Nay

**(524) HR 1: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – September 30, 2003 – Sandlin, D-Texas, motion to instruct House conferees to accept provisions in the Senate bill that would increase funding to rural hospitals, provide guaranteed prescription drug coverage through a Medicare fallback option in areas where private drug plans are not available and reject provisions in the House bill that would cut hospital inflation increases. Motion rejected 202-205. –VOTE: Nay

**(528) HR 1: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – October 01, 2003 – Case, D-Hawaii, motion to instruct House conferees to accept provisions in the Senate bill that would increase funding to rural hospitals, provide guaranteed prescription drug coverage through a Medicare fallback option in

areas where private drug plans are not available and reject provisions in the House bill that would cut hospital inflation increases. Motion rejected 208-215. –VOTE: Nay

**(530) S 3: ‘Partial-Birth’ Abortion Ban – Adoption** – October 02, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would ban a medical procedure opponents refer to as “partial-birth” abortion. The procedure would only be allowed when it is necessary to save a woman’s life. Those who unlawfully performed the procedure would face fines and up to two years in prison. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 281-142. –VOTE: Yea

**(533) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – October 07, 2003 – Bishop, D-N.Y., motion to instruct House conferees to reject provisions of the House bill relating to the creation of tax-favored health savings accounts for individuals to pay for qualified health care expenses. Motion rejected 181-214. –VOTE: Nay

**(534) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – October 07, 2003 – Flake, R-Ariz., motion to instruct House conferees to include income thresholds on health coverage. Motion rejected 161-234. –VOTE: Yea

**(542) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – October 15, 2003 – Schakowsky, D-Ill., motion to instruct House conferees to reject provisions of the House bill relating to the creation of tax-favored health savings accounts for individuals to pay for qualified health care expenses. Motion rejected 190-218. –VOTE: Nay

**(573) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – October 28, 2003 – Brown, D-Ohio, motion to instruct House conferees to disagree with the portion of the House bill that would require that the traditional Medicare program must compete with private plans to provide Medicare benefits by the year 2010. Motion rejected 194-209. –VOTE: Nay

**(599) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – October 30, 2003 – Davis, D-Fla., motion to instruct House conferees to reject so-called premium support provisions in the House bill, which require that, by 2010, the traditional Medicare program must compete with private plans to provide Medicare benefits. Motion rejected 195-217. –VOTE: Nay

**(615) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – November 06, 2003 – Capps, D-Calif., motion to instruct House conferees to reject provisions of the House bill that require the traditional Medicare program to compete with private plans to provide Medicare benefits by 2010, and reject provisions of the Senate bill that establish an alternative payment system for preferred provider organizations in highly competitive regions. The savings from the rejection of these provisions would be used to increase payments to physicians for Medicare services. Motion rejected 197-209. –VOTE: Nay

**(619) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – November 07, 2003 – Cardoza, D-Calif., motion to instruct House conferees to reject the House-passed premium support provision and reject the Senate provision providing \$6 billion for privatization demonstration projects. The funding for those provisions would go toward improving Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments. The motion also instructs conferees to insist on the House provision that largely eliminates funding cuts scheduled to go into effect in state DSH payments and to insist on the Senate provision that increases federal allotments for “low-DSH states.” Motion rejected 184-207. –VOTE: Nay

**(624) HR 2673: Fiscal 2004 Agriculture and Omnibus Appropriations – Motion to Instruct** – November 18, 2003 – Obey,

D-Wis., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the provisions in the House bill that would allow for reimportation of prescription drugs from Canada. Motion agreed to 237-176. –VOTE: Yea

**(637) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – November 19, 2003 – Berkley, D-Nev., motion to instruct House conferees to reject provisions of the House bill that require the traditional Medicare program to compete with private plans by 2010, and reject provisions of the Senate bill that establish an alternative payment system for preferred provider organizations in highly competitive regions, with the savings from the rejection of these provisions to be used to increase payments to physicians for Medicare services. The motion also instructs conferees to accept provisions of the House bill that provide for a small increase in Medicare payments to doctors for the next two years. Motion rejected 203-218. –VOTE: Nay

**(644) HR 3140: Contact Lenses – Passage** – November 19, 2003 – Burr, R-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would create a national standard to allow consumers to purchase contact lenses from a vendor of their choice. Consumers would have an automatic right to copies of their contact lens prescription. A system would be created allowing third-party vendors to verify a prescription without the consent of a consumer’s eye care professional. Motion agreed to 406-12. –VOTE: Yea

**(646) S 286: Birth Defects – Passage** – November 20, 2003 – Bilirakis, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize the programs and activities of the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through fiscal 2007. The programs would be authorized to receive such sums as are necessary. Motion agreed to 415-1. –VOTE: Yea

**(647) S 686: Poison Control – Passage** – November 20, 2003 – Bilirakis, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$36 million in each of fiscal years 2005 through 2009 for poison control activities, including grants to regional poison control centers, a national toll-free poison control hotline, media campaigns and data analysis. Motion agreed to 420-1. –VOTE: Yea

**(650) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Instruct** – November 20, 2003 – Hooley, D-Ore., motion to instruct House conferees to reject provisions of the House bill that require the traditional Medicare program to compete with private plans by 2010, and reject provisions of the Senate bill that establish an alternative payment system for preferred provider organizations in highly competitive regions, with the savings from the rejection of these provisions to be used to increase payments to physicians for Medicare services. The motion also instructs conferees to accept provisions of the House bill that provide for a small increase in Medicare payments to doctors for the next two years. Motion rejected 201-222. –VOTE: Nay

**(659) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Previous Question** – November 21, 2003 – Motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 459) that would waive the two-thirds vote requirement for same day consideration of the rule (H Res 463) providing for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill that would create a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. Motion agreed to 225-202. –VOTE: Yea

**(660) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Consideration of Rule** – November 21, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 459) that would waive the two-thirds vote requirement for same day consideration of the rule (H Res 463) providing for House floor consideration of the conference report

on the bill that would create a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. Adopted 228-200. –VOTE: Yea

**(663) H Con Res 206: Bone Marrow Donor Program – Adoption** – November 21, 2003 – Walden, R-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express support for the Bone Marrow Donor Program. Motion agreed to 423-2. –VOTE: Yea

**(665) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Previous Question** – November 21, 2003 – Motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 463) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill that would create a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. Motion agreed to 228-204. –VOTE: Yea

**(666) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Rule** – November 21, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 463) to provide for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill that would create a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. Adopted 225-205. –VOTE: Yea

**(668) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Recommit** – November 22, 2003 – Turner, D-Texas, motion to recommit the conference report back to the conference committee with instructions that it be reported back to the House with provisions that would allow the Health and Human Services secretary to negotiate lower drug prices; eliminate “premium support;” ease requirements for importation of drugs from Canada; and allow Medicaid to supplement Medicare coverage for the low-income elderly and disabled. Motion rejected 211-222. –VOTE: Nay

**(669) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Conference Report** – November 22, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would create a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. Beginning in 2006, prescription coverage would be available through private insurers to seniors paying a monthly premium estimated at \$35 in 2006. Those enrolled in the plan would cover the first \$250 of annual drug costs themselves and 25 percent of all drug costs up to \$2,250. Benefits would then stop until out-of-pocket drug costs exceeded \$3,600, after which a beneficiary would cover 5 percent of all costs. Low-income seniors would be eligible for discounts on premiums, deductibles and co-payments. If no private plans bid in a region, the government would offer a fallback prescription drug plan. In 2004 and 2005, beneficiaries would be able to use drug discount cards to reduce prices by up to 25 percent. Medicare payments to managed care plans would increase by \$14.2 billion over 10 years. A pilot project would begin in 2010 in which Medicare would compete with private insurers to provide coverage for hospital and doctor costs in six metropolitan areas for six years. Drugs from Canada would be eligible for importation only if the Health and Human Services Department determines there is no safety risk and the move would save consumers money. Beginning in 2007, Part B premiums would increase for some higher-income recipients. Certain individuals under 65 years of age, as well as Medicare recipients, would be able to establish health-savings accounts to pay for health care services not covered by their insurance policy. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 220-215. –VOTE: Yea

**(670) HR I: Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit – Motion to Reconsider** – November 22, 2003 – DeLay, R-Texas, motion to table (kill) the motion to reconsider the bill that would create a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. Motion agreed to 210-193. –VOTE: Yea

**(6) HR 1385: Breast Cancer Stamp Extension – Passage** – January 27, 2004 – Ose, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend for two years,

through 2006, the authority of the Postal Service to issue a special postage stamp that benefits breast cancer research. Motion agreed to 331-1. –VOTE: Yea

**(7) HR 3493: Medical Devices Technical Corrections – Passage** – January 27, 2004 – Greenwood, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make technical corrections and clarifications to the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, including clarifying the types of fees applicable under the act. Motion agreed to 333-0. –VOTE: Yea

**(30) HR 1997: Fetal Protection – Democratic Substitute** – February 26, 2004 – Lofgren, D-Calif., substitute amendment that would make assault on a pregnant woman a federal crime. Under the substitute, a perpetrator could be subject to up to 20 years’ imprisonment for an assault causing prenatal injury and up to life imprisonment for an assault causing termination of the pregnancy. Rejected 186-229. –VOTE: Yea

**(31) HR 1997: Fetal Protection - Passage** – February 26, 2004 – Passage of the bill that would make it a criminal offense to injure or kill a fetus during the commission of a violent crime. The measure would establish criminal penalties, equal to those that would apply if the injury or death occurred to the pregnant woman, for those who harm a fetus, regardless of the perpetrator’s knowledge of the pregnancy or intent to harm the fetus. The bill states that its provisions should not be interpreted to apply to consensual abortion or to a woman’s actions with respect to her pregnancy. The death penalty could not be imposed under this bill. Passed 254-163. –VOTE: Nay

**(46) S 1881: Medical Devices Technical Corrections – Passage** – March 10, 2004 – Greenwood, R-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make technical corrections and clarifications to the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, including clarifying the types of fees applicable under the act. Motion agreed to 396-0. –VOTE: Yea

**(76) HR 3926: Organ Donations – Passage** – March 24, 2004 – Rogers, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) to provide reimbursement for travel and other incidental non-medical expenses incurred by individuals making living organ donations. It would authorize \$5 million annually in fiscal years 2005 through 2009 to carry out the program. The bill also would authorize \$15 million in fiscal 2005, and such sums as necessary in fiscal years 2006 through 2009, for a public awareness program about organ donation. Motion agreed to 414-2. –VOTE: Yea

**(77) H Res 522: Women and Heart Disease – Adoption** – March 24, 2004 – Rogers, R-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of the House that there is a critical need to increase awareness and education about the risk factors for heart disease among women. It would commend first lady Laura Bush and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for their efforts to raise public awareness about heart disease and women. Motion agreed to 420-0. –VOTE: Yea

**(82) HR 3873: Child Nutrition Programs – Passage** – March 24, 2004 – Boehner, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize such sums as necessary through fiscal year 2008 for a number of child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs, Child and Adult Care Food Program and After-School Snack Program. It also would require schools to develop “wellness policies” setting standards for nutrition education and physical activity and to set guidelines for food sold on campus. Motion agreed to 419-5. –VOTE: Yea

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## HOUSING

**(283) S Con Res 43: Adequate Housing – Adoption** – June 17, 2003 – Miller, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of Congress in support of the idea that everyone should have a “decent” home in which to live. It also would support House and Senate members participating in the construction of two houses in the Washington, D.C. area under the “Congress Building America” program. Motion agreed to 421-1. – VOTE: Yea

**(453) HR 2861: Fiscal 2004 VA-HUD Appropriations – Housing Vouchers** – July 25, 2003 – Nadler, D-N.Y., amendment that would provide an additional \$150 million for Section 8 housing vouchers and offset the cost with a decrease to HUD’s administration account. Adopted 217-208. – VOTE: Nay

**(455) HR 2861: Fiscal 2004 VA-HUD Appropriations – Homeless Assistance** – July 25, 2003 – Lee, D-Calif., amendment that would increase funding for Housing and Urban Development’s homeless assistance program by \$83 million and offset the cost with a reduction in the department’s working capital account. Rejected 192-232. – VOTE: Yea

## LABOR AND RETIREMENT

**(5) S 23: Unemployment Benefits – Previous Question** – January 8, 2003 – Sessions, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the resolution (H Res 14) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would extend federal unemployment benefits for certain laid-off workers. Motion agreed to 224-196. – VOTE: Yea

**(6) S 23: Unemployment Benefits – Motion to Recommit** – January 8, 2003 – McDermott, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions that it be reported back with language that would allow a total of up to 26 weeks in federal aid for laid-off workers who’ve exhausted their state unemployment benefits. Motion rejected 202-224. – VOTE: Nay

**(7) S 23: Unemployment Benefits – Passage** – January 8, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would extend federal unemployment benefits for certain laid-off workers. Individuals who exhaust their 26 weeks of state assistance and apply by the end of May would receive 13 weeks in federal aid. Those who were receiving 13 weeks in federal aid up until Dec. 28, 2002, when benefits stopped, could receive the remainder of their benefits. Passed 416-4. – VOTE: Yea

**(44) HR 743: Social Security Fraud – Passage** – March 5, 2003 – Shaw, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Social Security Administration to re-issue benefits when a “representative payee” misuses funds. Non-governmental organizations who act as representative payees would be required to be bonded and licensed. Convicted felons and fugitives would be prohibited from acting as representatives. An individual who misuses benefit funds would be liable for twice the amount of misused benefits and a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation. Other anti-fraud provisions include the imposition of fines on individuals who fail to notify the administration of circumstances that could change the amount of Social Security benefits that they are entitled to receive. Another provision would require public employees to work in a public job that pays into Social Security for five years before they could qualify for an exemption under the Government Pension Offset. Motion rejected 249-180. – VOTE: Yea

**(112) HR 1559: Fiscal 2003 War Supplemental – Motion to Instruct** – April 08, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on section 409 in the Senate-passed bill that would provide displaced

airline workers another 26 weeks of temporary unemployment benefits. Motion agreed to 265-150. – VOTE: Yea

**(170) HR 1261: Job Training Reauthorization – Previous Question** – May 08, 2003 – Pryce, R-Ohio, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 221) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act, consolidate several programs into block grants for states, and allow faith-based providers of job training activities to use religion as a factor in hiring decisions. Motion agreed to 222-199. – VOTE: Yea

**(171) HR 1261: Job Training Reauthorization – Rule** – May 08, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 221) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act, consolidate several programs into block grants for states, and allow faith-based providers of job training activities to use religion as a factor in hiring decisions. Adopted 221-196. – VOTE: Yea

**(173) HR 1261: Job Training Reauthorization – Local Employers** – May 08, 2003 – Vitter, R-La., amendment that would require that local employers needs be met as a criteria for one-stop career center certification and eligibility for federal funds. Adopted 423-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(174) HR 1261: Job Training Reauthorization – Recommit** – May 08, 2003 – Miller, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to add an amendment that would achieve the policy of providing direct spending for 26 weeks of income support for unemployed workers who have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits and another 13 weeks of support for workers who have exhausted their federal unemployment benefits. Motion rejected 202-223. – VOTE: Nay

**(175) HR 1261: Job Training Reauthorization – Passage** – May 08, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act, consolidate several programs into block grants for states, and allow faith-based providers of job training activities to use religion as a factor in hiring decisions. It would consolidate services for adult education, dislocated workers and state-administered employment into a single block grant and authorize \$3.1 billion in funding for the combined program in fiscal 2004. The bill would authorize \$1.25 billion in fiscal 2004 for youth job training programs and provide greater resources to out-of-school youth. It also would emphasize reading, writing and math in adult education. Passed 220-204. – VOTE: Yea

**(186) HR 1000: Employee Pensions – Previous Question** – May 14, 2003 – Linder, R-Ga., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 230) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would increase employees’ control over their pension funds and provide them more information about their retirement investments. Motion agreed to 218-201. – VOTE: Yea

**(187) HR 1000: Employee Pensions – Democratic Substitute** – May 14, 2003 – Andrews, D-N.J., substitute amendment that would impose the same pension rules on executives that apply to non-executives and modify several provisions under current law related to special executive pension plans. It would require a company that switches to a cash-balance pension plan to give workers the choice of remaining in their existing pension plan. Executive compensation packages would have to be approved by the board of directors and would be subject to additional disclosure requirements. Employers in pay and benefits negotiations with their employees would be required to disclose changes to top executive

benefits. It also would impose an excise tax on “golden parachute” packages to departing executives. Rejected 193-236. – VOTE: Nay

**(188) HR 1000: Employee Pensions – Recommit** – May 14, 2003 – Miller, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to add language that would provide additional investment protections to workers whose companies choose to convert to a cash-balance pension plan. Motion rejected 202-226. – VOTE: Nay

**(189) HR 1000: Employee Pensions – Passage** – May 14, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would increase employees’ control over their pension funds and provide them more information about their retirement investments. Companies would be required to allow employees to sell the company stock in their pension plans three years after a contribution was made. Companies would be required to allow employees to sell over a five-year period all company stock acquired in retirement plans before the bill’s enactment. Companies also would be required to provide employees quarterly statements about their pension plans. Employers would be allowed to give their employees access to professional investment advice after disclosing potential conflicts of interest and fees. Passed 271-157. – VOTE: Yea

**(213) HR 2185: Unemployment Benefits – Previous Question** – May 22, 2003 – McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 248) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would extend through Dec. 31 a program that provides an additional 13 weeks of federal aid to workers who have exhausted their 26 weeks of state jobless benefits. Motion agreed to 217-203. – VOTE: Yea

**(214) HR 2185: Unemployment Benefits – Rule** – May 22, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 248) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would extend through Dec. 31 a program that provides an additional 13 weeks of federal aid to workers who have exhausted their 26 weeks of state jobless benefits. Adopted 216-201. – VOTE: Yea

**(222) HR 2185: Unemployment Benefits – Recommit** – May 22, 2003 – Cardin, D-Md., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to add language that would provide an additional 26 weeks of federal aid to workers who have exhausted their 26 weeks of state jobless benefits. Motion rejected 205-222. – VOTE: Nay

**(223) HR 2185: Unemployment Benefits – Passage** – May 22, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would extend through Dec. 31 a program that provides an additional 13 weeks of federal aid to workers who have exhausted their 26 weeks of state jobless benefits. It also would give another 13 weeks of benefits to workers who live in states with high unemployment rates. Passed 409-19. – VOTE: Yea

**(349) HR 2660: Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations – Dust Levels in Mines** – July 10, 2003 – Rahall, D-W.Va., amendment that would block the use of funds for the Labor Department’s Mine Safety and Health Administration to carry out a March 6 proposal that could result in an increase in the maximum allowable dust level in mines. Rejected 210-212. – VOTE: Nay

**(351) HR 2660: Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations – Overtime Pay** – July 10, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., amendment that would block the use of funds for the Labor Department to implement a March 31 proposal that would make it easier for employers to reclassify some workers as “executive, administrative or professional employees,” exempt from overtime pay. Rejected 210-213. – VOTE: Nay

**(462) HR 1533: Church Pension Plans – Passage** – September 03, 2003 – Biggert, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would amend securities laws to allow church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts. Motion agreed to 397-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(485) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Cash Balance Pension Conversions** – September 09, 2003 – Sanders, I-Vt., amendment that would prohibit any funds in the bill from being used to assist in overturning the ruling of a federal court that a corporation using cash balance pension conversions would be in violation of federal law. Adopted 258-160. – VOTE: Yea

**(531) HR 2660: Fiscal 2004 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations – Motion to Instruct** – October 02, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to instruct House conferees to agree to the Senate provision that prohibits funds in the bill from being used to promulgate or implement any regulation that would take away eligibility for overtime for any worker. Motion agreed to 221-203. – VOTE: Yea

**(535) HR 3108: Pension Plan Contributions – Passage** – October 08, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would allow companies to reduce contributions to their pension plans by altering the formula used to calculate whether those contributions are enough to cover liabilities. The new formula would use a rate based on a blend of corporate bond index rates. Passed 397-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(18) HR 3030: Community Service Grants – Unemployment Benefits** – February 04, 2004 – Miller, D-Calif., amendment that would authorize such sums as necessary under the Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) program for a six-month federal program to provide an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits for people who have exhausted their state jobless benefits. Adopted 227-179. – VOTE: Yea

## TRANSPORTATION

**(93) H Con Res 58: Fayetteville Festival of Flight – Adoption** – March 31, 2003 – LaTourette, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor Fayetteville, N.C., and its partners for the Festival of Flight, a celebration of the centennial of the Wright Brothers first controlled, powered flight. Motion agreed to 393-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(172) HR 874: Rail Disaster Relief – Passage** – May 08, 2003 – Quinn, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the federal government to provide additional assistance to the victims of rail accidents and their families. It would require the National Transportation Safety Board to designate a liaison between victims’ families and rail carriers and to designate a nonprofit organization to coordinate and provide counseling and other post-accident services. Motion agreed to 414-5. – VOTE: Yea

**(190) HR 1527: NTSB Reauthorization – Previous Question** – May 15, 2003 – L. Diaz-Balart, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 2229) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would authorize \$341 million through fiscal 2006 for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and its training academy. Motion agreed to 220-205. – VOTE: Yea

**(192) H Con Res 166: Buckle Up America Week – Adoption** – May 19, 2003 – Petri, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would express the sense of Congress in support of Buckle Up America Week. Motion agreed to 377-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(257) HR 2115: FAA Reauthorization – Previous Question** – June 11, 2003 – L. Diaz-Balart, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 265) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration through fiscal 2007. Motion agreed to 219-195. – VOTE: Yea

**(258) HR 2115: FAA Reauthorization – Rule** – June 11, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 265) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration through fiscal 2007. Adopted 370-43. – VOTE: Yea

**(262) HR 2115: FAA Reauthorization – Buy American Report** – June 11, 2003 – Manzullo, R-Ill., amendment that would require the Transportation secretary to submit a report on waivers granted under the Federal Aviation Administration's "Buy American Preferences" provisions. The report would be due within 90 days of the bill's enactment. Adopted 426-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(263) HR 2115: FAA Reauthorization – Subsidized Airline Service Eligibility** – June 11, 2003 – Pitts, R-Pa., amendment that would require the Transportation secretary to consult with a state's governor, or his designee, to identify the most commonly used highway route between a community and the closest hub airport to determine a community's eligibility to receive subsidized airline service under the Essential Air Service (EAS) program. Adopted 422-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(264) HR 2115: FAA Reauthorization – Passage** – June 11, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration through fiscal 2007. The bill would authorize \$59 billion over the next four years for airport improvement and other programs. It also would open up additional flights at Ronald Reagan National Airport, including 12 slots for long-distance flights and eight for flights within 1,250 miles of Reagan National airport; streamline environmental reviews for airport projects; and block the privatization of air traffic controllers but not other air traffic employees. Passed 418-8 – VOTE: Yea

**(463) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Previous Question** – September 04, 2003 – Reynolds, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 351) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$89.6 billion in fiscal 2004 spending, including \$27.5 billion in discretionary spending, for the departments of Treasury and Transportation and related agencies. Motion agreed to 240-173. – VOTE: Nay

**(464) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Rule** – September 04, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 351) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$89.6 billion in fiscal 2004 spending, including \$27.5 billion in discretionary spending, for the departments of Treasury and Transportation and related agencies. Adopted 235-178. – VOTE: Yea

**(465) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Rule Reconsideration** – September 04, 2003 – Reynolds, R-N.Y., motion to table (kill) the Obey, D-Wis., motion to reconsider adoption of the rule (H Res 351) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$89.6 billion in fiscal 2004 spending, including \$27.5 billion in discretionary spending, for the departments of Treasury and Transportation and related agencies. Motion agreed to 205-180. – VOTE: Yea

**(466) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Motion to Rise** – September 04, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to rise from the Committee of the Whole. Motion rejected 100-298. – VOTE: Nay

**(467) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Motion to Rise** – September 04, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to rise from the Committee of the Whole. Motion rejected 89-302. – VOTE: Nay

**(468) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Motion to Rise** – September 04, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to rise from the Committee of the Whole. Motion rejected 87-305. – VOTE: Nay

**(469) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Bike and Pedestrian Trails** – September 04, 2003 – Petri, R-Wis., amendment that would strike language from the bill eliminating the requirement that states use 10 percent of their annual highway allocations under the Surface Transportation Act for enhancements, such as bike and pedestrian trails. Adopted 327-90 – VOTE: Yea

**(470) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Amtrak Funding** – September 04, 2003 – Tancredo, R-Colo., amendment that would reduce funding in the bill for Amtrak by \$320 million, which would be reallocated toward highway projects. Rejected 90-322 – VOTE: Nay

**(472) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Identity Theft** – September 04, 2003 – Hooley, D-Ore., amendment that would provide \$500,000 for the Department of Transportation to study how best to encourage states to take steps to secure drivers licenses against identity theft, what methods work best and what the various types of security features would cost. The money would be offset by reducing the appropriation for the Office of Management and Budget. Adopted 213-203. – VOTE: Nay

**(473) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Amtrak Funding** – September 04, 2003 – Kennedy, R-Minn., amendment that would reduce funding for Amtrak in the bill to \$580 million and increase funding to combat terrorism financing, provide tax counseling and enhance drug prevention. Rejected 89-325. – VOTE: Nay

**(474) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Houston Light Rail** – September 04, 2003 – Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would prohibit funds in the bill being used for the planning, design or building of a light-rail system in Houston unless it has been approved by local voters through a referendum. Rejected 188-222 – VOTE: Nay

**(481) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – cross-the-Board Cut** – September 09, 2003 – Hefley, R-Colo., amendment that would reduce overall spending in the bill by 1 percent. The exact nature of the cuts would be determined by the administration. Rejected 87-326. – VOTE: Nay

**(482) HR 2989: Fiscal 2004 Transportation-Treasury Appropriations – Amtrak Routes** – September 09, 2003 – Sessions, R-Texas, amendment that would prohibit any funding in the bill from going toward the operation of Amtrak routes that are unable to recoup at least 50 cents in revenue, including state subsidies, for each dollar spent to operate the route. Rejected 130-282. – VOTE: Yea

**(518) HR 2557: Water Resources Development – Tonnage Fees** – September 24, 2003 – Rohrabacher, R-Calif., amendment no. 3 that would permit ports to collect tonnage fees for local harbor purposes. The fees would be collected on a per-container basis and used for security purposes or infrastructure projects. Such projects could be within or outside the harbor so long as they are for transportation to, from, or through the harbor. Rejected 65-359. – VOTE: Yea

**(569) HR 2115: FAA Reauthorization – Recommit** – October 28, 2003 – Adoption of the resolution (H Res 377) that would recommit to the conference committee the conference report on the bill that would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal 2004-2007. Adopted 407-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(570) HR 2359: Employment Verification – Passage** – October 28, 2003 – Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend until 2008 a pilot program that provides participating employers with computers software that allows them to determine whether new hires are eligible to work in the United States. Motion rejected 231-170. – VOTE: Yea

**(586) HR 2115: Fiscal 2004 FAA Reauthorization – Previous Question** – October 30, 2003 – Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 422) providing for consideration of the conference report on the bill that would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal 2004-2007. Motion agreed to 222-199 – VOTE: Yea

**(587) HR 2115: Fiscal 2004 FAA Reauthorization – Rule** – October 30, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 422) that would provide for consideration of the conference report on the bill that would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal 2004-2007. Adopted 220-199. – VOTE: Yea

**(591) HR 2115: Fiscal 2004 FAA Reauthorization – Recommit** – October 30, 2003 – Oberstar, D-Minn., motion to recommit the conference report on the bill back to the conference committee. Motion rejected 197-219. – VOTE: Nay

**(592) HR 2115: Fiscal 2004 FAA Reauthorization – Conference Report** – October 30, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal 2004-2007. The bill would authorize \$62 billion over four years for aviation programs, and would extend for the same period the requirement that all revenue credited to the Aviation Trust Fund each year must be spent on aviation programs. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 211-207. – VOTE: Nay

**(24) HR 3783: Highway Funds Extension – Passage** – February 11, 2004 – Young, R-Alaska, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend funding for highway, transit and transportation safety programs for an additional four months, through June 30, 2004. Funding was originally set to expire Oct. 1, 2003, but Congress enacted a five-month extension through Feb. 29. The measure includes \$25.2 billion in contract authority for federal-aid highway programs. Motion agreed to 421-0. – VOTE: Yea

## VETERANS

**(209) HR 1683: Veterans' Compensation – Passage** – May 22, 2003 – Boozman, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide a cost-of-living increase, effective Dec. 1, for disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and for dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans. The percentage increase would be equal to the increase for benefits allowed under the Social Security Act. Motion agreed to 426-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(210) HR 1257: Military Home Loans – Passage** – May 22, 2003 – Boozman, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would permanently authorize a Veterans Affairs Department home loan program for reservists. It also would reduce loan fees under the program so that reservists and active duty military members are charged the same amount. Motion agreed to 428-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(304) HR 1460: Veterans and Small Businesses – Passage** – June 24, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow military veterans to use Veterans Affairs Department education assistance to enroll in entrepreneurial programs offered by small-business development centers. In certain instances, it would allow federal contracting officers to award sole source contracts to small businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. Other military-benefits changes in the bill include allowing disabled servicemembers to apply for handicapped-accessible housing prior to being discharged and renewing a loan program that helps veterans purchase foreclosed homes. Motion agreed to 421-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(399) HR 1516: Veterans' Cemeteries – Passage** – July 21, 2003 – Simmons, R-Conn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish five new national cemeteries within four years of the bill's enactment. The cemeteries would be located in southeastern Pennsylvania; Birmingham, Ala.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Bakersfield, Calif.; and Greenville/Columbia, S.C. Motion agreed to 408-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(400) H Con Res 212: Korean War Veterans – Adoption** – July 21, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the veterans of the Korean War on the 50th anniversary of the war's end and urge President Bush and local government officials to support a time of remembrance in honor of them. Motion agreed to 408-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(450) HR 2861: Fiscal 2004 VA-HUD Appropriations – Rule** – July 25, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 338) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 2861) that would provide \$122.7 billion for the departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and related agencies, including the EPA, NASA, and the National Science Foundation. Adopted 229-196. – VOTE: Yea

**(452) HR 2861: Fiscal 2004 VA-HUD Appropriations – Medical and Prosthetic Research** – July 25, 2003 – Stearns, R-Fla., amendment that would cut \$12 million in operations funding for AmeriCorps grants and increase by \$5 million funding for veterans medical and prosthetic research. Rejected 154-264. – VOTE: Nay

**(456) HR 2861: Fiscal 2004 VA-HUD Appropriations – Passage** – July 25, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would provide \$122.7 billion for the departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and related agencies, including the EPA, NASA, and the National Science Foundation. The bill would provide \$27.2 billion for VA health care programs, \$480 million for the AmeriCorps community service program, and \$50 million for a program to rehabilitate distressed public housing. Passed 316-109. – VOTE: Yea

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**(536) HR 2297: Veterans' Benefits – Passage** – October 08, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would implement several changes to veterans' benefits, including allowing Filipino World War II veterans to be buried in military cemeteries; extending the period for which survivors and dependents of a National Guard member who is involuntarily ordered to full-time duty are eligible for education benefits; allowing spouses who remarry after a veteran's death to be buried in military cemeteries; authorizing economic incentives for veterans who participate in apprenticeship programs, and increasing assistance to disabled veterans who need adaptive equipment for their homes or vehicles. Motion agreed to 399-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(576) HR 1720: Veterans' Health Care Facilities – Passage** – October 29, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$1.1 billion through fiscal 2005 for construction and renovation projects at VA facilities. The Office of Research Oversight in the Veterans Health Administration would be allowed to review research programs with human test subjects. Motion agreed to 417-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(577) HR 1516: Veterans' Cemeteries – Passage** – October 29, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and concur with the Senate amendments to the bill that would authorize the construction of veterans' cemeteries in Pennsylvania, Alabama, Florida, New York, California and South Carolina. Motion agreed to 412-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(658) S 1156: Veterans' Health Care – Passage** – November 21, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make several changes to veterans' health programs, including eliminating the 90-day requirement for former prisoners of war (POWs) to qualify for VA outpatient dental care, authorizing the Veterans Affairs Department to provide health care services to certain Filipino World War II veterans who permanently reside in the United States, and increasing the yearly earmarked funding for specialized mental health care services for severely and chronically disabled veterans from \$15 million to \$25 million. The bill also would authorize \$277 million for medical construction projects. Motion agreed to 423-2. – VOTE: Yea

**WAR ON TERRORISM**

**(91) H Con Res 118: Prisoners of War in Iraq – Adoption** – March 27, 2003 – Bereuter, R-Neb., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would condemn Iraqi leaders for failing to treat prisoners of war in conformity with the Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War and demand that authorities follow the tenets of the international agreement. It also would warn Iraq that convention violators will be treated as war criminals and prosecuted. The resolution would support President Bush's efforts to swiftly and safely repatriate prisoners of war. Motion agreed to 419-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(92) HR 1463: Smallpox Vaccination Compensation Fund – Passage** – March 31, 2003 – Tauzin, R-La., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish a compensation fund for health and emergency workers who become ill or die from smallpox vaccinations. It would award a \$262,000 lump sum to survivors of individuals who died or were permanently disabled from smallpox inoculations. Individuals who missed work because of complications from the vaccine would be reimbursed two-thirds of their salary, up to a \$262,000 lifetime limit, for lost pay beyond the first five days of work missed. If the worker had dependents, that rate would rise to 75 percent of the salary. Motion rejected 184-206. – VOTE: Yea

**(103) HR 1559: Fiscal 2003 War Supplemental – Previous Question** – April 03, 2003 – Myrick, R-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the resolution (H Res 172) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would provide \$77.9 billion in emergency supplemental appropriations in fiscal 2003. Motion agreed to 221-200. – VOTE: Yea

**(104) HR 1559: Fiscal 2003 War Supplemental – Ruling of the Chair** – April 03, 2003 – Motion to sustain the ruling of the chair upholding the Young, R-Fla., point of order against the Obey, D-Wis., amendment that would add \$2.5 billion for homeland security, including \$800 million for first responder grants, \$250 million for port security grants, and \$150 million for research to develop capabilities against chemical weapons. Motion agreed to 217-195. – VOTE: Yea

**(105) HR 1559: Fiscal 2003 War Supplemental – Aid to Turkey** – April 03, 2003 – Cunningham, R-Calif., amendment that would strike language that would provide \$1 billion in assistance to Turkey. Rejected 110-315. – VOTE: Nay

**(106) HR 1559: Fiscal 2003 War Supplemental – Counter-Drug Activity** – April 03, 2003 – McGovern, D-Mass., amendment that would decrease funding for counter-drug activities in Latin America, including Colombia, by \$61 million. It also would increase funding for the Office for Domestic Preparedness by \$34 million. Rejected 209-216. – VOTE: Yea

**(107) HR 1559: Fiscal 2003 War Supplemental – Aid to Turkey** – April 03, 2003 – DeFazio, D-Ore., amendment that would reduce economic assistance to Turkey by \$207 million and redirect the funds to establish a National Guard weapons of mass destruction civil support team. Rejected 113-312. – VOTE: Nay

**(108) HR 1559: Fiscal 2003 War Supplemental – Passage** – April 03, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would provide \$77.9 billion in emergency supplemental appropriations in fiscal 2003, including \$62.5 billion for military operations in Iraq and the war on terrorism; \$4.2 billion for homeland security, \$8 billion in aid to allies and for Iraqi relief and reconstruction; \$3.2 billion for U.S. airlines to cover increased security costs; and \$1 billion in aid to Turkey. Passed 414-12. – VOTE: Yea

**(169) HR 866: Sewage Facility Security – Passage** – May 07, 2003 – Duncan, R-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$215 million to assess the threat of terrorist attacks to the nation's sewage treatment plants and to increase security at those facilities. The EPA would be responsible for issuing \$200 million in grants to states and municipalities for security assessments and upgrades at treatment plants. The bill would limit funding at any one facility to \$150,000. It also would authorize \$15 million for technical assistance to assess, and to secure against, threats to smaller sewage systems. Motion agreed to 413-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(206) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Homeland Security** – May 21, 2003 – Goode, R-Va., amendment that would authorize the secretary of Defense to assign members of the armed forces to assist the Homeland Security Department with border protection activities. Adopted 250-179. – VOTE: Yea

**(207) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Previous Question** – May 22, 2003 – Myrick, R-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 247) to provide for further House floor consideration of the bill that would authorize \$400.5 billion for defense programs for fiscal 2004. Motion agreed to 224-198. – VOTE: Yea

**(208) HR 1588: Fiscal 2004 Defense Authorization – Rule** – May 22, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 247) to provide for further House floor consideration of the bill that would authorize \$400.5 billion for defense programs for fiscal 2004. Adopted 222-199. – VOTE: Yea

**(301) HR 2555: Fiscal 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations – Previous Question** – June 24, 2003 – L. Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 293) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would provide a total of \$30.4 billion, including \$29.4 billion in discretionary spending, in fiscal 2004 for the Department of Homeland Security. Motion agreed to 221-196. – VOTE: Yea

**(302) HR 2555: Fiscal 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations – Rule** – June 24, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 293) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would provide a total of \$30.4 billion, including \$29.4 billion in discretionary spending, in fiscal 2004 for the Department of Homeland Security. Adopted 220-197. – VOTE: Yea

**(305) HR 2555: Fiscal 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations – Ruling of the Chair** – June 24, 2003 – Motion to sustain the ruling of the chair that upheld the Rogers, R-Ky., point of order against the Obey, D-Wis., amendment on grounds that it would constitute legislation in an appropriations bill. The Obey amendment would increase homeland security funding by \$1 billion, including additional money to secure the nation's ports, borders and airports. The increase would be offset by reducing tax breaks in the \$350 billion tax cut law (PL 108-27) for individuals with annual incomes of more than \$1 million. Motion agreed to 222-200. – VOTE: Yea

**(306) HR 2555: Fiscal 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations – Ruling of the Chair** – June 24, 2003 – Motion to sustain the ruling of the chair that upheld the T. Davis, R-Va., point of order against the Manzullo, R-Ill., amendment on grounds that it would constitute unauthorized legislation on an appropriations bill. The Manzullo amendment would prohibit the Homeland Security Department from using any funds to purchase goods produced with less than 65 percent of American content. Motion agreed to 385-28. – VOTE: Yea

**(307) HR 2555: Fiscal 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations – Expedited Border Crossings** – June 24, 2003 – Filner, D-Calif., amendment that would increase the appropriation for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection by transferring \$5 million from Homeland Security Department administration funds. The money would be used to reduce the backlog of applications for a program that allows low-risk commuters to use dedicated commuter lanes to expedite their crossing at the U.S.-Mexico border. Rejected 149-274. – VOTE: Nay

**(308) HR 2555: Fiscal 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations – Unscreened Cargo** – June 24, 2003 – Markey, D-Mass., amendment that would bar the use of funds to approve, renew or implement any aviation cargo security plan that allows the transporting of unscreened or uninspected cargo on passenger planes. Adopted 278-146. – VOTE: Yea

**(309) HR 2555: Fiscal 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations – Citizenship and Immigration Status** – June 24, 2003 – Tancred, R-Colo., amendment that would prohibit the use of any funds to assist state or local governments that have restrictions on exchanging information with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs on an individual's citizenship or immigration status. Rejected 102-322. – VOTE: Yea

**(310) HR 2555: Fiscal 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations – Passage** – June 24, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would provide a total of \$30.4 billion, including \$29.4 billion in discretionary spending, in fiscal 2004 for the Department of Homeland Security. It would cap the number of airport screeners employed by the Transportation Security Administration at 45,000. The bill would provide \$890 million in fiscal 2004 and \$4.7 billion in advance appropriations for Project Bioshield, an effort to accelerate development of drugs to combat biological and chemical weapons. It also would provide \$4.4 billion in grants for "first responder" police, fire and emergency medical crews and \$100 million in port security grants. Passed 425-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(311) HR 1416: Homeland Security Technical Corrections – Passage** – June 24, 2003 – Cox, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make numerous technical changes to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (PL 107-296). The bill would require that reports submitted to Congress under the law also be submitted to the Select Committee on Homeland Security. It would clarify that the secretary of Defense has authority over the Coast Guard in times of war and that the secretary of Transportation is responsible for a report on war risk insurance for air carriers. The bill also would classify the transfer some of the attorney general's authority over immigration and naturalization to the secretary of Homeland Security. Motion agreed to 415-0. – VOTE: Yea

**(373) HR 2122: Project Bioshield – Passage** – July 16, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would authorize \$5.6 billion over 10 years for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to carry out Project Bioshield, an administration initiative to develop and stockpile vaccines, medications, and other countermeasures to combat a bioterrorism attack. The bill would allow HHS to contract to purchase drugs and other items for the Strategic National Stockpile. It would give the government authority to promote additional research and development of measures to counter biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological agents including allowing an expedited award process for grants and projects. The bill also would allow the distribution of treatments not yet approved by the Food and Drug Administration in the event of a national emergency. Passed 421-2. – VOTE: Yea

**(408) HR 2799: Fiscal 2004 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations – Notice of Warrants** – July 22, 2003 – Otter, R-Ind., amendment that would bar the use of funds to implement a provision of the 2001 anti-terrorism act that allows the government to delay giving notice that a search warrant has been obtained, thereby facilitating so-called sneak-and-peak searches. Adopted 309-118. – VOTE: Nay

**(451) HR 2861: Fiscal 2004 VA-HUD Appropriations – Emergency Preparedness** – July 25, 2003 – Smith, R-N.J., amendment that would strike a provision that blocks funding for new medical emergency preparedness centers aimed at countering the adverse health effects stemming from terrorist attacks using chemical, biological and other weapons of mass destruction. The funding is authorized under the Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Preparedness Act (PL 107-287). Adopted 347-77. – VOTE: Yea

**(494) HR 2555: Fiscal 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations – Motion to Instruct** – September 10, 2003 – Sabo, D-Minn., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on inclusion of the highest possible level of funding for Homeland Security, preparedness and disaster response programs within the bill and to insist on House language that would bar the use of funds for any aviation cargo security plan that allows the transporting of unscreened or uninspected cargo on passenger planes. Motion agreed to 347-74. – VOTE: Yea

**(514) HR 2555: Fiscal 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations – Recommit** – September 24, 2003 – Sabo, D-Minn., motion to recommit the conference report on the bill to the conference committee with instructions to include provisions that would provide the highest possible level of funding for Homeland Security, preparedness and disaster response programs within the bill and that would bar the use of funds for any aviation cargo security plan that allows the transporting of unscreened or uninspected cargo on passenger planes. Motion rejected 198-226. –VOTE:Yea

**(515) HR 2555: Fiscal 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations – Conference Report** – September 24, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would appropriate \$30.4 billion in fiscal 2004 spending for the Homeland Security Department and related agencies, about \$1 billion more than the administration's request. The measure includes \$5.8 billion for customs and border protection, \$3.7 billion for immigration enforcement, \$4.6 billion for the Transportation Security Administration and \$6.8 billion for the Coast Guard. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 417-8. –VOTE:Yea

**(544) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Previous Question** – October 16, 2003 – Hastings, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 396) to provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$87 billion in fiscal 2004 supplemental spending for military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. Motion agreed to 221-202. –VOTE:Yea

**(545) H Res 198: Iraqi Debt Forgiveness – Adoption** – October 16, 2003 – Adoption of the resolution that would express the sense of the House that France, Germany and Russia should forgive debts owed to them by Iraq as part of their Iraqi reconstruction efforts. Adopted 394-31. –VOTE:Yea

**(546) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Reconstruction Loans** – October 16, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., amendment that would require half of all reconstruction aid to Iraq to be in the form of loans. Rejected 200-226. –VOTE:Yea

**(547) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Military Quality of Life** – October 16, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., amendment that would transfer \$3.6 billion in Iraq reconstruction funds for quality of life enhancements for U.S. servicemembers. Rejected 209-216. –VOTE:Yea

**(548) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Reconstruction Funds** – October 16, 2003 – Waxman, D-Calif., amendment that would reduce Iraqi reconstruction funds in the bill by \$250 million. Rejected 197-224. –VOTE:Yea

**(549) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Non-Competitive Contracts** – October 16, 2003 – Kirk, R-Ill., amendment that would strike a provision of the bill that would allow non-competitive contracts to be reported to Congress seven days after the contract has been awarded in certain circumstances. Executive agencies would be required to inform Congress of "no-bid" contracts before they are offered. Adopted 405-20. –VOTE:Yea

**(550) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Transfer Authority** – October 16, 2003 – Markey, D-Mass., amendment that would strike various provisions of the bill allowing the president and the Defense secretary to transfer money between accounts at their discretion. Rejected 146-279. –VOTE:Yea

**(551) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Petroleum Importation** – October 16, 2003 – Holt, D-N.J., amendment that would strike \$900 million from the bill for importing petroleum products into Iraq. Rejected 169-256. –VOTE:Yea

**(552) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental For Iraq and Afghanistan – Military Construction** – October 16, 2003 – Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., amendment that would bar the Defense Secretary from carrying out military construction projects in excess of \$1.5 million outside Iraq without prior notification to Congress. Rejected 128-295. –VOTE:Yea

**(553) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Reconstruction Funds** – October 17, 2003 – Kind, D-Wis., amendment that would require \$10 billion of reconstruction funds for Iraq be provided as loans. Rejected 156-267. –VOTE:Yea

**(554) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Military Pay Bonuses** – October 17, 2003 – Stupak, D-Mich., amendment that would increase military pay in the bill by \$265 million to cover \$1,500 bonuses for each servicemember in Iraq and Afghanistan in fiscal 2004. Rejected 213-213. –VOTE:Yea

**(555) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Intelligence Linguists** – October 17, 2003 – Reyes, D-Texas, amendment that would transfer \$5 million from the Intelligence Community Management Account's general fund to its account for programs and scholarships to increase language proficiency and workforce diversity in the intelligence community. Rejected 206-221. –VOTE:Yea

**(556) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Women's Programs** – October 17, 2003 – Jackson-Lee, D-Texas, amendment that would appropriate \$300 million for women's programs in Afghanistan, including \$10 million for the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission and \$24 million for the Ministry of Women's Affairs. Rejected 156-271. –VOTE:Yea

**(557) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Competitive Bidding** – October 17, 2003 – Sherman, D-Calif., amendment no. 43 that would require normal competitive bidding procedures for all government contracts relating to Iraq's oil infrastructure. Adopted 248-179. –VOTE:Yea

**(558) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Prohibition on Ex-Im Bank Loans** – October 17, 2003 – Weiner, D-N.Y., amendment that would prohibit any funds in the bill from going toward Export-Import Bank programs or other loans to Saudi Arabia or any nation on the State Department's list of terrorist states. Rejected 193-233. –VOTE:Yea

**(559) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Previous Question** – October 17, 2003 – Hastings, R-Wash., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on adoption of the rule (H Res 401) to provide for further House floor consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$87 billion in fiscal 2004 supplemental spending for military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. Motion agreed to 221-199. –VOTE:Yea

**(560) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Rule** – October 17, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 401) that would provide for further consideration of the bill that would appropriate \$87 billion in fiscal 2004 for military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. Adopted 221-201. –VOTE:Yea

**(561) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Recommit** – October 17, 2003 – Kilpatrick, D-Mich., motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions that it report the bill back to the House with language that would require half of reconstruction aid to Iraq to be in the form of loans. Motion rejected 191-235. –VOTE:Yea

**(562) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Passage** – October 17, 2003 – Passage of the bill that would appropriate \$87 billion in fiscal 2004 supplemental spending for military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. The bill would provide \$20.3 billion in grants for Iraqi reconstruction, \$40.3 billion for operations and maintenance, \$339 million for procurement, and \$412 million for military construction. It also would also require normal competitive bidding procedures for all government contracts relating to Iraq's oil infrastructure. Passed 303-125. –VOTE:Yea

**(567) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Motion to Instruct** – October 21, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on provisions in the Senate bill that would structure \$10 billion of the \$20.3 billion in reconstruction aid to Iraq in the form of loans subject to certain conditions, provide \$1.3 billion for veterans health care, provide medical screenings prior to deployment, and extend transitional healthcare from 60 to 180 days for reservists. Motion agreed to 277-139. –VOTE:Yea

**(597) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Consideration of Rule** – October 30, 2003 – Adoption of the rule (H Res 421) that would waive the two-thirds vote requirement for same day consideration of the rule (H Res 424) providing for House floor consideration of the conference report on the bill that would appropriate \$87.5 billion for military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. Adopted 217-197. –VOTE:Yea

**(600) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Recommit** – October 31, 2003 – Obey, D-Wis., motion to recommit the conference report to the conference committee with instructions that it be reported back to the House with provisions that would put half of reconstruction aid for Iraq in the form of loans and would provide an additional \$1.3 billion for veterans' health care. Motion rejected 198-221. –VOTE:Yea

**(601) HR 3289: Fiscal 2004 Supplemental for Iraq and Afghanistan – Conference Report** – October 31, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would appropriate \$87.5 billion in emergency fiscal 2004 spending for military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. Military operations would receive \$64.7 billion. Reconstruction aid to Iraq would be comprised of grants totaling \$18.6 billion. Reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan would receive \$1.2 billion. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 298-121. –VOTE:Yea

**(633) HR 2417: Fiscal 2004 Intelligence Authorization – Motion to Instruct** – November 18, 2003 – Harman, D-Calif., motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the provision in the House bill that would require the administration to submit to Congress a report on lessons learned in Iraq as soon as possible. Motion agreed to 404-12. –VOTE:Yea

**(649) HR 2417: Fiscal 2004 Intelligence Authorization – Conference Report** – November 20, 2003 – Adoption of the conference report on the bill that would authorize a classified amount in fiscal 2004 spending for 14 U.S. intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government, including the CIA and the National Security Agency, as well as foreign intelligence activities of the Defense Department, FBI, State Department, Homeland Security Department, and other agencies. Adopted (thus sent to the Senate) 264-163. –VOTE:Yea

**(70) HR 3782: Terrorism Informant Rewards – Passage** – March 18, 2004 – Harris, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would raise the maximum reward available under the Department of State reward programs from \$5 million to \$25 million for information leading to the arrest or conviction of foreign terrorists or narco-terrorists. Any information that leads to the disruption of terrorist financing networks would be eligible for a reward. The bill would authorize up to \$50 million for the capture of a leader of a foreign terrorist organization. Motion agreed to 414-0. –VOTE:Yea