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Public accountability is among my most important responsibilities as a member of Congress. Sending my complete voting record to every household in the 10th District has been my practice each year of letting the people I represent know my votes on all matters coming before Congress. My complete voting record for the 1st Session of the 108th Congress begins on page 8 of this newsletter and includes the votes cast in 2003.

Improving Transportation

Three Projects Offer Commonsense Solutions

‘Area Stuck in 3rd-Worst Traffic’ – That was the headline last fall when our local newspapers reported about the Texas Transportation Institute’s annual study of the nation’s most traffic congested regions. For those who commute to work every day in the 10th District, the headline came as no surprise.

We all know some people who get up at 5 a.m. to leave the house by 5:30 to beat the morning rush hour. To miss the afternoon rush, these same folks either leave early or stay late. Essentially, traffic is dictating the lives of almost everyone in our region. Area residents plan their commute, trips to the mall and even social events around traffic patterns.

Transportation directly affects the economy, prosperity and quality of life in northern Virginia, and a balanced transportation system is critical to improving congested highways and giving people more control over their lives. Solving our transportation crisis won’t be easy. But like any problem, by working together we can make a difference.

I have been working on a three-pronged solution to attack northern Virginia traffic congestion by:

1. **Urging the widening of I-66 westbound from the Rosslyn tunnel to the Dulles connector**
2. **Aggressively promoting telecommuting in both government and private businesses**

3. **Helping to get mass transit up and running in the Dulles corridor**

By taking action in these three areas, people stuck in traffic could see real progress in reducing congestion and getting more control over their lives.

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District Town Meetings To Be Held April 3, 5, 7

Keeping in touch with the people of the 10th Congressional District of Virginia is one of my most important responsibilities as a member of Congress. To help me learn about your views on issues facing the district and the nation, town meetings will be held on Saturday, April 3; Monday, April 5, and Wednesday, April 7, throughout the district.

Not only do town meetings provide an opportunity to listen to your views, these forums also provide a time for us to share concerns, exchange ideas and discuss any problems you may be having with the federal government. Please join us at any of the following times and places most convenient for you:

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

- 11 a.m. – **Fairfax County**
Franklin Middle School
3300 Lees Corner Road
Chantilly
- 2 p.m. – **Loudoun County**
Ida Lee Park Recreation Center
60 Ida Lee Drive
Leesburg

MONDAY, APRIL 5

- 5:30 p.m. – **Fauquier County**
General District Court
6 Court Street
Warrenton
- 7 p.m. – **Prince William County, Cities of Manassas, Manassas Park**
Manassas City Hall
9027 Center Street
Manassas

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

- 4 p.m. – **Warren County**
Warren Government Center
220 North Commerce Avenue
Front Royal
- 5:30 p.m. – **Clarke County**
Clarke County Courthouse
104 North Church Street
Berryville
- 7 p.m. – **Frederick County, City of Winchester**
Winchester City Hall
15 North Cameron Street
Winchester

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FBI Director Robert Mueller, center, visits in my office with Cub Scouts from the 10th District and afterward met with me to discuss the FBI's involvement with local law enforcement officials in helping protect our children and communities from the threat of gangs

Gang Threat Addressed

Threats to the safety of our families and communities come today from many directions. One of the growing problems in our region is the rising number of violent crimes committed by street gangs. Innocent bystanders are finding themselves victims, and vulnerable school children are targeted as potential members to keep these gangs alive and growing.

Briefings I have received from law enforcement agencies make clear that a number of gangs have infiltrated our region in recent

years and indications are that few communities have been spared.

My office has been working closely with law enforcement officials in the 10th District to combat the growing problem of gang violence. You may recall that a federal grant was provided last year to help fund a gang task force in the region operating out of a central office in Herndon. Officials from Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties, the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park, and the (See *Gangs Addressed* – Page 2)

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Local Law Enforcement Receives Federal Help

Providing for the public's safety is a critical government responsibility and I was pleased to assist law enforcement agencies across the 10th District this year in the purchasing and updating of equipment to help make our communities more safe and secure.

In addition to funding for the gang task force working throughout the 10th District, assistance will be coming to:

- **Fairfax County Police Department** for mobile data terminals for patrol cars.
- **Loudoun County Sheriff's Department** for state-of-the-art video cameras for patrol cars to enhance deputies' safety and document their activities during a traffic stop or at a crime scene, and also sophisticated thermal imagers to assist in the department's efforts to

keep unsafe trucks off county roads. The imagers allow deputies to quickly and accurately see if a truck has faulty brakes.

- **Prince William County Police Department** to update law enforcement technologies.
- **Town of Herndon Police Department** for new computer software.
- **Fauquier County Sheriff's Department** for new law enforcement equipment.

In addition, the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy in Loudoun County will receive assistance to help train the region's police officers and sheriff's deputies. The Fairfax County Police Department also will receive help to expand its program to prevent child sex abuse and add more officers to its child exploitation section.

Security Training Center Serves Emergency Needs

In the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Congress is continuing to shape funding policy to help enhance homeland security. The new national first responder training center, which Congress helped establish at my request early last year, is up and running at the Loudoun County campus of George Washington University (GWU). The Response to Emergencies and Disasters Institute or READI is training firefighters, EMS, hazmat, law enforcement and other responders on how to handle major emergencies, including acts of terrorism.

GWU is working with George Mason and Shenandoah universities and combining GWU's medical and public health schools, George Mason's nursing school and Shenandoah's pharmacy school at the READI center, among five already established national first responder training sites helping provide emergency personnel with the information they need to deal with large scale incidents.

Local governments throughout the 10th District also have received grants from the Justice Department, based on each locality's proximity to the Pentagon and Washington, D.C., for emergency response needs. Funds are being used for special fire and rescue equipment and communications needs to help our region be more prepared to deal with emergencies.

Legislation enacted last year also was aimed at preventing so-called "cyberterror" attacks on banks, telecommunications systems and energy sources that are dependent on computers. The new Critical Infrastructure Protection Project, which came out of the Commerce-Justice-State appropriations subcommittee which I chair, is a collaborative effort between George Mason and James Madison universities, two of only seven universities in the country recognized by the National Security Agency as "centers of excellence" in the field of cybersecurity.

Bipartisan Caucus Works To Strengthen Civil Service

Serving on the House appropriations panel which oversees federal employee issues, I have focused efforts in helping the federal government – the nation's largest employer – meet the challenges of the 21st century. Most recently I have joined with House and Senate colleagues in a bipartisan Congressional Public Service Caucus devoted to working together on federal workforce issues and ensuring that the federal government can continue to recruit and retain the most experienced, talented and skilled workforce to provide essential services to the American public.

One of the issues on which the bipartisan coalition in Congress is working is to ensure fair treatment for both military and civilian employees, who work to maintain the success, strength and general welfare of our nation. It is appropriate that pay and benefits reflect the importance of both our personnel in uniform as well as cancer researchers at the National Institutes of Health or FBI agents tracking child kidnapers.



Speaking at a news conference last July, I discussed the formation of the 10th District Gang Task Force bringing together law enforcement personnel from Loudoun, Prince William and Fairfax counties as well as Herndon, Manassas, Manassas Park and Leesburg. The task force utilizes federal resources to combat growing gang violence in our area, a problem that spills over jurisdictional lines.

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towns of Herndon and Leesburg all have been involved in developing a comprehensive plan which includes enforcement, education and intervention/prevention.

Additional federal help will be coming to our district and Virginia this year through the Justice Department to assist law enforcement officials in dealing with the increasing number of gangs and gang violence. The Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations subcommittee that I chair has oversight of the Justice Department, FBI, DEA and Marshals Service.

Both the 10th District Gang Task Force and the Virginia Attorney General's Task Force are aggressively working to help our communities. The local task force recently reported

it has made more than 200 arrests and seized dozens of weapons and illegal drugs since it was set up last year. In Fairfax County alone, it is estimated that there are some 4,300 members operating in over 80 gangs. The additional funding secured this year will provide both task forces with greater resources.

The Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force also will receive assistance to work with law enforcement agencies in northern Virginia since there is evidence of gang activity migrating west. The task force also has received Justice Department funds coordinated with the state police to help combat the production and distribution of methamphetamines in the Shenandoah Valley.

Terrorism Concerns Reaching U.S. Investors

As our country continues to fight the war on terrorism, I have been troubled recently by the prospect that many Americans could be unwittingly investing in companies that operate in countries that support terrorism. To help protect American investors, a new office within the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will be created through a provision I sponsored in legislation signed into law in January.

The new Office of Global Security Risk to be established within the SEC's Division of Corporation Finance will ensure that companies listed on U.S. exchanges disclose whether they are doing business in states designated by the State Department as sponsoring terrorism. I first raised this issue at a Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations (CJS) subcommittee hearing last March, where the New York City comptroller expressed concern about

the New York City Police and Fire Pension Funds having investments in companies that have ties to terrorism. The CJS subcommittee oversees the SEC's budget.

There have been a number of media accounts over the last year about U.S. companies or their subsidiaries doing business in countries such as Sudan and Syria. Osama bin Laden lived in Sudan from 1990 until 1996 and Syria, which has strong ties to militant groups, regularly appears on the list of countries the State Department identifies as sponsors of terrorism.

It is important for investors to have the necessary information to make informed decisions. While investors must take responsibility for identifying and assessing their risks, the SEC has a responsibility to ensure proper disclosure by companies, especially when the information includes business dealings in countries which harbor or support terrorists.

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Projects Move Forward to Help Commuters

Mass Transit Is Ticket in Dulles Corridor

No one project will solve the region's traffic problem. That's why I have worked over the years to find common-sense solutions to help give more time and choices to families and individuals through full funding of the Metrorail system, lowering carpool restrictions on I-66 inside the Beltway, adding a reversible lane on the Roosevelt Bridge during rush hours, improving safety and driving conditions on the George Washington Memorial Parkway including the additional lane from Spout Run to the Roosevelt Bridge, working for funding to upgrade the entrance and exit from the GW Parkway to the 14th Street Bridge, and advocating telework in both the federal government and private businesses as a solution to reducing traffic congestion and air pollution.

I also have worked as both former chairman and current member of the House Transportation appropriations subcommittee to help secure \$163 million as the federal share to date for mass transit in the corridor between Tysons Corner and Washington Dulles International Airport. Legislation signed into law in January includes \$20 million for the project.

Getting a workable, efficient mass transit system up and running in the Dulles Corridor is critical to giving working parents more time with their families and giving everyone more time to do the things they enjoy.

Other local transportation projects receiving federal assistance this year include:

Battlefield Parkway in Leesburg, to help improve traffic flow in this growing area; safety improvements on Route 9 in Loudoun County, including the creation of truck inspection pull-off areas; traffic calming on Route 50 in Fauquier and Loudoun counties; safety improvements to Route 17 in Fauquier County; improvements to the I-66/Route 29 interchange in Gainesville, and a parking deck in Old Town Manassas for commuters who use Virginia Railway Express.

GW Parkway Safety Change Suggested

As you may recall, I worked with the National Park Service to make safety improvements on the George Washington Memorial Parkway – including the installation of guardrails on select sections – following a series of head-on collisions in the late 1990s. The Park Service did a good job to incorporate guardrail designs which complemented the natural beauty of the parkway.

In response to a fatal accident last September on the parkway near the CIA headquarters, I have again called on the Park Service to examine what can be done to make additional safety improvements – perhaps additional guardrails – on the divided highway, which is used as a major commuter route in our region.



I-66 Widening Key to Traffic Relief

Congestion on I-66 inside the Capital Beltway continues to raise drivers' stress levels not only in the reverse peak hour direction, but throughout most of the day and on weekends. Drivers sitting in congestion seek out alternate routes cutting through neighborhoods along the four-lane I-66, originally proposed as an eight-lane highway.

Congress at my urging several years ago gave Virginia the same right as any other state to make improvements to Interstate 66 inside the Beltway and add a third lane in each direction. I had earlier helped change the rush-hour restricted use highway from HOV-4 to HOV-3 to HOV-2 to give people more options as they commute.

Just this January, Congress also agreed to provide \$1 million at my request to help the Commonwealth of Virginia widen I-66 outbound from the Rosslyn tunnel to the Dulles Connector highway. Virginia Governor Mark Warner, at the urging of 11th District Rep. Tom Davis and myself, agreed to take a look at widening the highway westbound.

Another lane on I-66 inside the Beltway will increase capacity, take cars off residential side streets in communities near the highway, and improve air quality by reducing idling traffic. An extra lane also would help ensure speedier access to Washington Dulles International Airport – an important economic engine for our region – at all times of the day.

We have urged that any new construction on I-66 be done in a way that protects neighborhoods and bike paths along the route. The footprint for the project already exists without impacting or taking homes. We also are encouraged about quiet pavement technology that could be considered to help reduce the noise impact to residents along this route.

In the wake of September 11, 2001, we also must consider the use of I-66 for emergency evacuation. If westbound traffic is gridlocked every day during the morning rush hour and then again during the evening rush hour, how can we expect to evacuate the District of

Columbia if there ever is another emergency?

There also is the question of reducing air pollution in our region. The Environmental Protection Agency has placed northern Virginia in non-attainment status for air quality. In fact, the region's clean air status has been moved from serious to severe. The region could risk losing federal highway dollars if it does not work to reduce its ozone levels. Widening I-66 westbound would help cars move freely instead of idling in congestion and creating more air pollution.

Until I-66 is widened we may never begin to solve the transportation crisis facing our region and give commuters wasting time in traffic the added hours to spend for whatever they choose to do.

Route 7 Traffic Aid on the Way

Anyone who travels on Route 7 between Leesburg and Tysons Corner knows the frustration of traffic congestion. A short-term fix is on the way to help improve traffic flow on Route 7 through the installation of state-of-the-art monitoring and synchronization equipment in that transportation corridor. Federal funds for the project were included in legislation enacted in January.

With better synchronization of traffic lights and the monitoring of traffic in real time, traffic on Route 7 should be able to move faster. A regional plan also is under way to re-time traffic signals in Maryland, northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. By working together, local governments are helping to ease traffic congestion and reduce the daily frustrations of commuting in our area.

Telework Offers Broad Benefits

Telework offers a 21st century workplace option that can reduce traffic congestion and air pollution, as well as cut gasoline consumption and dependency on foreign oil. It gives working parents the flexibility they need to meet everyday demands. Employers – both government and private businesses – get the benefit of increased productivity, improved morale, fewer sick leave days used, better worker retention, and reduced costs for office space.

You may recall that four years ago my legislation mandated a phased-in program to expand the number of federal employees who telework with the goal of giving every eligible federal worker this workplace option by the end of this year. While annual surveys by the Office of Personnel Management on telework by federal employees have shown some progress in meeting the law's mandate, there is much more that agencies can do to expand the number of federal telecommuters.

The federal government should be the leader in telework policy. More than 300,000 federal workers live in our region. Allowing them to work at home or at telework centers via computer, fax and phone at least one day a week could take a substantial number of cars off our highways. As the Washington region's largest employer, the federal government has an important stake in improving our regional transportation crisis.

Please know of my continued work to advocate a federal government-wide telework policy as well as encourage private businesses through the local telework consortium to participate in this win-win workplace option.

New Landing System OK'd for Leesburg Airport

In the wake of several crashes over the past few years near Leesburg Executive Airport in which several persons were killed, I asked the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration to review and make recommendations on the airport's operation. As a result, the FAA will install a new ground-based radio landing system for the airport which will lessen the danger posed to citizens living near the airport.

The Leesburg Town Council and other Loudoun officials joined me in making the request for the installation of an Instrument Landing System (ILS) at the airport, which will allow pilots to land more safely and should provide homeowners in the area with a higher level of comfort. The ILS system is a ground-based radio system designed to provide an airplane pilot with precise guidance for the final approach on landing.

Meetings to Provide Assistance to Constituents

Workshop to Explain Grant-Making Process

Did you know that the federal government has over 900 competitive grant programs offered by 26 federal grant-making agencies? They award over \$350 billion annually to state and local governments, academia, not-for-profits and other organizations.

I will be sponsoring a workshop in April to provide information about this process. Federal agency representatives will discuss the www.Grants.gov website and conduct a grant-writing workshop. Additionally, the Foundation Center

will also be on hand to help identify private funding sources.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. - noon on Tuesday, April 20, at the Ida Lee Park Recreation Center in Leesburg. This facility is located approximately two minutes north of the Leesburg Courthouse off Route 15.

For questions or to register for the workshop, interested 10th District residents can call my Washington office at 202-225-5136, or my district office in Herndon at 703-709-5800.

Federal Help Provided To Finish Avtex Cleanup

Congress has provided funds at my request to complete the demolition of the Avtex Fibers plant in Front Royal. The plant was the largest employer in Warren County and was kept open at the request of the federal government to manufacture rayon for U.S. defense and space programs from 1940 to 1989.

The money is coming from two sources: \$6 million from the Department of Defense and \$5 million in energy and water development funds. Asbestos contamination at

the site was found to be much more extensive than originally believed, far exceeding original cost estimates. More than \$12 million in federal funds previously have been made available to clean up the Superfund site. This additional money will allow the building removal to be completed, removing this eyesore from the banks of the Shenandoah River.

The redevelopment of the Avtex site will be an economic boost for Front Royal, Warren County and the surrounding region.

Forum Set on New Medicare Drug Law

Know that many 10th District citizens may have questions or concerns about the new Medicare prescription drug law that was enacted in December. This new law brings senior health care into the 21st century – which is good news, but it also can be unsettling without complete and accurate information.

To help address concerns and answer questions, I will host a **Medicare Prescription Drug Forum beginning at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, at the McLean Community Center.** The community center is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, just off Route 123 and near the intersection of Route 123 and Old Dominion Drive in McLean. Representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services and Commonwealth of Virginia will be available to discuss how the new law will work with current state benefits.

The free forum is open to all interested 10th District citizens. While the new law affects those age 65 and over who are in the Medicare system, this historic legislation also for the first time can help our children breathe easier because they won't have to worry about how to pay for the prescription drug costs for their parents.

Everyone should have the peace of mind knowing that a life-threatening illness will not rob them of a retirement nest egg or life savings. The prescription drug benefit includes a cap on out-of-pocket expenditures that helps ensure that you will be able to obtain the medications you need when you need them.

In addition to providing coverage for prescription drugs, this legislation achieves a second goal – giving seniors more health care choices so they can get the coverage and care that meets their needs. Every senior needs to know that if you don't want to change your current coverage, you don't have to change.

Health security is a cornerstone to a secure retirement. While prescription drugs have helped millions of senior citizens improve their quality of life, the costs of these cutting-edge medicines also have skyrocketed – putting a particular pinch on those living on fixed incomes. I believe that our nation's Medicare recipients should have access to the prescription drugs that they need and believe this new law can help make a difference in the lives of our nation's seniors.

Below are several major provisions of this new law. I hope to see you on April 8 at the 10th District Medicare Forum to address any questions you may have. For more information, please call my Washington office at 202-225-5136.

Voluntary Benefit. If you currently have a prescription drug benefit through your former employer or another means, you will not be forced into a one-size fits all drug program. However, many seniors

in the 10th District are not so fortunate. These seniors, and any others that choose to, will be able to enroll in the new prescription drug benefit, which will be implemented in 2006.

Immediate Assistance with High Drug Bills. The Discount Card is a new important first step toward a prescription drug benefit for Medicare beneficiaries. Beginning this June, all Medicare beneficiaries can begin taking advantage of discount cards. The card will help lower prescription drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries until the comprehensive prescription drug benefit begins January 1, 2006. Certain low-income enrollees may also qualify for as much as \$600 to help them pay for prescription drugs.

Comprehensive Prescription Drug Plan. Permanent prescription drug benefits will be available to all seniors for as little as \$35 per month. The bill would begin with a \$250 deductible and pay 80 percent of drug costs up to the first \$2,000. Seniors who meet the low income criteria would pay as little as \$2 per prescription. All participants would be protected against catastrophic costs and the out-of-pocket expenditures would be capped at \$3,500.

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). Beginning this past January, a number of health insurance companies have begun offering health savings accounts. HSAs allow individuals to make pre-tax contributions of up to 100 percent of a health plan deductible, up to a maximum annual contribution of \$2,600 for individuals. Beneficiaries are permitted to make tax-free expenditures to cover out-of-pocket medical expenses, insurance premiums during spells of unemployment, and medical expenses in retirement.

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Mail Screening Slows Delivery to Capitol Hill

Processing time for incoming mail to my Washington office has been slowed due to new security screening put in place after the anthrax attacks of October 2001 and most recently in February when the poison ricin was discovered in a Senate office mail room. Mail delays are expected to continue over the next several months and some mail received after the ricin scare may never be recovered.

Because of the unpredictability of mail delivery, any resident of the 10th District wishing to contact my Washington office is encouraged to use either e-mail, which can be accessed through my website at www.house.gov/wolf or fax at (202) 225-0437 or phone at (202) 225- 5136. Please be sure to provide your complete name, postal address and daytime phone number to ensure that your correspondence is handled appropriately.

My two district offices in Herndon and Winchester handle casework and constituent services and continue to receive timely mail delivery. Whether you have a question about applying for a passport or a federal contract, the processing of a Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, or veterans' benefit claim, or the filing of a tax or immigration form, or if you are a federal employee and need help dealing with your agency or a federal retiree with a health benefits inquiry, my offices would be pleased to assist you.

My Herndon district office is located at 13873 Park Center Route, Suite 130, Herndon, VA 20171; phone (703) 709-5800 or (800) 945-9653 in state, and fax (703) 709-5802. My Winchester office is located at 110 North Cameron Street, Winchester, VA 22601; phone (540) 667-0990 or (800) 850-3463 in state, and fax (540) 678-0402.



Scenic Viewshed Preserved

I was pleased to work with Senator John Warner and the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC), represented at left by president Christopher Miller, to help the National Park Service acquire 445 acres of Ovoka Farm from the PEC for protection of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. The formal transfer ceremony at the site was held last October. The PEC used privately donated funds to purchase and preserve the scenic viewshed which lies along the eastern side of the Blue Ridge Mountains at Ashby Gap, the historic gateway west and one of the most popular and painted scenes in America. This viewshed has remained unchanged since pre- Revolutionary times. The property contains numerous streams and tributaries flowing into Goose Creek, a pristine tributary of the Potomac River. Ashby Gap Road was one of the most important roads for colonial and post-Revolutionary travel and exploration. During the Civil War, both armies traveled through Ashby Gap. The type of public/private partnership used to preserve this area can serve as a model for future conservation efforts in Virginia.

Protecting Historic Sites

Protecting historic sites in the Shenandoah Valley and throughout our region will always be a priority, and I am pleased that Congress at my urging is continuing to help preserve and protect this important part of our heritage.

At the request of Virginia 6th District Rep. Bob Goodlatte and myself, funds for land acquisition and management plan implementation for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District were provided through the annual appropriations bill for the Department of Interior enacted late last year.

Not only is this funding essential in the effort to preserve these historic sites for future generations, it also is important in helping to bolster tourism which aids the local economy and creates more jobs in the Valley.

The funding will be administered by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, which will only purchase land from willing sellers. The foundation has developed a list of priority properties based upon an objective ranking system patterned after the Civil War Sites Advisory Committee. Designated preservation sites are Fisher's Hill/Cedar Creek; Cross Keys/Port Republic; Second Winchester; Third Winchester/Opequon, and New Market.

You may recall our efforts along with Virginia Senators John Warner and George Allen and former Senator Charles Robb which resulted in the creation of the nation's newest national park - Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park. In December 2002, President Bush signed the law creating the new park, whose boundaries include approximately 3,000 acres in Frederick, Shenandoah and Warren counties. The park is serving as a model for future parks because private landowners and organizations will continue to live, work and operate within the park's borders.

Children Vulnerable to Marketing of Violence

As chairman of the Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations subcommittee which has oversight of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), I have been working to focus attention on the consequences of the marketing of violent entertainment to our children.

Last fall I participated in an FTC workshop on the growing and serious problem in America of children seeing acts of violence in the media and in video games and then acting out what they see. The FTC has been issuing regular reports called for by Congress on the marketing to children of violent entertainment products by the motion picture, music recording and electronic game industries.

While the reports have found some progress by the industry in complying with the ratings system for various media and in limiting the marketing and advertising of restricted (R-rated) and mature (M-rated) products to children, the FTC's own undercover survey of stores found that nearly 70 percent of teen shoppers could buy M-rated games, over 80 percent could purchase explicit-labeled recordings, and over 35 percent were able to buy tickets for R-rated movies.

This FTC survey shows that the entertainment industry's marketing rules, in place ostensibly to shield children from adult-themed violent entertainment and exposure to graphic violence, are failing our children and failing our society.

Legislation is pending in Congress which I have cosponsored that is tailored to restrict the sale or rental of video games to minors that are intended for adults only. Several

states have moved recently to limit the sale of violent video games to minors, but those laws have met court challenges on free speech grounds.

Lawsuits also are being filed against the creators of some of these violent video games because children are allegedly mimicking the violence they are watching. Some believe that games featuring snipers were used in marksmanship train-

ing of young sniper Lee Boyd Malvo, convicted last fall in the 2002 Washington, D.C., area shooting spree.

The American Psychiatric Association has reported that "over the last three decades, the one overriding finding in research on the mass media is that exposure to media portrayals of violence increases aggressive behavior in children."

Labeling may be a start - but much more needs to be done.

Parental involvement is critical in this effort. Government, too, has a responsibility. If we can't come up with some way to put the brakes on violent entertainment, many believe that the only option that parents may have left will be to turn to the courts and continue to sue the industry - and have this societal problem go the way of lawsuits which have successfully targeted the tobacco industry.

Action Needed to Halt Abuse of Addictive Drug

I am continuing to work to call attention to the serious abuse of the powerful and highly addictive painkilling drug OxyContin, a Schedule II narcotic which has devastated families and communities in southwest Virginia and has been working its way into northern Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley. Congress has targeted the drug's abuse and set up a nationwide prescription drug monitoring program to track doctor, pharmacy and patient information for prescription narcotics.

I joined with several House colleagues in calling on the General Accounting Office (GAO) to prepare a report on OxyContin abuse. The report, released early this year, outlined concerns with the marketing of this drug and emphasized the importance of pharmaceutical manufacturers monitoring the use of drugs like OxyContin to identify abuse and diversion problems.

Because many believe OxyContin should be limited to only treating severe pain, I have called on the secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) as well as the Food and Drug

Administration (FDA) to limit the drug to such use. I also asked that they initiate a public information campaign about the dangers of abusing OxyContin, similar to the public awareness campaign on the dietary supplement ephedra.

When a professional baseball player recently died after taking ephedra, HHS immediately issued fact sheets regarding potential serious risks of dietary supplements containing ephedra. According to fact sheets produced by the FDA, two deaths, four heart attacks, nine strokes and five psychiatric cases involving ephedra have been reported. Yet more than 240 people have died from the abuse of OxyContin and countless numbers of families and communities have been torn apart by this drug.

The Commerce-Justice-State Appropriations subcommittee, which I chair, has held a hearing on the illegal diversion of OxyContin and heard wrenching testimony from families destroyed by the abuse of this drug. I also set up an informational briefing with local law enforce-

ment officers, Drug Enforcement Administration officials and business leaders to educate the community about OxyContin's abuse in the wake of recent robberies of pharmacies in Loudoun and Fairfax counties involving the drug. Imagine going into your local pharmacy, drug store or grocery store to pick up a prescription and witnessing an armed robbery in broad daylight. It's happening right in our neighborhoods today.

When used properly, OxyContin is considered a wonder drug, especially for terminally ill cancer patients. I know what it is like to see people suffer from cancer. Both my mother and father died of cancer. But this powerful painkiller has increasingly become a drug of choice for people who choose to abuse it by chewing it or grinding it up. By disabling the time release mechanism in OxyContin, abusers get a heroin-like high. Too many people have died, too many families have suffered and too many communities have been devastated by the improper use of this drug. The FDA needs to act now to stop the death and addiction.

U.S.– China Trade Debate Filled With Questions

Imagine a country where factory workers have no workplace safety, labor or environmental protections and are required to work 80 hours a week for no more than \$110 per month to produce goods for export.

Imagine a country which boldly supplies missile and chemical weapons technology to countries that support or harbor terrorists.

Imagine a country that oversees a network of espionage operations against American companies.

Imagine a country which is plundering a neighbor and wiping out its religion-based culture.

Imagine a country which tortures and imprisons Catholic bishops, Protestant church leaders, Muslim worshipers, Falun Gong followers, and Buddhist monks and nuns just because of their faith and systematically destroys churches and confiscates bibles.

Imagine a country which has a thriving business of harvesting and selling for transplant kidneys, corneas and other human organs from executed prisoners who are thrown in prison with no trial or sentencing procedures.

Imagine a country which maintains an extensive system of gulags – slave labor camps – as large as existed in the former Soviet Union that are used for brainwashing and “reeducation through labor.”

Yet, none of this is imaginary. Such a nation exists. It is the Peoples Republic of China and that country supplies half of all the merchandise imported into the United States, other than from Canada and Mexico.

In 2000 legislation was enacted to grant China permanent trade status with the United States at the time China became a member of the World Trade Organization. Subsequently, China joined the WTO in 2001 and now enjoys trade relations with the U.S. under the same system of low tariffs and easy access as other U.S. trading partners. In exchange, China agreed to abide by international trade rules and give U.S. exporters a fair and level playing field in China’s vast market.

Big Trade Deficits

Yet today, the United States buys more goods from China than it sells there – a gap of \$124 billion in 2003, an all-time high. By country, the U.S. trade gap with China is the largest, twice that with Japan, the next largest, and it makes up almost one-fourth of the total U.S. trade deficit. Putting that into perspective, in 1989, at the time of the Tiananmen Square massacre in Beijing, the U.S. trade deficit with China was \$6 billion.

That deficit is a major reason the U.S. is losing its manufacturing base. Commerce Department data show that since December 1997, over 3 million U.S. manufacturing jobs have been eliminated as imports replace domestic production. As the fast-rising trade deficit with China documents, many of those jobs have gone to China as U.S. firms have moved their factories there.

Trade data produced by the U.S.

government also make clear that beyond the unprecedented size of the U.S. trade deficit, these deficits are composed of goods America recently produced for itself with U.S. workers in U.S.-based factories – electric and electronic machinery; transportation equipment; instruments and related scientific goods; synthetic rubber and fibers and rubber products; pharmaceuticals and medicine; chemical products; aluminum; agricultural, construction, and metalworking machinery; engines and power equipment; computer,



The Chinese government has intensified its crackdown on the people of Tibet – stealing their very soul and culture. The Dalai Lama, right, exiled from Tibet for years, was welcomed to the Capitol last September and recognized for his commitment to human rights and democracy. I was honored to participate with him in a ceremony in Statuary Hall.

communication, audio and video equipment; semiconductors; medical instruments and supplies, motor vehicles and parts, and the list goes on.

‘Made in China’

The “Made in America” label is being replaced in large part by the “Made in China” label as the U.S. is becoming dependent on Chinese manufacturing for products vital both to the basic functioning of the U.S. economy and to U.S. national security. Many experts suggest that U.S. strategic technologies are flowing into the Chinese military industrial base and strategic skills and know how are being transferred to China along with U.S. factories.

Reports indicate that China has acquired the information necessary to replicate the United States’ most sophisticated strategic thermonuclear weapons and various associated launch and reentry vehicles. Last fall a facility in Indiana which produced 80 percent of the rare-earth magnets used in the guidance systems of so-called “smart bombs” – used so effectively in the Gulf War, Afghanistan and in Iraq – was closed and the production equipment was sold to China. The sale of the sensitive bomb-making technology to China was approved by the U.S. government.

Today, of all nations, China is the largest recipient of direct foreign investment in new manufacturing plants and research and development facilities. Every indicator suggests that China will continue to receive far more foreign direct investment and foreign transfers of technology, particularly from the United States, in this decade than in the last.

Software Piracy

The Chinese market also continues to be dominated by piracy of copyrighted materials. In China, estimates are that 93 percent of the business software applications are pirated; 88 percent of the motion pictures and the music seen or heard in the country are stolen. Pirated copies of new software being released in America often ends up for sale on the streets of Beijing before we can buy the real thing in northern Virginia.

How can U.S. manufacturers, es-

ers asserts “that if our manufacturing base continues to shrink at its present rate, critical mass will be lost, the manufacturing innovation will shift to other global centers. Once that happens, a decline in U.S. living standards in the future is virtually assured.”

A national manufacturing expert testified that “if the 20-year trends of 20 percent import growth and 12 percent export growth were to continue for just five more years, the U.S. trade deficit with China would triple to over \$330 billion.”

Taking Trade Seriously

As chairman of the CJS subcommittee, I worked through legislation enacted in January to revamp the federal agencies that oversee international trade policy. The law creates new senior level positions to oversee investigations of discriminatory trade barriers and provide more export promotion help for U.S. businesses to gain access to international markets. A new Office of China Compliance will specialize in antidumping cases regarding China to stop the importation and sale of foreign goods at prices well below domestic costs.

After hearing from northern Virginia information technology industry representatives and also learning that the cost of intellectual property theft to the U.S. is estimated at over \$20 billion a year and that software piracy alone costs the state of Virginia 4,300 jobs a year and more than \$295 million in lost wages and salaries, I directed that a new position at the Office of the USTR be dedicated solely to the enforcement of China’s intellectual property rights obligations.

Human Dimension

I believe there also is a human dimension to trade. As I work on this issue, I remember when I visited Beijing Prison #1 in China and saw imprisoned human rights advocates including Tiananmen Square demonstrators – making socks for export to the West.

I also have seen with my own eyes in a visit to Tibet how the government of China continues to deprive the Tibetan people their freedom, their livelihood and their culture.

I also remember the plight of persecuted Catholic bishops and Protestant pastors and their followers in China who are imprisoned for their beliefs. I just met in February with a group of Chinese pastors, including Pastor Peter Xu. He told of being in prison five times for a total of 10 years because of his faith. He told of horrible conditions in the Zheng Zhou labor camp and how he was forced to make 7,000 Christmas lights each day for sale to the West – Christmas lights sold to Americans to celebrate the birth of Jesus made by a pastor in a slave labor camp.

Free trade must be our strategy and not just a goal. But if trading partners don’t play by the rules, then U.S. firms are at a disadvantage and American workers and families are hurt. The U.S. must enforce trade laws, particularly with China, to ensure American companies can compete on a fair and level playing field.

pecially the small and medium-sized businesses, compete with Chinese-based factories operating with the most advanced technologies, the most modern equipment, and virtually free Chinese labor?

Why would the United States give most-favored-nation trade status to a communist country which our own State Department’s annual country reports say is continuing to systematically violate the human rights of its own people? In addition, why would the United States continue to give preferential trade treatment to a country which our own Federal Bureau of Investigation has reported is spying on American companies and may pose a security threat to America?

Those are fair questions and ones which have troubled me for many years. Last year the House Commerce-Justice-State (CJS) appropriations subcommittee, which I chair, held a hearing on the effects of Chinese exports on U.S. companies. In Virginia alone, nearly 49,000 manufacturing jobs have disappeared since the summer of 2000.

Apple Industry Hurt

Representatives from hard-hit furniture, pharmaceutical and agriculture industries all testified. A third-generation apple grower from Winchester described how the industry is being crippled by apple concentrate being produced in China and dumped in the United States. The Chinese government significantly subsidizes its apple industry, uses cheap labor and has virtually no environmental regulations.

A recent report produced for the National Association of Manufactur-

Rebuilding Iraq Will Require Skill, Patience

Like all Americans, I continue to be concerned about the violence in Iraq which is taking the lives of U.S. service men and women. Unfortunately, postwar Iraq continues to be a dangerous place as our military forces work to bring stability to the country. I continue to pray for the protection of the men and women who are putting their lives on the line every day to bring freedom to the Iraqi people.

What infrastructure exists in Iraq has been neglected for so long that it will take years to be completely repaired.

We live in a dangerous time and I continue to believe that our efforts in Iraq are critical to the fight against terrorism. I recognize there were good and reasonable people on both sides of the issue of sending U.S. forces to Iraq, but whether or not you agreed with that decision, the fact remains that we are there now and cannot just walk away. Too much is at stake in Iraq and in the much larger war against terrorism. Failure is not an option.

I recognize, too, that as a member of Congress who voted to send troops to Iraq, my responsibility didn't end with that vote. That's why I traveled to Iraq twice last year – in May and again in December – to visit and thank our troops for their service and to see firsthand the rebuilding efforts under way.

It is clear that rebuilding the country is not going to happen overnight, nor is it going to come cheaply. Despite its massive oil reserves, Iraq is a very poor country. Saddam Hussein, his two sons and a handful of others were perhaps the only Iraqis who

lived lavish lifestyles. What infrastructure exists in Iraq has been neglected for so long that it will take years to be completely repaired, including the country's oil-producing facilities, which have been totally destroyed or badly damaged.

In areas of the country where Saddam Hussein perceived opposition or disloyalty, he let the roads, schools, hospitals and other public facilities deteriorate almost beyond repair as a form of punishment. Moreover, millions of Iraqis living outside the major towns sleep in mud huts without running water or electricity. Just look at the house where Saddam Hussein was captured; it was actually better than most homes in the countryside because it had electricity.

Security also remains a problem. Until we can make Iraq safe for its people, for our military, and for the thousands of Americans and others on the ground helping to rebuild the country, our efforts are going to be severely hampered.

As with my first trip, I traveled in December as the guest of a non-governmental aid organization (NGO) and spent time meeting and talking with ordinary Iraqis. Life in many towns, like Al Kut – just over a two-hour drive south of Baghdad where I spent two days and nights – is getting back to normal. I was invited into the home of a local family, attended a traditional Iraqi wedding, met with a religious sheikh, saw several projects being directed by NGOs with the financial support of the U.S. Agency for International Development, and visited two villages on the outskirts of town where I sat and talked with village leaders. The welcome I received from the Iraqis was warm and genuine. None of them knew I was a member of Congress.

I also spent a day in Baghdad and



During my recent trip to Iraq I met with several Iraqi citizens to discuss the rebuilding efforts under way in their country.

was briefed by Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III, head of the Coalition Provisional Authority; senior U.S. and British military officials, and FBI agents detailed to Iraq. Rep. Chris Shays of Connecticut and his staff member Dr. Nick Palarino and Dan Scandling, my chief of staff, accompanied me on the trip; we chose not to have a military escort.

Recommendations

Upon my return I released a report with a series of recommendations based on my observations. Copies of my complete trip reports are available at www.house.gov/wolf. My recommendations, also shared with senior administration officials, included:

- The administration should consider independent assessments of our efforts in Iraq. Teams of auditors, on a recurring basis, should be sent to the north, the central and southern regions of Iraq to evaluate the secu-

rity situation, political development and economic status in each area.

- The administration should redouble efforts to internationalize the rebuilding of Iraq. New diplomatic initiatives are needed to garner additional international cooperation and support.
- The secretary of State should appoint a special envoy to focus on the Arab-Israeli issue. Sustained, high-level attention to that issue is essential to the success of U.S. efforts to bring stability to the Middle East.
- An alliance of law enforcement agencies around the globe modeled after the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should be established to allow the FBI and its counterparts to better share information about suspected terrorists and potential terrorist threats.
- The official face and voice of the Coalition Provisional Authority should be an Iraqi.

New Panel to Examine U.S. Aid Delivery

Women and children – the most vulnerable segment of our global community – comprise the majority of the poorest people in our world. During my time in Congress, I have witnessed much of this suffering first hand in many of the world's poorest nations.

While the names of the suffering and the causes of their pain differ from place to place, they all share common experiences of horror and human tragedy: genocide; murder; slavery; famine; HIV/AIDS, and corruption. Limbless children bearing the scars of endless civil wars. Child soldiers forced to fight. Babies so malnourished that they cannot even cry out in hunger. Refugee camps crowded by young orphans, robbed of their parents and all alone. A continuing cycle of hunger, homelessness, poverty and pain.

The American people have always stepped up to the challenge of helping the needy around the globe. That generosity has been the guiding principle of foreign assistance and humanitarian aid throughout our nation's history. I believe America also has a vital national interest – and a moral obligation (The Book of Luke in the Bible says, "To whom much is given, much is required.") – to help struggling nations obtain freedom, economic opportunity, and functioning governments and most importantly build healthy and productive lives for their people.

As co-chairman of the bipartisan Congressional Human Rights Caucus, I know that corrupt dictators across the globe have become rich off the generosity of the American people. U.S. citizens have the right to expect that their assistance is truly helping the poorest of the poor – women and children around the globe – and not extending the longevity of corrupt and murderous regimes.

For example, the U.S. has given \$1.7 billion in development and

food aid to Sudan over the last 50 years, but just in the last 20 years, more than 2.2 million people in Sudan have died as a result of the ongoing civil war there. I have been to Sudan four times and have seen the suffering.

I have also been to the Congo where the U.S. has sent \$724 million worth of development assistance and food aid over the last 50 years, and much more when you consider the cost of peacekeepers, yet more than 3.3 million innocent people have died in just the last five years.

The United States also provided \$929 million in development assistance to Liberia – a country with a long history of internal strife and instability – yet its collection of massive outside aid has directly benefited the corrupt government while the people suffer.

That is why I believe it is time to look at this issue with fresh eyes, assess our development and humanitarian assistance programs – both short- and long-term, evaluate who is receiving the assistance and how that assistance is provided, and determine if changes need to be made so that U.S. aid is effective and taxpayers' money is carefully used.

Legislation signed into law in January which included a provision tailored after a bill I sponsored provides for the creation of a 21-person panel – The Helping Enhance the Livelihood of People Around the Globe Commission, or HELP Commission – to examine the delivery of U.S. development and humanitarian assistance around the world. HELP commissioners will be appointed by the president and the bipartisan leadership of both the House and the Senate. The director of the U.S. Agency for International Development will be an ex officio member. The panel is required to present a report and its recommendations to Congress within two years of being established.

CONGRESSMAN WOLF'S VOTING RECORD

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AGRICULTURAL & RURAL AFFAIRS

114. **H.R. 108**, to require the Agriculture Department to pay for environmental reviews associated with conveying tracts of land to local school districts under Education Land Grant Act. **Yes**. Passed 406-8, under suspension of rules. 4/8/03.

198. **H.R. 1904**, Healthy Forests Restoration Act. Substitute amendment to allow forest thinning projects without environmental reviews within one-half mile of at-risk communities and on land located near municipal water supplies and require other forest thinning activities to be subject to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. **No**. Failed 184-239. 5/20/03.

199. **H.R. 1904**. Motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to strike provisions that would speed up judicial review of court decisions that challenge wildlife 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. **No**. Failed 176-250. 5/20/03.

200. **H.R. 1904**. On passage of the bill 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 of up to 20 million acres of federal forest land with provisions to expedite judicial review of thinning projects and allow certain exemptions from the National Environmental Policy Act. **Yes**. Passed 256-170. 5/20/03.

354. **H.R. 2673**, FY 2004 agriculture appropriations. Amendment to strike a provision that prohibits the Agriculture Department from using funds to implement country-of-origin labeling for meat and meat products. **No**. Failed 193-208. 7/14/03.

355. **H.R. 2673**. Amendment to provide \$800,000 for improved enforcement of the federal animal fighting law. **Yes**. Passed 222-179. 7/14/03.

356. **H.R. 2673**. Amendment to reduce the bill's discretionary spending by 1 percent across the board. **No**. Failed 68-333. 7/14/03.

357. **H.R. 2673**. Amendment to prohibit the Agriculture Department from using funds to approve for human consumption meat from downed animals – animals that cannot stand or walk. **Yes**. Failed 199-202. 7/14/03.

358. **H.R. 2673**. On passage of the bill to provide \$77.5 billion for agriculture, rural development and nutrition programs of the Department of Agriculture and related agencies. **Yes**. Passed 347-64. 7/14/03.

624. **H.R. 2673**. Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the provisions in the House bill that would allow for reimportation of prescription drugs from Canada. **Yes**. Passed 237-176. 11/18/03.

APPROPRIATIONS

11. **H.J. Res. 1**, FY 2003 continuing appropriations. Motion to recommit the joint resolution to a select committee with instructions to report it 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. **No**. Failed 192-220. 1/8/03.

16. **H.J. Res. 13**, FY 2003 continuing appropriations. Motion to recommit the joint resolution to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back with language to provide a total of \$3.5 billion for homeland security grants for first responders and \$90 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to screen and monitor the long-term health of emergency personnel who responded to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. **No**. Failed 201-222. 1/28/03.

17. **H.J. Res. 2**, FY 2003 omnibus appropriations. 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-Education Appropriations Subcommittee, as well as to insist on full funding to meet the President's request for homeland security needs. **No**. Failed 200-209. 1/29/03.

18. **H.J. Res. 18**, FY 2003 continuing appropriations. Motion to recommit the joint resolution to the House Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back with language to continue payment rates for physician services under Medicare at FY 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. **No**. Failed 195-215. 2/5/03.

31. **H.J. Res. 2**, conference report on the FY 2003 omnibus appropriations. Motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to strike several provisions including permitting leasing studies of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska and adding language to provide additional funding for conservation resource programs and to provide an additional \$500 million for state and local "first responders." **No**. Failed 193-226. 2/13/03.

32. **H.J. Res. 2**. To adopt the conference report on the joint resolution to provide \$397.4 billion in FY 2003 appropriations for departments and agencies covered in 11 spending bills for the following: Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-State, District of Columbia, Energy and water development, foreign operations, Interior, Labor-HHS-Education, legislative branch, Transportation, Treasury-Postal Service, and VA-HUD; the conference report also provides a 0.65 percent across-the-board cut to nu-

merous programs to offset additional increased funding for education programs, \$10 billion for intelligence and military activities, additional \$3.1 billion for drought relief, \$1.5 billion for state election overhaul programs, and an increase in Medicare payments to physicians by \$54 billion over 10 years. **Yes**. Passed 338-83. 2/13/03.

105. **H.R. 1559**, FY 2003 Wartime Supplemental Appropriations. Amendment to strike language to provide \$1 billion in assistance to Turkey. **No**. Failed 110-315. 4/3/03.

106. **H.R. 1559**. Amendment to increase funding for the Office of Domestic Preparedness by \$34 million and decrease funding for counter-drug activities in Columbia by \$61 million. **No**. Failed 209-216. 4/3/03.

107. **H.R. 1559**. Amendment to reduce economic assistance to Turkey by \$207 million and redirect the funds to establish a National Guard weapons of mass destruction civil support team. **No**. Failed 113-312. 4/3/03.

108. **H.R. 1559**. On passage of the bill to provide \$77.9 billion in emergency supplemental appropriations in FY 2003, including \$62.5 billion for military operations in Iraq and the war on terrorism, \$4.2 billion for homeland security, \$3.2 billion for U.S. airlines to cover increased security costs, and \$1 billion in aid to Turkey. **Yes**. Passed 414-12. 4/3/03.

112. **H.R. 1559**. Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on section 409 in the Senate-passed bill, which would give displaced airline workers another 26 weeks of temporary unemployment benefits. **Yes**. Passed 265-150. 4/8/03.

458. **H.R. 2859**, FY 2003 emergency supplemental appropriations. Amendment to offset the bill's cost by rescinding \$983.6 million in unobligated FY 2003 funds for all discretionary spending accounts except for those related to the departments of Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs. **No**. Failed 111-300. 7/25/03.

459. **H.R. 2859**. On passage of the bill to provide \$983.6 million in FY 2003 emergency supplemental appropriations for the FEMA disaster relief fund. **Yes**. Passed 352-60. 7/25/03.

520. **H.J. Res. 69**, to provide for FY 2004 continuing appropriations through October 31, 2003, for all federal agencies and departments whose FY 2004 spending bills have not been enacted by September 30, 2003. **Yes**. Passed 407-8. 9/25/03.

546. **H.R. 3289**, FY 2004 supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan. Amendment to require half of all reconstruction aid to Iraq be in the form of loans. **No**. Failed 200-226. 10/16/03.

547. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to transfer \$3.6 billion in Iraq reconstruction funds for quality of life enhancements for U.S. armed forces personnel. **No**. Failed 209-216. 10/16/03.

548. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to reduce Iraq reconstruction funds in the bill by \$250 million. **No**. Failed 197-224. 10/16/03.

549. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to eliminate a bill provision to allow non-competitive contracts to be reported to Congress seven days after the contract has been awarded in certain circumstances and require executive agencies to inform Congress of "no-bid" contracts before they are offered. **Yes**. Passed 405-20. 10/16/03.

550. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to strike several provisions in the bill to allow the transfer of money between accounts at the discretion of the Defense secretary. **No**. Failed 146-279. 10/16/03.

551. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to eliminate \$900 million provided for the importation of petroleum products into Iraq. **No**. Failed 169-256. 10/16/03.

552. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to delete language which authorizes funds for military construction projects related to the global war on terrorism and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. **No**. Failed 128-295. 10/16/03.

553. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to reduce reconstruction funds in the bill for Iraq by 50 percent. **No**. Failed 156-267. 10/17/03.

554. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to increase the basic rate of pay to all military services by \$265 million – the amount needed to provide a \$1,500 bonus to each person serving in operations in Iraq or Afghanistan for FY 2004 and offset the cost by cutting funds for Iraq relief and reconstruction. **No**. Failed 213-213. 10/17/03.

555. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to transfer \$5 million from the Intelligence Community Management Account's general funding to its account for programs and scholarships to increase language proficiency and workforce diversity in the intelligence community. **No**. Failed 206-221. 10/17/03.

556. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to provide \$300 million for use by Afghan women's programs, including \$10 million for the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission and \$24 million for the Ministry of Women's Affairs. **No**. Failed 156-271. 10/17/03.

557. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to require normal competitive bidding procedures for all government contracts relating to Iraq's oil infrastructure. **No**. Passed 248-179. 10/17/03.

558. **H.R. 3289**. Amendment to prohibit funds in the bill from being used for Ex-Im Bank programs or other loans for Saudi Arabia or any nation on the State Department's list of terrorist states. **No**. Failed 193-233. 10/17/03.

561. **H.R. 3289**. Motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee with instructions to report it back with language to require that half of reconstruction aid to Iraq be in the form of loans. **No**. Failed 191-235. 10/17/03.

562. **H.R. 3289**. On passage of the bill to provide \$87 billion in FY 2004 emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Yes**. Passed 303-125. 10/17/03.

567. **H.R. 3289**. Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on provisions in the Senate bill that would make \$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, and provide medical screenings prior to deployment and extend transitional health care from 60 to 180 days for members of the Reserves. **No**. Passed 277-139. 10/21/03.

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HOW THE VOTING RECORD REPORT IS ARRANGED

There were 677 roll call votes during the 1st Session of the 108th Congress. Included in those roll call votes were 153 procedural votes, such as rules for consideration of bills and resolutions, approval of the Speaker's journal (or the minutes of the previous day's business), quorum calls, motions to adjourn, motions to table votes, and motions to rise from consideration of legislation. Those procedural votes are not listed in this report. I missed only three votes, which included one procedural, for a voting attendance record of 99.6 percent.

My voting record included in this report as well as my votes from previous sessions of Congress also may be found on my web site at www.house.gov/wolf.

This report is arranged by general subject areas as follows: each vote begins with the roll call number with a period, followed in bold type by the number of the bill or resolution being considered and a short description of the question on which the vote was taken, including amendments, motions and passage. Next my own vote on the measure is listed in bold type by either a "yes" or "no." The vote of the entire House follows indicated by either "passed" or "failed" with the vote total, followed by the date on which the vote occurred. Votes taken under suspension of the rules are so noted and an explanation of that procedure may be found in the glossary below.

GLOSSARY OF LEGISLATIVE TERMS

AMENDMENT—A proposal 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 actual funds to operate the departments and agencies of the federal government. There are 13 regular appropriations bills which must be approved on an annual basis effective for the fiscal year which begins on Oct. 1 (also see Continuing Resolution).

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

BILL—A legislative proposal, designated as H.R. in the House of Representatives and S. in the Senate, followed by a number assigned in the order in which it is introduced during the two-year period in which a Congress is convened. If approved by both houses of Congress in the same form and signed by the President, a bill becomes a law.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—A procedural device designed to expedite the legislative work in the House in which slightly less formal rules for conduct 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 do not require or are not intended for approval by the President and therefore do not have the force of law.

CONFERENCE—A meeting between 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. A majority of the members of the conference from each chamber must agree on the provisions of a measure before it can be considered by either chamber in the form of a "conference report." Conference reports cannot be amended and if not approved, the legislation may go back to conference or a new conference must be convened. Legislation passed by both houses with only minor differences need not be sent to conference; either chamber may "concur" in the other's amendments, completing action on the legislation.

CONTINUING RESOLUTION—A joint resolution which continues in effect appropriations legislation for specific ongoing activities of federal departments or agencies when a fiscal year begins and Congress has not yet enacted all of the 13 regular appropriations bills for that fiscal year.

HOUSE—The House of Representatives, as distinct from the Senate, although each body is a "house" of Congress.

JOINT RESOLUTION—A resolution, designated House Joint Resolution (H.J.Res.) or Senate Joint Resolution (S.J.Res.), followed by a number assigned in the order in which it is introduced during the two-year period in which a Congress is convened. If approved by both houses in the same form and signed by the President, it becomes a law just as a bill does. A joint resolution is generally limited to special circumstances and is also used to propose amendments to the Constitution. Under that purpose, it does not require a presidential signature and becomes part of the Constitution when three-fourths of the states ratify or approve it.

RESOLUTION—A simple resolution, designated House Resolution (H.Res.) or Senate Resolution (S.Res.), deals with matters entirely within the prerogatives of one house or the other. It requires neither passage by the other chamber nor approval by the President, does not have the force of law and is commonly used for internal business of one house or for expressing views of a chamber.

SUSPENSION OF 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 from the floor are permitted, and a two-thirds vote of those members voting is required for passage.

CONGRESSMAN WOLF'S VOTING RECORD

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568. **H.J.Res. 73**, to provide for FY 2004 continuing appropriations through November 7, 2003, for federal departments and agencies covered by FY 2004 appropriations which have not as yet been enacted. **Yes.** Passed 397-19. 10/21/03.

583. **H.J.Res. 75**, to provide for FY 2004 continuing appropriations through November 7 for federal departments and agencies whose FY 2004 appropriations bills have not been enacted. **Yes.** Passed 406-13. 10/30/03.

600. **H.R. 3289**. Motion to recommit the conference report on the bill to the conference committee with instructions to report it back with provisions to put half of the reconstruction funds for Iraq in the form of loans and provide an additional \$1.3 billion for veterans' health care. **No.** Failed 198-221. 10/30/03.

601. **H.R. 3289**. To adopt the conference report on the bill to provide \$87 billion in FY 2004 emergency supplemental appropriations for military operations and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Yes.** Passed 298-121. 10/30/03.

605. **H.J.Res. 76**, to provide continuing FY 2004 appropriations through November 21 for all federal departments and agencies whose FY 2004 appropriations bills have not been enacted. **Yes.** Passed 418-5. 11/5/03.

648. **H.J.Res. 78**, to provide further FY 2004 continuing appropriations through November 23, 2003, for all federal departments and agencies whose FY 2004 appropriations bills have not been enacted. **Yes.** Passed 410-10. 11/20/03.

664. **H.J.Res. 79**, to provide for FY 2004 continuing appropriations through January 31, 2004, for all federal departments and agencies whose FY 2004 appropriations bills have not been enacted. **Yes.** Passed 407-16. 11/21/03.

676. **H.R. 2673**. To adopt the conference report to the bill to provide \$820 billion in FY 2004 appropriations including \$328.1 billion in discretionary spending for all federal departments and agencies whose regular FY 2004 appropriations have not been enacted including the following: \$16.9 billion for the Agriculture Department and related agencies; \$38.4 billion for the Commerce, Justice and State departments and related agencies and judicial agencies; \$545 million for the District of Columbia; \$17.3 billion for foreign aid and export assistance; \$140.1 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education departments; \$27.5 billion for the Transportation and Treasury departments and related independent agencies, and \$91 billion for the Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development departments. **Yes.** Passed 242-176. 12/8/03.

BUDGET, TAXES & REVENUE

36. **H.R. 258**, to allow for a four-year redesign of nickel coins in recognition of the 2003 bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition. **Yes.** Passed 412-5, under suspension of rules. 2/26/03.

44. **H.R. 743**, Social Security fraud protection to require the Social Security Administration to reissue benefits when a representative payee appointed to handle a beneficiary's funds misuses the money, require non-governmental organizations that act as representative payees to be bonded and licensed, prohibit convicted felons and fugitives from acting as representative payees, and hold an individual who misuses benefit funds liable for twice the amount of misused funds and a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation. **Yes.** Failed 249-180, under suspension of rules (2/3 vote required). 3/5/03.

76. **H.R. 1307**, Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act to provide a total of \$835 million in tax benefits over 11 years for military personnel, including a tax exemption for the full \$6,000 cash payment given to survivors of military members killed in the line of duty; a relaxation of a residency requirement to take advantage of a capital gains exclusion on the sale of a primary residence; tax-free treatment under the Homeowners Assistance Program; and temporary postponement on filing and paying taxes for military personnel serving in "contingency operations." **Yes.** Passed 422-0, under suspension of rules. 3/20/03.

78. **H.Con.Res. 95**, FY 2004 Budget Resolution. Substitute amendment to provide a balanced budget in FY 2009, maintain the president's spending levels but provide congressional flexibility in allocated funds, direct the Ways and Means Committee to report legislation providing a \$400 billion prescription drug benefit, and postpone future tax cuts for high income individuals if the budget remains in a deficit because of costs associated with the war in Iraq. **No.** Failed 174-254. 3/20/03.

79. **H.Con.Res. 95**. Substitute amendment to provide a balanced budget in FY 2007, provide a 10-year, \$1.6 billion tax cut, and provide lower non-defense discretionary spending levels. **No.** Failed 80-342. 3/20/03.

80. **H.Con.Res. 95**. Substitute amendment to provide a balanced budget by FY 2008, repeal tax cuts for high income individuals, provide additional tax breaks for low income families, and provide additional funding for education, health, child care and housing. **No.** Failed 85-340. 3/20/03.

81. **H.Con.Res. 95**. Substitute amendment to provide additional non-defense discretionary funding for FY 2004, maintain mandatory spending at current levels, provide a \$528 billion prescription drug benefit, and include a \$136 billion tax cut. **No.** Failed 192-236. 3/20/03.

82. **H.Con.Res. 95**. To adopt the FY 2004 budget resolution setting broad spending and revenue targets over 10 years and providing \$1.3 billion in tax cuts and \$256 billion in mandatory spending reductions over 10 years with \$775.4 billion in discretionary spending for FY 2004 and a 1 percent cut from current levels in discretionary funding unrelated to defense and homeland security, and providing a \$400 billion, 10-year reserve fund for Medicare reform and a prescription drug benefit. **Yes.** Passed 215-212. 3/20/03.

95. **H.Con.Res. 95**. Motion to instruct House conferees to eliminate certain reconciliation instructions contained in the House-passed 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 to create a \$396 billion Social Security reserve account for use in implementing future legislation to strengthen Social Security. **Yes.** Passed 399-22. 4/1/03.

100. **H.R. 743**, Social Security Protection Act. Substitute amendment to strike 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. **No.** Failed 196-228. 4/2/03.

101. **H.R. 743**. Motion to recommit the bill to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions to add an amendment addressing the concerns of public employees about the government pension offset under Title II of the Social Security Act. **No.** Failed 203-220. 4/2/03.

102. **H.R. 743**. On passage of the bill to require the Social Security Administration to reissue benefits when a representative payee appointed to handle a beneficiary's funds misuses the funds, require non-governmental organizations that act as representative payees to be bonded and licensed, prohibit convicted felons and fugitives from acting as payees, and provide that 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. **Yes.** Passed 396-28. 4/2/03.

141. **H.Con.Res. 95**. To adopt the conference report on the FY 2004 budget to set broad spending and revenue targets over 10 years. **Yes.** Passed 216-211. 4/10/03.

181. **H.R. 2**, Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003. Motion to recommit the bill to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back with an amendment that the bill's provisions would not take effect until there is a balanced budget. **No.** Failed 202-218. 5/9/03.

182. **H.R. 2**. On passage of the bill to provide \$550 billion in tax cuts over 11 years and accelerate income tax cuts enacted in 2001 and scheduled to take effect in 2006 and make them retroactive to January 1; reduce the tax rate on dividends and capital gains to 5 percent for taxpayers in the lowest tax brackets and to 15 percent for all other taxpayers; increase the child tax credit; provide marriage penalty relief, and increase individual Alternative Minimum Tax exemption amount and provide business and investment incentives. **Yes.** Passed 222-203. 5/9/03.

222. **H.R. 2185**, unemployment compensation extension. Motion to recommit the bill to the 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. **No.** Failed 205-222. 5/22/03.

223. **H.R. 2185**. On passage of the bill to extend through December 2003, with a phase out until March 2004, the unemployment compensation program and provide an additional 13 weeks of federal benefits to workers who have exhausted their 26 weeks of state jobless benefits and provide an additional 13 weeks of benefits for workers who live in states with high unemployment rates. **Yes.** Passed 409-19. 5/22/03.

225. **H.R. 2**. To adopt the conference report to the bill to provide \$350 billion in tax cuts over 11 years, accelerating income tax cuts enacted in 2001 and scheduled to take effect in 2006 and make them retroactive to January 1; reducing the tax rate on dividends and capital gains to 5 percent for taxpayers in the lowest tax brackets and to 15 percent for all other taxpayers; increasing the child tax credit to \$1,000 through 2004; providing marriage penalty relief, and providing \$20 billion in state aid with \$10 billion for Medicaid and \$10 billion to be used at states' discretion. **Yes.** Passed 231-200. 5/22/03.

274. **H.R. 1308**, All-American Tax Relief Act. To adopt the rule (H.Res. 270) to concur with a Senate amendment to the All-American Tax Relief Act, with a House amendment to 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 payment until tax returns are filed, and provide a number of tax breaks for members of the armed forces. **Yes.** Passed 224-201. 6/12/03.

275. **H.R. 1308**, All-American Tax Relief Act. Motion to instruct conferees on the All-American Tax Relief Act 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, and instruct conferees not to include additional tax breaks that do not have corresponding offsets. **No.** Passed 205-201. 6/12/03.

287. **H.R. 8**, estate tax repeal. Substitute amendment to cap the estate tax rate at 49 percent and exempt from the tax all estates under \$3 million. **No.** Failed 188-239. 6/18/03.

288. **H.R. 8**. On passage of the bill to make permanent the repeal of the estate tax contained in the 2001 tax cut law, which is set to expire after 2010. **Yes.** Passed 264-163. 6/18/03.

291. **H.R. 1528**, Taxpayer Protection and IRS Accountability Act. Substitute amendment to make numerous revisions to the Internal Revenue Code including changes to tax collection procedures, tax filing procedures and IRS administrative policies; remove a health insurance waiver provision; include Senate-passed language expanding the child tax credit to low-income families and granting additional tax breaks for military personnel, and eliminate tax breaks for companies that move their headquarters overseas to avoid paying U.S. income taxes. **No.** Failed 196-226. 6/19/03.

292. **H.R. 1528**. Motion to recommit the bill to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back after striking language to 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 to any retiree who has had their pension taken over by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or who qualifies for Trade Adjustment Assistance. **No.** Failed 199-226. 6/19/03.

293. **H.R. 1528**. On passage of the bill to make numerous revisions to the Internal Revenue Code including changes to tax collection practices, tax filing procedures and IRS administrative policies; allow taxpayers filing electronically an extra 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. **Yes.** Passed 252-170. 6/19/03.

370. **H.R. 1308**. Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions in the Senate-adopted amendment including language to 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to complete a conference report by July 18, 2003. **No.** Failed 206-220. 7/16/03.

390. **H.R. 1308**. 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 202-214. 7/17/03.

396. **H.R. 1308**. 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 188-201. 7/18/03.

398. **H.R. 1308**. 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 193-212. 7/21/03.

446. **H.R. 1308**. 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 202-214. 7/24/03.

447. **H.R. 1308**. Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions in the Senate-adopted amendment including language to 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 206-216. 7/25/03.

449. **H.R. 1308**. Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions in the Senate-adopted amendment including language to 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 202-221. 7/25/03.

477. **H.R. 1308**. 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 186-210. 9/5/03.

493. **H.R. 1308**. 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 206-213. 9/10/03.

501. **H.R. 1308**. 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 195-214. 9/10/03.

506. **H.R. 7**, Charitable Giving Act. Substitute amendment to include all the provisions of the underlying bill and add a provision increasing the funding for the Social Security Block Grant by \$1.1 billion in FY 2004 and provide revenue offsets by reducing corporate tax breaks. **No.** Failed 203-220. 9/17/03.

507. **H.R. 7**. Motion to recommit the bill to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back with an amendment to provide a child tax credit to low-income families as contained in the Senate-passed version of H.R. 1308, offset by an extension of customs user fees, and language that would provide tax breaks for members of the military and their families. **No.** Failed 201-221. 9/17/03.

508. **H.R. 7**. On passage of the bill to encourage individuals, businesses and foundations to make increased charitable donations to help Americans in need by providing \$12.7 billion in tax breaks and incentives to encourage charitable giving; provide that taxpayers who do not itemize deductions could deduct up to \$250 (\$500 for couples) in charitable donations in each of the next two years, and provide changes in deductible corporate charitable contributions. **Yes.** Passed 408-13. 9/17/03.

509. **H.R. 1308**. Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions in the Senate-adopted amendment including language to 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 199-214. 9/23/03.

525. **H.R. 1308**. Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions in the Senate-adopted amendment including language to 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 202-207. 9/30/03.

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529. **H.R. 1308.** Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions in the Senate-adopted amendment including language to 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 207- 219. 10/1/03.

541. **H.R. 1308.** Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions in the Senate-adopted amendment including language to 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 203- 204. 10/15/03.

572. **H.R. 1308.** Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions in the Senate-adopted amendment including language to 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 197- 208. 10/28/03.

578. **H.R. 3365.** Fallen Patriots' Tax Relief Act to increase the military death benefit from \$6,000 to \$12,000 and make the entire amount tax exempt and make other tax code changes regarding capital gain exclusion for home sales, tax-free treatment of Homeowners' Assistance Program payments, tax-free military dependent care assistance, extension of combat zone filing rules to contingency operations, and extension of victims' tax relief to astronauts who die on space missions. **Yes.** Passed 413-0, under suspension of rules. 10/29/03.

609. **H.R. 3365.** to agree with the Senate amendments to the Fallen Patriots' Tax Relief Act to provide tax breaks for members of the military and increase the military death benefit from \$6,000 to \$12,000 and make the entire amount tax exempt and make other tax code changes regarding capital gain exclusion for home sales, tax-free treatment of Homeowners' Assistance Program payments, tax-free military dependent care assistance, extension of combat zone filing rules to contingency operations, and extension of victims' tax relief to astronauts who die on space missions. **Yes.** Passed 420-0, under suspension of rules. 11/5/03.

614. **H.R. 1308.** Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on all of the provisions in the Senate-adopted amendment including language to 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; to exclude additional tax breaks that lack corresponding offsets, and to report out a conference report within two legislative days of the adoption of the motion. **No.** Failed 197- 207. 11/6/03.

BUSINESS & BANKING

24. **H.R. 346.** to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to impose civil penalties of up to \$22,000 per violation on individuals or organizations that commit unfair or deceptive acts or practices during periods of national emergency. **Yes.** Passed 422-1, under suspension of rules. 2/12/03.

26. **H.R. 395.** Do-Not-Call Implementation Act to authorize the Federal Trade Commission from FY 2003 through FY 2007 to collect fees to set up and enforce a program to let individuals avoid telemarketers by placing their telephone numbers on a "do-not-call" registry. **Yes.** Passed 418-7. 2/12/03.

68. **H.R. 314.** to provide a narrow exemption from collection disclosure requirements under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to apply only to first lien federally related mortgages acquired by a mortgage servicer for whom the collection of delinquent debts is incidental to its primary function of servicing current mortgages. **Yes.** Passed 424-0, under suspension of rules. 3/19/03.

94. **H.R. 1166.** to authorize Small Business Development Centers in eligible states to expand assistance to Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Native Alaskan communities. **Yes.** Passed 378-14, under suspension of rules. 3/31/03.

98. **H.R. 522.** to increase from \$100,000 to \$130,000 the maximum account deposit covered through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation with adjustments for inflation beginning in 2005 and merge the insurance funds for banks and savings associations. **Yes.** Passed 411-11. 4/2/03.

116. **H.R. 205.** to 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. **Yes.** Passed 417-4, under suspension of rules. 4/8/03.

246. **H.R. 1474.** Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act to 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, allow check images to be transported electronically between financial institutions for payment, require substitute checks to accurately represent all the information on the front and back of the original check, and provide that substitute checks have the same legal status as canceled paper checks and carry the same consumer protections. **Yes.** Passed 405-0. 6/5/03.

254. **H.R. 2143.** Unlawful Internet Gambling Prohibition Act. Amendment to strike a provision in the bill exempting state regulated or licensed transactions from the ban on processing Internet wagers. **No.** Failed 186-237. 6/10/03.

255. **H.R. 2143.** On passage of the bill to give federal regulators a new, more effective tool for combating offshore Internet gambling sites that illegally extend their services to U.S. residents via the Internet by requiring financial institutions and credit card companies to take steps to block the processing of unlawful Internet wagers. **Yes.** Passed 319-104. 6/10/03.

281. **H.R. 658.** to allow the Securities and Exchange Commission to use an expedited process to hire professional staff for corporate crime investigations and allow an exemption from competitive service hiring procedures for accountants, economists and securities compliance examiners, but provide that once hired, they would be treated as all other competitive service employees. **Yes.** Passed 423-0, under suspension of rules. 6/17/03.

294. **H.R. 660.** Small Business Health Fairness Act. Substitute amendment to 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 and require employers to pay at least half of their employees' premium costs and to offer coverage to all employees who have completed three months of service. **No.** Failed 183-238. 6/19/03.

295. **H.R. 660.** Motion to recommit the bill to the Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to add language to protect existing group health plan coverage for breast cancer screening, pregnancy and childbirth, well child care and direct access to obstetric and gynecological services. **No.** Failed 192-230. 6/19/03.

296. **H.R. 660.** On passage of the bill to allow the creation of association health plans under which small companies could join together to buy health insurance for their employees and provide an exemption from many individual state insurance regulations for association health plans that cover employees in multiple states but require the plans to be regulated by the Labor Department. **Yes.** Passed 262-162. 6/19/03.

303. **H.R. 923.** to create a two-year pilot program to permit qualified Certified Development Companies under the Premier Certified Lenders Program to elect to use a risk-based approach to calculate their small business loan loss reserve requirements and 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. **Yes.** Passed 416-3, under suspension of rules. 6/24/03.

462. **H.R. 1533.** to amend securities laws to permit church pension plans to be invested in collective trusts. **Yes.** Passed 397-0, under suspension of rules. 9/3/03.

495. **H.R. 2622.** Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act. Amendment to prohibit credit card issuers from increasing a promised or introductory interest rate because of negative information regarding other credit accounts contained in a consumer's credit report but allow credit card companies to change interest rates if the individual is at least 60 days delinquent on paying other credit card debt. **No.** Failed 142-272. 9/10/03.

496. **H.R. 2622.** Amendment sunset after nine years the bill's extension of Uniformed National Consumer Protections Standards for credit reporting rules including those dealing with the sharing of consumer credit information by corporate affiliates. **No.** Failed 112-310. 9/10/03.

497. **H.R. 2622.** Amendment to require regional credit bureaus to give consumers a free copy of their credit report each year in addition to the bill's requirement that allows all consumers to obtain a free annual credit report from the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies. **No.** Passed 235-186. 9/10/03.

498. **H.R. 2622.** Amendment to set a national standard for consumer access to credit scores and credit reports by preempting any future state law regarding free credit reports and consumer access to credit scores and provide that existing state laws regarding such reports and access not be pre-empted. **Yes.** Passed 233-189. 9/10/03.

499. **H.R. 2622.** On passage of the bill to help consumers fight identity theft and ensure the accuracy of their credit reports by making permanent uniform national consumer protection standards and provide that consumers could request one free copy of their credit report each year from each of the national and regional credit bureaus. **Yes.** Passed 392-30. 9/10/03.

521. **H.R. 3161.** to give the Federal Trade Commission explicit authority to create a "do not call" registry and begin enforcing it and imposing fines on violators on October 1, 2003. **Yes.** Passed 412-8. 9/25/03.

535. **H.R. 3108.** to replace the current standard that employers must use to determine their pension liabilities – the 30-year Treasury bond interest rate – with a corporate bond rate for two years through December 31, 2005. The bill gives the Treasury Department the flexibility to establish the interest rate based on a blend of corporate bond indexes. **Yes.** Passed 397-2. 10/8/03.

638. **H.R. 2420.** Mutual Funds Integrity and Fee Transparency Act to curb trading abuses involving mutual funds and increase disclosure of mutual fund fees and expenses. **Yes.** Passed 418-2, under suspension of rules. 11/19/03.

655. **H.R. 253.** to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program and authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency to use \$450 million in program funding over five years to buy repetitive loss properties or take other actions to mitigate against future damages and provide that 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. **Yes.** Passed 352-67, under suspension of rules. 11/20/03.

667. **H.R. 2622.** To adopt the conference report to the bill to help consumers fight identity theft and ensure the accuracy of their credit reports by making permanent uniform national consumer protection standards and provide that consumers could request one free copy of their credit report each year from each of the national and regional credit bureaus. **Yes.** Passed 379-49, under suspension of rules. 11/21/03.

CONGRESSIONAL MATTERS

2. Election of Speaker. **Hastert.** Hastert 228-Pelosi 201-Murtha 1. 1/7/03.

12. **H.Res. 10.** sense of the House resolution to congratulate the Ohio State University football team for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I-A collegiate football national championship. **Yes.** Passed 404-1, under suspension of rules. 1/8/03.

13. **H.Res. 26.** sense of the House in support of the goals of Catholic Schools Week, established to recognize the contributions of Catholic elementary and secondary schools to the nation's education system. **Yes.** Passed 392-0, under suspension of rules. 1/27/03.

14. **H.Res. 25.** sense of the House in honor of individuals who give their time and talents to support youth mentoring programs. **Yes.** Passed 393-0, under suspension of rules. 1/27/03.

19. **H.Res. 51.** sense of the House to express condolences to the families of the seven crew members killed February 1, 2003, aboard the space shuttle Columbia. **Yes.** Passed 404-0. 2/5/03.

20. **H.Con.Res. 27.** sense of Congress condemning the selection of Libya as the chair of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, urging the President to advocate for renewed U.N. sanctions against Libya because of its involvement in the attack on Pan Am Flight 103, and urging 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 U.N. **Yes.** Passed 402-6, under suspension of rules. 2/11/03.

21. **H.Con.Res. 22.** sense of Congress honoring Vaclav Havel, a playwright and former president of the Czech Republic, for his support of human rights and democracy, and congratulating him for his outstanding service to the people of the Czech Republic. **Yes.** Passed 415-0, under suspension of rules. 2/11/03.

22. **H.Res. 61.** sense of the House commending Israel for free and fair elections and expressing gratitude for the U.S.-Israel relationship. **Yes.** Passed 411-2, under suspension of rules. 2/11/03.

23. **H.J.Res. 19.** joint resolution extending birthday greetings and best wishes to former President Ronald Reagan on his 92nd birthday. **Yes.** Passed 406-0, under suspension of rules. 2/11/03.

25. **H.Res. 62.** sense of the House paying tribute to Rep. Sam Johnson of Texas and other member of the U.S. armed forces imprisoned during the Vietnam War and urging an accounting of all members still missing in action from that conflict. **Yes.** Passed 424-0, under suspension of rules. 2/12/03.

33. **H.Res. 46.** sense of the House honoring the life and legacy of caricaturist Al Hirschfeld. **Yes.** Passed 403-0, under suspension of rules. 2/25/03.

34. **H.Con.Res. 40.** sense of Congress permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust. **Yes.** Passed 408-0, under suspension of rules. 2/25/03.

35. **H.Con.Res. 36.** sense of Congress recognizing the historical significance of the 140th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and commending President Abraham Lincoln's efforts to end slavery. **Yes.** Passed 415-0, under suspension of rules. 2/26/03.

40. **H.Res. 106.** sense of the House supporting the goals of National Lutheran Schools Week, and congratulating individuals involved in Lutheran schools for their ongoing contributions to the nation's education system. **Yes.** Passed 407-0, under suspension of rules. 3/4/03.

41. **H.Con.Res. 54.** sense of Congress that the second week in May should be established as an annual National Visiting Nurse Association Week. **Yes.** Passed 411-0, under suspension of rules. 3/4/03.

42. **H.Res. 111.** sense of the House honoring the late Fred Rogers, the host and creator of the children's television network program, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," for his service to the improvement of the lives of children, his commitment to demonstrating the power of compassion, and his dedication to spreading kindness through example. **Yes.** Passed 412-0, under suspension of rules. 3/4/03.

46. **H.J.Res. 27.** joint resolution recognizing and commending the members of the U.S. armed forces (whether on active duty, in the National Guard, or in the Reserves) fighting the war on terrorism and their families. **Yes.** Passed 426-0. 3/5/03.

51. **H.Con.Res. 77.** sense of Congress commemorating the 60th anniversary of the historic rescue of 50,000 Bulgarian Jews from the Holocaust and reaffirming support for strong ties between the U.S. and Bulgaria. **Yes.** Passed 418-0, under suspension of rules. 3/11/03.

52. **H.Res. 19.** sense of the House paying tribute to former House Majority Leader Richard K. (Dick) Arney of Texas by naming room H-236 in the U.S. Capitol the "Richard K. Arney Room." **Yes.** Passed 406-0, under suspension of rules. 3/11/03.

54. **H.Res. 122.** sense of the House recognizing both the bicentennial of Ohio's admission into the Union and the residents of Ohio for their contributions to the economic, social, and cultural development of the United States. **Yes.** Passed 424-0, under suspension of rules. 3/12/03.

55. **H.Con.Res. 85.** sense of Congress expressing condolences to the families of those who died in a nightclub fire on February 20, 2003, in Rhode Island and urge local government officials and owners of entertainment facilities to review fire safety procedures to prevent future, similar accidents. **Yes.** Passed 422-0, under suspension of rules. 3/12/03.

65. **H.Con.Res. 26.** sense of Congress condemning the practice of execution by stoning and call upon the international community to recognize the practice as a gross violation of human rights. **Yes.** Passed 417-0, under suspension of rules. 3/18/03.

67. **H.Res. 109.** sense of the House urging the secretary of State to support a resolution addressing human rights abuses in North Korea at the 59th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. **Yes.** Passed 419-1, under suspension of rules. 3/18/03.

77. **H.Res. 132.** sense of the House reaffirming the wording of the Pledge of Allegiance and stating that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in *Newdow v. U.S. Congress* that the words "one nation, under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance is an unconstitutional endorsement of religion was inconsistent with the Supreme Court's interpretation of the First Amendment. **Yes.** Passed 400-7, under suspension of rules. 3/20/03.

83. **H.Con.Res. 104.** sense of Congress expressing support and appreciation for the nation 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. **Yes.** Passed 392-11. 3/20/03.

90. **H.Res. 153.** sense of the House urging the president to issue a proclamation designating a national day for humility, prayer, and fasting and calling on all people of the United States to observe that day as a time of prayer and fasting, to seek guidance from God to achieve a greater understanding of their failings and to find resolve in meeting the challenges that confront the nation. **Yes.** Passed 346-49, under suspension of rules. 3/27/03.

91. **H.Con.Res. 118.** sense of Congress condemning Iraqi leaders for failing to comply with the Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War and demanding that they do so. **Yes.** Passed 419-0, under suspension of rules. 3/27/03.

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93. **H.Con.Res. 58**, sense of Congress honoring the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and its partners, for the Festival of Flight, a celebration of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight, the first controlled, powered flight in history. **Yes.** Passed 393-0, under suspension of rules. 3/31/03.

97. **H.Con.Res. 109**, sense of Congress calling on all Americans to honor the men and women of the U.S. armed forces and their families, encouraging families to display the Blue Star Banner or the Gold Star, and calling on the media to recognize the importance and symbolism of the Blue Star Banner, which represents a family member serving in the armed forces. **Yes.** Passed 418-0, under suspension of rules. 4/1/03.

110. **H.Res. 127**, sense of the House in support of increasing awareness among students about the importance of understanding personal finances. **Yes.** Passed 380-1, under suspension of rules. 4/7/03.

117. **H.Res. 179**, sense of the House condemning the crackdown by the government of Cuba on pro-democracy efforts, calling for the release of all Cuban political prisoners, supporting fundamental political and civil liberties for the Cuban people, and calling for a resolution by the U.N. Commission on Human Rights condemning the crackdown and urging the UNCHR to oppose a renewal of Cuba's membership on the panel until Cuba meets international human rights standards. **Yes.** Passed 414-0, under suspension of rules. 4/8/03.

125. **H.Res. 170**, sense of the House recognizing the 40th anniversary of the sinking of the USS Thresher, the first nuclear submarine lost at sea, and remember the crew who lost their lives. **Yes.** Passed 423-0, under suspension of rules. 4/9/03.

126. **H.Res. 149**, sense of the House offering condolences to the people of Serbia and the family of Zoran Djindjic following the assassination of Prime Minister Djindjic. **Yes.** Passed 425-1, under suspension of rules. 4/9/03.

128. **H.Con.Res. 141**, sense of Congress supporting a national debate on reform of the nation's tax code and agreeing with the Economic Report of the President which identifies reducing complexity, improving economic incentives, and achieving fairness as key objectives of tax reform. **Yes.** Passed 424-0, under suspension of rules. 4/10/03.

129. **H.Res. 165**, sense of the House expressing appreciation of the United Nations secretary general's efforts to negotiate peace in Cyprus between the Turkish Cypriots and the Greek Cypriots and disappointment that the peace plan was rejected by the Turkish Cypriot leader and urging continued efforts to seek peace in the region. **Yes.** Passed 422-0, under suspension of rules. 4/10/03.

146. **H.Res. 204**, sense of the House paying tribute to charter schools, supporting the fourth annual National Charter Schools Week, and urging the president to issue a proclamation recognizing the occasion. **Yes.** Passed 403-0, under suspension of rules. 4/29/03.

147. **H.Con.Res. 156**, sense of Congress honoring the U.S. Capitol Police on its 175th anniversary and expressing thanks to police officers and their families, especially the families of Christopher Eney, Jacob J. Chestnut, and John Michael Gibson, who died in the line of duty. **Yes.** Passed 409-0, under suspension of rules. 4/29/03.

148. **H.Con.Res. 149**, sense of Congress supporting the annual celebration of Patriot's Day, recognizing the dedication to freedom demonstrated by the nation's first patriots during the earliest days of the Battle for Independence in April 1775, and honoring those first patriots who lost their lives in defense of liberty and freedom. **Yes.** Passed 411-0, under suspension of rules. 4/29/03.

164. **H.Con.Res. 96**, to authorize use of the Capitol Grounds for the 22nd Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service to be held on May 15, 2003, to honor federal, state and local law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2002. **Yes.** Passed 419-0, under suspension of rules. 5/7/03.

168. **H.Con.Res. 53**, to authorize the use of the U.S. Capitol grounds on June 21, 2003, for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Yes.** Passed 422-0, under suspension of rules. 5/7/03.

176. **H.Res. 213**, sense of the House recognizing Public Service Recognition Week, commending government employees for their dedication and service to the nation, and encouraging individuals to enter public service. **Yes.** Passed 418-0, under suspension of rules. 5/8/03.

184. **H.Con.Res. 160**, sense of Congress that the United Nations should immediately act to lift the economic sanctions against Iraq imposed by United Nations Security Council Resolutions 661 and 687 and that U.N. member countries should encourage trade with Iraq. **Yes.** Passed 409-0, under suspension of rules. 5/13/03.

185. **H.Res. 222**, sense of the House commending individuals who contributed to the debris collection effort following the Space Shuttle Columbia accident. **Yes.** Passed 411-0, under suspension of rules. 5/13/03.

192. **H.Con.Res. 166**, sense of Congress supporting Buckle Up America Week about the importance of wearing a vehicle safety belt. **Yes.** Passed 377-2, under suspension of rules. 5/19/03.

194. **H.Con.Res. 147**, sense of Congress commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Orphan Drug Act and the National Organization of Rare Disorders, and recognizing the contributions the Orphan Drug Act has made to the rare disease community. **Yes.** Passed 386-0, under suspension of rules. 5/19/03.

227. **H.Res. 159**, sense of the House expressing sorrow on the occasion of the death of Irma Rangel, who in 1977 became the first Mexican-American woman ever elected to the Texas House of Representatives. **Yes.** Passed 373-0, under suspension of rules. 6/2/03.

228. **H.Res. 195**, sense of the House congratulating Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for hitting 500 major league home runs and thanking him for being a role model for Latinos. **Yes.** Passed 372-0, under suspension of rules. 6/2/03.

235. **H.Res. 231**, sense of the House expressing support for a presidential proclamation to declare Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15 to honor federal, state, and local peace officers killed or injured in the line of duty and calling upon the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and respect. **Yes.** Passed 422-0, under suspension of rules. 6/3/03.

237. **H.Con.Res. 177**, sense of Congress commending the U.S. armed forces personnel, civilian employees, defense contractors, U.S. allies and other who assisted and participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and recognizing the continuing dedication of military families and employers and defense civilians and contractors and the countless communities and patriotic organizations that supported the armed forces during those operations. **Yes.** Passed 406-2, under suspension of rules. 6/4/03.

238. **H.Res. 201**, sense of the House commending businesses and business owners who support military reservists called to active duty and their families. **Yes.** Passed 410-0 under suspension of rules. 6/4/03.

250. **H.Con.Res. 162**, sense of Congress honoring the city of Dayton, Ohio, for hosting "Inventing Flight: The Centennial Celebration," a celebration of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight on December 17, 1903. **Yes.** Passed 378-3, under suspension of rules. 6/9/03.

256. **H.Res. 252**, sense of the House supporting the administration's efforts to challenge the European Union's moratorium on agriculture and food biotech products and urging the president to continue to press the issue at the G-8 Summit in June 2003. **Yes.** Passed 339-80, under suspension of rules. 6/10/03.

259. **H.Con.Res. 110**, sense of Congress recognizing the importance of sequencing the human genome as one of the most significant scientific accomplishments of the past one hundred years and supporting the goals and ideals of Human Genome Month and DNA Day. **Yes.** Passed 414-0, under suspension of rules. 6/11/03.

277. **H.Con.Res. 220**, sense of Congress honoring Medgar Wiley Evers and his widow, Myrlie Evers-Williams, for their lives and work as civil rights advocates, and supporting the establishment of a "Medgar Evers National Week of Remembrance." **Yes.** Passed 376-0, under suspension of rules. 6/16/03.

280. **H.Res. 171**, sense of the House commending the University of Minnesota Duluth women's hockey team for winning the 2003 NCAA Division I Women's Ice Hockey Championship. **Yes.** Passed 423-0, under suspension of rules. 6/17/03.

283. **S.Con.Res. 43**, sense of Congress supporting the idea that everyone should have a decent home in which to live and supporting members of Congress participating in the construction of two houses in the Washington, D.C., area under the "Congress Building America" program. **Yes.** Passed 421-1, under suspension of rules. 6/17/03.

297. **H.Res. 264**, sense of the House expressing sympathy to the people of Algeria and particularly to the families of the victims and the survivors of the earthquake of May 21, 2003, and supporting humanitarian assistance provided by the United States Agency for International Development and other American and international relief organizations. **Yes.** Passed 382-1, under suspension of rules. 6/23/03.

298. **H.Res. 177**, sense of the House commending the people of the Republic of Kenya for conducting free and fair elections, reaffirming the friendship between the people of the United States and people of Kenya, and supporting the new democracy in Kenya. **Yes.** Passed 380-0, under suspension of rules. 6/23/03.

299. **H.Con.Res. 209**, sense of Congress supporting the United States-Adriatic Charter and commending Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia for their efforts to become members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union. **Yes.** Passed 381-1, under suspension of rules. 6/23/03.

312. **S. 858**, to extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, which works to educate the public on President Lincoln's accomplishments and leadership, through 2010, which will allow it to continue its work through the celebration of the 200th anniversary of President Lincoln's birth in 2009. **Yes.** Passed 409-2, under suspension of rules. 6/25/03.

313. **H.R. 2474**, to provide that the funds appropriated to operate the Bill Emerson/Mickey Leland Hunger Fellows Program are administered through the Congressional Hunger Center for FY 2003 and FY 2004. **Yes.** Passed 411-0, under suspension of rules. 6/25/03.

314. **H.J.Res. 49**, to recognize the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture and its employees and partners on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of working to expand and promote U.S. commodities and agricultural products. **Yes.** Passed 409-0, under suspension of rules. 6/25/03.

315. **H.Con.Res. 49**, sense of Congress urging executive officials and members of Congress to discuss the issue of the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe in bilateral meetings and multilateral forums, and urging European countries to prosecute anti-Semitic acts and promote educational efforts to counter anti-Semitism. **Yes.** Passed 412-0, under suspension of rules. 6/25/03.

316. **H.Res. 199**, sense of the House condemning the government of China's detention of Dr. Yang Jianli, a permanent U.S. resident and China democracy advocate, calling for his immediate release, and urging the president to make his release a top U.S. foreign policy priority. **Yes.** Passed 412-0, under suspension of rules. 6/25/03.

317. **H.Res. 294**, sense of the House condemning recent terrorist attacks against Israelis, expressing solidarity with the Israeli people, commending the president for his vision of the two states of Israel and Palestine existing side by side in peace, recognizing Israel's right to fight terrorism, and calling on all states to cease support for Palestinian and other terrorist groups. **Yes.** Passed 399-5, under suspension of rules. 6/25/03.

326. **H.Res. 277**, sense of the House condemning any restriction or limitations on existing human freedoms in Hong Kong; urging the Hong Kong and Chinese governments not to enact laws to criminalize subversion and other acts against the Chinese communist party, and calling upon the Chinese government to leave matters related to Hong Kong law to a legislature elected by universal suffrage. **Yes.** Passed 426-1, under suspension of rules. 6/26/03.

345. **H.R. 2657**, to provide \$2.7 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for legislative branch operations, exclusive of Senate operations, which are not a part of this bill. **Yes.** Passed 394-26. 7/9/03.

374. **H.Con.Res. 6**, sense of Congress supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month, to increase public awareness of the disease primarily associated with emphysema and chronic bronchitis. **Yes.** Passed 423-0, under suspension of rules. 7/16/03.

400. **H.Con.Res. 212**, sense of Congress supporting the veterans of the Korean War on the 50th anniversary of the war's end and urging the public and government officials to support the goals and ideals of the "Year of the Korean War" and to offer appreciation to Korean War veterans. **Yes.** Passed 408-0, under suspension of rules. 7/21/03.

460. **H.Res. 350**, sense of the House congratulating Lance Armstrong for winning a record-tying fifth straight Tour De France cycling race. **Yes.** Passed 396-0, under suspension of rules. 9/3/03.

492. **H.Res. 359**, sense of the House honoring the Dalai Lama for his commitment to human rights, non-violence, freedom and democracy and welcoming him on his visit to Washington, D.C. **Yes.** Passed 421-0, under suspension of rules. 9/10/03.

504. **H.Res. 352**, sense of the House commemorating the 1963 civil rights march on Washington as one of the largest political demonstrations in United States history. **Yes.** Passed 426-0, under suspension of rules. 9/16/03.

516. **H.R. 2657**. Motion to recommit the conference report to the conference committee with instructions to increase funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to \$1.55 billion, the level in the Senate version of the bill. **No.** Failed 202-225. 9/24/03.

517. **H.R. 2657**. To adopt the conference report to the bill to provide \$3.7 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for legislative branch operations and \$938 million in FY 2003 emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief. **Yes.** Passed 371-56. 9/24/03.

526. **H.Res. 357**, sense of the House honoring Bob Hope for his legendary career as an entertainer, decades of dedicated service to the men and women of the armed forces, and his many philanthropic and humanitarian acts and expressing condolences on his passing to his family. **Yes.** Passed 408-0, under suspension of rules. 9/30/03.

532. **H.Con.Res. 274**, sense of Congress commending the National Endowment for Democracy for its contributions to the strengthening of democracy around the world on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. **Yes.** Passed 391-1, under suspension of rules. 10/7/03.

538. **H.Res. 355**, sense of the House commemorating the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Bulgaria. **Yes.** Passed 397-0, under suspension of rules. 10/8/03.

539. **H.Res. 372**, sense of the House expressing condolences in response to the murder of Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh. **Yes.** Passed 398-0, under suspension of rules. 10/8/03.

545. **H.Res. 198**, sense of the House that France, Germany, and Russia should forgive debts owed to them by Iraq as part of their efforts to assist in the reconstruction of Iraq. **Yes.** Passed 394-31. 10/16/03.

563. **H.Res. 356**, sense of the House commemorating the victims of the famine in the Ukraine in 1932-33 and recognizing the famine as a deliberate act of terror and mass murder against the Ukrainian people by the Soviet regime. **Yes.** Passed 382-0, under suspension of rules. 10/20/03.

564. **H.Res. 400**, sense of the House honoring the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's ascension to the papacy. **Yes.** Passed 382-0, under suspension of rules. 10/20/03.

579. **H.Res. 414**, sense of the House encouraging China to fulfill its commitments as a member of the World Trade Organization, support the U.S. manufacturing sector and establish monetary and financial market reforms. **Yes.** Passed 411-1, under suspension of rules. 10/29/03.

582. **H.Con.Res. 291**, sense of the Congress commending armed forces personnel who were deployed in Operation Restore Hope to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Somalia in 1993. **Yes.** Passed 402-0, under suspension of rules. 10/30/03.

593. **H.Res. 409**, sense of the House repudiating anti-Semitic remarks by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, outgoing prime minister of Malaysia. **Yes.** Passed 411-0, under suspension of rules. 10/30/03.

596. **H.Con.Res. 302**, sense of Congress welcoming President Chen Shui-bian of Taiwan on his United States visit on October 31. **Yes.** Passed 416-0, under suspension of rules. 10/30/03.

602. **H.Con.Res. 176**, sense of Congress supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Planning Week and recognizing the importance of sound financial planning. **Yes.** Passed 381-0, under suspension of rules. 11/4/03.

603. **H.Con.Res. 94**, sense of Congress that state and federal governments should promote a stable qualified workforce to provide direct support and advance the nation's commitment to community integration to those with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. **Yes.** Passed 382-0, under suspension of rules. 11/4/03.

620. **S.J.Res. 22**, sense of Congress recognizing the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. **Yes.** Passed 332-0, under suspension of rules. 11/17/03.

621. **S.J.Res. 18**, sense of Congress commending the accomplishments of the federal government's inspectors general in preventing and detecting waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Inspector General Act of 1978. **Yes.** Passed 326-3, under suspension of rules. 11/17/03.

622. **H.Con.Res. 299**, sense of Congress honoring Sargent Shriver for his dedication and service to the United States including service in the U.S. Navy, and his lifetime of work as an ambassador for the poor and powerless. **Yes.** Passed 325-3, under suspension of rules. 11/17/03.

635. **H.Con.Res. 320**, sense of Congress recognizing the importance of motorsports and its evolution over the past century and honoring those who helped create and build the American pastime. **Yes.** Passed 414-0, under suspension of rules. 11/19/03.

639. **H.Res. 427**, sense of the House congratulating the new leadership of the Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam and urging the Government of Vietnam to respect religious freedom. **Yes.** Passed 409-13, under suspension of rules. 11/19/03.

640. **H.Con.Res. 83**, sense of Congress honoring the victims of the genocide in Cambodia that took place beginning in April 1975 and ending in January 1979. **Yes.** Passed 420-1, under suspension of rules. 11/19/03.

641. **H.Con.Res. 288**, sense of Congress honoring the accomplishments of Seeds of Peace, an organization that brings together youth from regions of conflict around the world to study and learn about reconciliation, acceptance, coexistence, conflict resolution and peace. **Yes.** Passed 415-0, under suspension of rules. 11/19/03.

642. **H.Res. 393**, sense of the House commending Afghan women for their participation in Afghan government and civil society since the fall of the Taliban regime in 2001. **Yes.** Passed 414-1, under suspension of rules. 11/19/03.

643. **H.Res. 423**, sense of the House recognizing the 5th anniversary of the signing of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 which urges a renewed commitment to eliminating violations of the internationally recognized right to freedom of religion and protecting fundamental human rights. **Yes.** Passed 416-1, under suspension of rules. 11/19/03.

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653. **H.Con.Res. 209**, sense of Congress commending the signing of the United States-Adriatic Charter between the U.S., Albania, Croatia, and Macedonia. **Yes**. Passed 416-1, under suspension of rules. 11/20/03.

657. **H.Res. 453**, sense of the House condemning the terrorist attacks in Istanbul, Turkey, on November 15, 2003; expressing condolences to the families of those murdered and sympathies to those injured, and standing in solidarity with Turkey in the fight against terrorism. **Yes**. Passed 426-0, under suspension of rules. 11/21/03.

663. **H.Con.Res. 206**, sense of Congress supporting the National Marrow Donor Program and other bone marrow donor programs and encouraging Americans to learn about the importance of bone marrow donation. **Yes**. Passed 423-2, under suspension of rules. 11/21/03.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

478. **H.R. 2765**, FY 2004 District of Columbia appropriations. Amendment to authorize a public school voucher program in the District of Columbia. **Yes**. Passed 205-203. 9/5/03.

479. **H.R. 2765**. Amendment to strike \$10 million in federal payment funding from the bill for a school voucher program in the District of Columbia. **No**. Failed 203-203. 9/5/03.

480. **H.R. 2765**. Amendment to reduce overall spending in the bill by 1 percent. **No**. Failed 116-284. 9/5/03.

490. **H.R. 2765**. On demand for a separate vote on the amendment agreed to in the Committee of the Whole on September 5 (Roll Call 478) to authorize a public school voucher program in the District of Columbia. **Yes**. Passed 209-208. 9/9/03.

491. **H.R. 2765**. On passage of the bill to provide \$466 million in FY 2004 appropriations and authorize the use of \$7.4 billion in local funds for government operations and services in the District of Columbia. **Yes**. Passed 210-206. 9/9/03.

DEFENSE & VETERANS AFFAIRS

163. **H.R. 100**, to update the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 to clarify and strengthen the rights and protections it provides to active-duty military personnel including service members' financial obligations and liabilities, such as rent, mortgages, installment contracts and leases; civil (but not criminal) legal proceedings; life insurance; taxes; and rights in public lands. **Yes**. Passed 425-0, under suspension of rules. 5/7/03.

204. **H.R. 1911**, to 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. **Yes**. Passed 426-0, under suspension of rules. 5/21/03.

205. **H.R. 1588**, FY 2004 defense authorization. Amendment to make technical changes and clarify that no employee of the DoD Inspector General who was transferred to a Special Court of the United Nations shall be subject to Hatch Act enforcement; 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." **Yes**. Passed 252-175. 5/21/03.

206. **H.R. 1588**. Amendment to authorize the secretary of Defense to assign members of the armed forces to assist the Department of Homeland Security in the performance of border protection functions. **Yes**. Passed 250-179. 5/21/03.

209. **H.R. 1683**, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment, effective December 1, for disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and for dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans with the percentage increase equal to the increase for benefits allowed under the Social Security Act. **Yes**. Passed 426-0, under suspension of rules. 5/22/03.

210. **H.R. 1257**, to make permanent the VA home loan program for members of the reserve and reduce loan fees under the program to provide that reservists and active duty military members are charged the same amount. **Yes**. Passed 428-0, under suspension of rules. 5/22/03.

215. **H.R. 1588**. Amendment to allow U.S. military facilities located abroad to perform privately funded abortions. **No**. Failed 201-227. 5/22/03.

216. **H.R. 1588**. Amendment to transfer \$21 million to study the feasibility of developing new nuclear weapons, including an earth penetrating weapon, to conventional weapons research programs. **No**. Failed 199-226. 5/22/03.

217. **H.R. 1588**. Amendment to require the secretary of Defense to report on how the department should respond to nation that attempt to bring legal proceedings against current or former U.S. employees or officials relating to performance of official duties. **Yes**. Passed 412-11. 5/22/03.

218. **H.R. 1588**. Amendment to repeal the statutory requirement that the military officer serving as defense attache to France must hold the rank of, or be on the list for promotion to, the grade of brigadier general or rear admiral, lower half. **Yes**. Passed 302-123. 5/22/03.

219. **H.R. 1588**. Amendment to repeal 120 days after the bill's enactment "million theoretical operations per second" (MTOPS) regulations as the standard for approving computer exports and require the president to consult congressional committees in implementing new computer-export rules. **No**. Failed 207-217. 5/22/03.

220. **H.R. 1588**. Motion to recommit the bill to the 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. **No**. Failed 204-224. 5/22/03.

221. **H.R. 1588**. On passage of the bill to authorize \$400.5 billion in FY 2004 for defense programs including readiness and training for day-to-day military operations; weapons and equipment modernization; programs to fight the global war on terrorism; missile defense systems; health, pay and other benefits for armed forces personnel including guard and reserve members, and military construction projects. **Yes**. Passed 361-68. 5/22/03.

304. **H.R. 1460**, Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2003 to allow military veterans to use Veterans Affairs Department education assistance to enroll in non-credit entrepreneurial programs offered by small business development centers; allow disabled service members to apply for handicapped-accessible housing prior to discharge; establish a four-year pilot program in the Veterans Affairs Department in which service-disabled veteran owned and controlled small businesses would have the same contracting priority as the small business 8(a) program for socially and disadvantaged firms, and renew a loan program that helps veterans purchase foreclosed homes. **Yes**. Passed 421-0, under suspension of rules. 6/24/03.

318. **H.R. 2417**, FY 2004 intelligence authorization act. Amendment to require the CIA director to establish a pilot program aimed at increasing diversity within the intelligence community by recruiting more ethnic and cultural minorities and women. **Yes**. Passed 418-0. 6/26/03.

319. **H.R. 2417**. Amendment to direct the inspector general of the CIA to conduct an audit of all telephone and electronic communications between the CIA and the Office of the Vice President that relate to weapons of mass destruction obtained or developed by Iraq preceding Operation Iraqi Freedom. **No**. Failed 76-347. 6/26/03.

320. **H.R. 2417**. Amendment to require the comptroller general of the United States to conduct a study to determine the extent of intelligence sharing by the Department of Defense and intelligence community with United Nations inspectors searching for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom. **No**. Failed 185-239. 6/26/03.

325. **H.R. 2559**, to provide \$9.2 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for military construction projects including family housing and barracks construction and modernization. **Yes**. Passed 428-0. 6/26/03.

333. **H.R. 2417**. On passage of the bill to authorize classified amounts in FY 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. government. **Yes**. Passed 410-9. 6/26/03.

334. **H.R. 2658**, FY 2004 defense appropriations. Amendment to block funds from being used in FY 2004 to carry out the round of base closures and realignments scheduled for 2005. **No**. Failed 57-358. 7/8/03.

335. **H.R. 2658**. On passage of the bill to provide \$369 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for the Department of Defense and defense-related programs. **Yes**. Passed 399-19. 7/8/03.

375. **H.R. 1588**. Motion to close portions of the conference on the bill to authorize defense programs when classified national security information is being discussed. **Yes**. Passed 398-23. 7/16/03.

399. **H.R. 1516**, to direct the secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish, not later than four years after the date of enactment, six new national cemeteries in the following areas: southeastern Pennsylvania;

Birmingham, Alabama; Jacksonville, Florida; Bakersfield, California; Greenville/Columbia, South Carolina; and Sarasota, Florida. **Yes**. Passed 408-0, under suspension of rules. 7/21/03.

500. **H.R. 1588**. 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. **Yes**. Passed 406-0. 9/10/03.

503. **H.R. 1588**. Motion to close portions of the conference on the defense authorization bill when classified national security information is being discussed. **Yes**. Passed 424-0. 9/16/03.

511. **H.R. 1588**. Motion to instruct House conferees to accept the provisions in the Senate bill to make it easier for non-citizens serving in the military to obtain U.S. citizenship, and extend immigration benefits to the families of immigrant soldiers who die in the line of duty. **Yes**. Passed 298-118. 9/23/03.

513. **H.R. 2658**. To adopt the conference report to the bill to provide \$368.2 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for the Department of Defense and defense and national security related programs. **Yes**. Passed 407-15. 9/24/03.

523. **H.R. 1588**. Motion to instruct House conferees to accept the Senate provision to authorize Defense Department subsidies to help pay health insurance costs for the families of National Guard and Reserves members called to active duty. **Yes**. Passed 356-67. 9/25/03.

536. **H.R. 2297**, Veterans Benefits Act to extend the period for which survivors and dependents of a National Guard member who is ordered to full-time duty are eligible for education benefits; allow spouses who remarry after a veteran's death to be buried in military cemeteries, and increase the assistance to disabled veterans who need adaptive equipment for their homes or vehicles. **Yes**. Passed 399-0, under suspension of rules. 10/8/03.

537. **H.R. 2998**, to exempt retired enlisted personnel and officers and enlisted personnel hospitalized as a result of combat or combat related injuries from the payment of meals while they are hospitalized. **Yes**. Passed 399-0, under suspension of rules. 10/8/03.

576. **H.R. 1720**, Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act to authorize \$1.1 billion through FY 2005 for construction and renovation projects at VA facilities. **Yes**. Passed 417-0, under suspension of rules. 10/29/03.

577. **H.R. 1516**, to agree with Senate amendments to the bill to authorize the construction of veterans' cemeteries in southeastern Pennsylvania; Birmingham, Alabama; Jacksonville, Florida; Bakersfield, California; Greenville/Columbia, South Carolina; and Sarasota, Florida. **Yes**. Passed 412-0, under suspension of rules. 10/29/03.

606. **H.R. 2559**. To adopt the conference to provide \$9.3 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for military construction projects including family housing and barracks construction and modernization. **Yes**. Passed 417-5. 11/5/03.

616. **H.R. 1588**. Motion to recommit the conference report to the conference committee with instructions to report it back with provisions to allow all veterans to immediately receive full disability and retirement benefits simultaneously. **No**. Failed 188-217. 11/7/03.

617. **H.R. 1588**. To adopt the conference report to the bill to authorize \$401 billion in FY 2004 for defense and national security programs. **Yes**. Passed 362-40. 11/7/03.

633. **H.R. 2417**. Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the House provision in the bill to require the CIA to submit a report to Congress on lessons learned from military operations in Iraq as soon as possible within the scope of the conference. **Yes**. Passed 404-12. 11/18/03.

649. **H.R. 2417**. To adopt the conference report to authorize a classified amount in FY 2004 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 among other agencies. **Yes**. Passed 264-163. 11/20/03.

658. **S. 1156**, to amend veterans' health programs and eliminate the 90-day requirement for former prisoners of war to qualify for VA outpatient dental care, increase annual funding for specialized mental health care services for severely and chronically disabled veterans, and authorize medical construction projects. **Yes**. Passed 423-2, under suspension of rules. 11/21/03.

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69. **H.R. 417**, to remove a 140-acre parcel of land in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in California known as "Walter's Camp" and operated as a concession and direct the Interior Department to resurvey and publish new boundaries of the refuge. **Yes**. Passed 424-0, under suspension of rules. 3/19/03.

70. **H.R. 699**, to authorize the Interior Department in conjunction with the states of Idaho and Washington to conduct a comprehensive study of the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer as a ground water resource. **Yes**. Passed 414-6, under suspension of rules. 3/19/03.

84. **H.R. 788**, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the states of Utah and Arizona. **Yes**. Passed 423-0, under suspension of rules. 3/25/03.

85. **H.R. 961**, to authorize the U.S. Geological Survey to establish a sediment and nutrient monitoring network in the upper Mississippi River basin. **Yes**. Passed 411-13, under suspension of rules. 3/25/03.

113. **H.R. 273**, to authorize assistance to the states of Maryland and Louisiana for implementation of a program to eradicate nutria and restore damaged marshland. **Yes**. Passed 385-30, under suspension of rules. 4/8/03.

132. **H.R. 6**, Energy Policy Act. Amendment to require the Transportation Department to issue rules to ensure that beginning in 2010, the total amount of gas consumed annually by cars and light trucks be 5 percent less than allowed under average fuel economy standards for 2004. **No**. Failed 162-268. 4/10/03.

133. **H.R. 6**. Amendment to strike the bill's electricity regulation provisions and instead give the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) anti-fraud authority for electricity and natural gas markets and require reports on sales and transmission of electricity and gas, increase civil and criminal penalties and authorize FERC to refund retroactively electricity overcharges. **No**. Failed 193-237. 4/10/03.

134. **H.R. 6**. Amendment to limit to 2,000 acres the maximum surface area that could be used by oil production and support facilities in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). **Yes**. Passed 226-202. 4/10/03.

135. **H.R. 6**. Amendment to strike bill language authorizing the Interior Department to allow oil and gas drilling in ANWR. **No**. Failed 197-228. 4/10/03.

136. **H.R. 6**. Amendment to require reports relating to federal procurement and federal contracting policy to be submitted to all relevant congressional committees, including the House Government Reform and Senate Governmental Affairs committees, and require studies on the conservation benefits of widespread telecommuting by federal employees and on the merits of establishing performance measures to guide the reduction of petroleum consumption by federal fleets. **Yes**. Passed 415-10. 4/10/03.

137. **H.R. 6**. Amendment to authorize a Gasoline Availability Stabilization Reserve program similar to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve with a total capacity of 20 millions barrels with three reserves established within two years of enactment and two additional sites later. **No**. Failed 173-252. 4/10/03.

138. **H.R. 6**. Amendment to strike a section in the bill authorizing a \$10 million, three-year demonstration project to improve leaching uranium mining techniques. **No**. Failed 193-231. 4/10/03.

142. **H.R. 6**. Amendment to strike provisions that reduce royalty payments on oil and gas leases. **No**. Failed 171-251. 4/11/03.

143. **H.R. 6**. Amendment to strike language that would repeal a 160-acre limit on coal leases. **No**. Failed 208-212. 4/11/03.

144. **H.R. 6**. Motion to recommit the bill to the Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions to add language limiting a provision that would allow an applicant for a license for a hydroelectric facility to propose alternatives to environmental restrictions and require new data collection procedures for hydroelectric licenses. **No**. Failed 171-250. 4/11/03.

145. **H.R. 6**. On passage of the bill to reform the nation's energy policies through changes in production, conservation, taxes, research and other areas including the electricity system and oil and gas leasing. **Yes**. Passed 247-175. 4/11/03.

169. **H.R. 866**, to authorize Environmental Protection Agency grants to assess the threat of terrorist attacks to the nation's wastewater treatment plants and to increase security at those facilities. **Yes**. Passed 413-2, under suspension of rules. 5/7/03.

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230. **S. 222**, to approve a water rights settlement agreement between the Zuni Indian Tribe and non-Indian communities in Arizona, authorize \$19 million for the tribe to purchase water rights from willing sellers and restore wetlands on the Zuni Heaven Reservation, and to provide that in exchange, the tribe would waive all water claims in the Little Colorado River basin. **Yes**. Failed 224-188, under suspension of rules (2/3 vote required). 6/3/03.

231. **S. 273**, to authorize the secretary of Interior to acquire 1,406 acres of state lands within the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming either through donation, purchase, or exchange with other federal land, and set up a process for appraising the value of state lands. **Yes**. Failed 217-198, under suspension of rules (2/3 vote required). 6/3/03.

247. **S. 222**, to approve a water rights settlement agreement between the Zuni Indian Tribe and non-Indian communities in Arizona, authorize \$19 million for the tribe to purchase water rights from willing sellers and restore wetlands on the Zuni Heaven Reservation, and to provide that in exchange, the tribe would waive all water claims in the Little Colorado River basin. **Yes**. Passed 389-3. 6/5/03.

248. **S. 273**, to authorize the secretary of Interior to acquire 1,406 acres of state lands within the boundaries of the Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming either through donation, purchase, or exchange with other federal land, and set up a process for appraising the value of state lands. **Yes**. Passed 375-4. 6/5/03.

376. **H.R. 2691**, FY 2004 interior appropriations. Amendment to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, Challenge America Fund by \$10 million and increase funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities, We the People program by \$5 million. **No**. Passed 225-200. 7/17/03.

377. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to limit the recreational fee demonstration program to National Park Service areas. **No**. Failed 184-241. 7/17/03.

378. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to cut discretionary spending in the bill by 1 percent across-the-board. **No**. Failed 81-341. 7/17/03.

379. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to provide an additional \$57 million for the Forest Service Wildland Fire Management program and offset the cost with a reduction in funds for the National Endowment for the Arts. **No**. Failed 112-313. 7/17/03.

380. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to prohibit 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. **No**. Failed 197-228. 7/17/03.

381. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to increase the Forest Service Wildland Fire Management program by \$19 million and offset the cost with a reduction in funds for the Forest Service Land Acquisition account. **No**. Failed 128-298. 7/17/03.

382. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to prohibit funds from being used to bait bears on federal land. **Yes**. Failed 163-255. 7/17/03.

383. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to prohibit funds from being used to kill, or assist others in killing, bison in Yellowstone National Park. **No**. Failed 199-220. 7/17/03.

384. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to prohibit funds from being used to finalize regulations that would change scientific and public input criteria related to developing forest management plans. **No**. Failed 198-222. 7/17/03.

385. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to prohibit funds from being used to stop the phase out of the recreational use of snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National parks. **No**. Failed 210-210. 7/17/03.

386. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to prohibit funds from being used to change the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. **No**. Failed 185-234. 7/17/03.

387. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to prohibit funds from being used to implement a competitive sourcing study on hiring a private contractor to operate the Midwest Archaeological Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, or the Southeast Archaeological Center in Tallahassee, Florida. **Yes**. Passed 362-57. 7/17/03.

388. **H.R. 2691**. Amendment to an amendment to limit the ability of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to grant rights-of-way on public lands to non-federal entities without congressional approval rather than prohibit funds from being used to carry out a new regulation that would allow the BLM to grant such rights of way. **Yes**. Passed 226-194. 7/17/03.

389. **H.R. 2691**. On passage of the bill to provide \$19.6 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for the Interior Department and related agencies. **Yes**. Passed 268-152. 7/17/03.

391. **H.R. 2754**, FY 2004 energy and water appropriations. Amendment to withdraw \$7.7 million for the Delaware River Main Channel Deepening project. **No**. Failed 194-213. 7/18/03.

392. **H.R. 2754**. Amendment to provide an additional \$30 million for renewable energy programs and offset the cost with a reduction to nuclear waste disposal funds. **No**. Failed 153- 251. 7/18/03.

393. **H.R. 2754**. Amendment to reduce discretionary spending in the bill by \$272.11 million. **No**. Failed 82-327. 7/18/03.

394. **H.R. 2754**. Motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee. **No**. Failed 99-310. 7/18/03.

395. **H.R. 2754**. On passage of the bill to provide \$27.1 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for the Energy Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, water projects, selected areas of the Interior Department and other independent agencies. **Yes**. Passed 377-26. 7/18/03.

476. **H.R. 6**, energy policy act. Motion to instruct House conferees on the bill to resolve differences with the Senate by September 12 on provisions in the bill dealing with electricity reliability. **No**. Failed 176-211. 9/5/03.

512. **H.R. 1409**, to provide for a land exchange between the National Park Service and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in western North Carolina with the land acquired by the tribe under this exchange to be used for the construction of a new educational campus for its youth. **Yes**. Passed 288-127. 9/23/03.

518. **H.R. 2557**, Water Resources Development Act. Amendment to permit ports to collect fees for local harbor purposes with the fees collected on a per container basis and used for security purposes or infrastructure projects. **No**. Failed 65-359. 9/24/03.

519. **H.R. 2557**. On passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2003 to authorize and direct the Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works Program to carry out various studies, projects, and programs relating to navigation, flood damage reduction, shoreline protection, dam safety, water supply, recreation, environmental restoration and protection. **Yes**. Passed 412-8. 9/24/03.

527. **H.R. 2691**. Motion to instruct House conferees to accept a provision in the Senate bill to appropriate an additional \$400 million in emergency funds for forest fire suppression. **No**. Passed 259-165. 10/1/03.

540. **H.R. 6**. 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 moratoriums on offshore oil pre-leasing, leasing or development. **No**. Failed 229-182. 10/15/03.

571. **H.R. 6**. 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 to issue regulations to ensure that nuclear facilities licensed by the NRC address the threat of a terrorist attack against such facilities. **Yes**. Passed 346-59. 10/28/03.

594. **H.R. 2691**, FY 2004 Interior appropriations conference report. Motion to recommit the conference report on the bill back to the conference committee. **No**. Failed 190-229. 10/30/03.

595. **H.R. 2691**. To adopt the conference report on the bill to provide \$19.7 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for the Interior Department and related agencies. **Yes**. Passed 216-205. 10/30/03.

598. **H.R. 6**. Motion to instruct House conferees to drop any provisions 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. **No**. Failed 182-232. 10/30/03.

618. **H.R. 6**. Motion to instruct House conferees to delete House provisions relating to the definition of oil and gas exploration and production in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. **No**. Failed 188-210. 11/7/03.

630. **H.R. 6**. To adopt the conference report to the Energy Policy Act of 2003 to implement a comprehensive national policy for energy conservation, research and development and provide for security and diversity in the energy supply. **No**. Passed 246-180. 11/18/03.

631. **H.R. 2754**. To adopt the conference report to the bill to provide \$27.3 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for energy and water development projects. **Yes**. Passed 387-36. 11/18/03.

634. **H.R. 1006**, Captive Wildlife Safety Act to make it illegal to import, export, sell, buy, or possess any lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, cougar or any hybrid of those animals and provide an exemption for federally and state-licensed facilities including zoos, circuses, research facilities, aquariums, universities and sanctuaries. **Yes**. Passed 419-0, under suspension of rules. 11/19/03.

656. **H.R. 1904**. To adopt the conference report to the Healthy Forests Restoration Act to reduce and expedite environmental and judicial reviews of forest-thinning projects, limit forest thinning to land that is within 1.5 miles of at-risk communities and certain other high-risk land, and provide that all forest-thinning projects would have to come after public meetings. **Yes**. Passed 286-140. 11/21/03.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS & TRADE

45. **H.R. 1047**, to amend certain trade laws and temporarily reduce or suspend duties and tariffs on over 300 products produced outside the U.S. **Yes**. Passed 415-11, under suspension of rules. 3/5/03.

50. **H.R. 441**, to amend federal law to authorize the secretary of State to initiate a U.S. plan to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual week-long summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland. **Yes**. Passed 414-0, under suspension of rules. 3/11/03.

66. **H.R. 868**, to provide that American citizens who claim that the government of Nicaragua illegally seized their property between January 1, 1956, and January 9, 2002, must file a claim within 120 days after a notice is published in the Federal Register in order for a prohibition against U.S. international assistance to apply. **Yes**. Passed 414-7, under suspension of rules. 3/18/03.

71. **H.R. 975**, Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act. Amendment to require a corporation to file for bankruptcy in the district court with jurisdiction over the corporation's principal place of business. **No**. Failed 155-269. 3/19/03.

72. **H.R. 975**. Amendment to make changes in 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; provide that the court would determine whether an individual could repay 30 percent of unsecured debt, and provide additional protections relating to health insurance, child support and alimony payments. **No**. Failed 128- 296. 3/19/03.

73. **H.R. 975**. Motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to include an amendment to allow additional protections for alimony and child support payments. **No**. Failed 150-276. 3/19/03.

74. **H.R. 975**. On passage of the bill to reform the federal bankruptcy law and require that debtors 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; limit debtors to a total exemption of \$125,000 in home equity for residences purchased within 40 months of a bankruptcy filing, and make permanent Chapter 12 bankruptcy relief for farmers. **Yes**. Passed 315-113. 3/19/03.

118. **H.R. 1584**, Clean Diamonds Trade Act to require the president to prohibit the import or export of any rough diamonds that have not been certified as not originating from areas where the diamond trade finances or creates violent conflict and provide for fines and imprisonment for violators of the prohibition. **Yes**. Passed 419-2, under suspension of rules. 4/8/03.

155. **H.R. 1298**, U.S. Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act. Amendment to require that for every dollar paid to any individual Global Fund staffer that is over the amount of the U.S. vice president's salary, that there be a deduction of the same amount from the next year's appropriation to the Global Fund, but allow all funds to continue to go to HIV/AIDS programs and a presidential waiver of the provision for national security interests. **Yes**. Passed 276-145. 5/1/03.

156. **H.R. 1298**. Amendment to authorize \$2 billion in fiscal year 2004, as called for by the President's budget and the budget resolution, increase the authorization by \$500 million in each subsequent year until it reaches \$4 billion in fiscal year 2008 and maintain the total authorization of \$15 billion over 5 years. **No**. Failed 130-288. 5/1/03.

157. **H.R. 1298**. Amendment to specify that of the amount set aside for HIV/AIDS prevention in bilateral assistance, 33 percent should go to abstinence-until-marriage programs. **Yes**. Passed 220-197. 5/1/03.

158. **H.R. 1298**. On passage of the bill to authorize \$3 billion per year over the next five years for the president's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief to help prevent and treat HIV/AIDS in Africa and other countries. **Yes**. Passed 375-41. 5/1/03.

196. **S. 330**, to impose a civil fine or imprisonment of up to 10 years for anyone found guilty of destroying or attempting to destroy a monument or any other memorial or public property honoring U.S. armed forces members. **Yes**. Passed 419-0, under suspension of rules. 5/20/03.

197. **H.R. 1925**, to reauthorize for five years the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act, providing funds to serve the nation's at-risk youth including the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. **Yes**. Passed 404-14, under suspension of rules. 5/20/03.

233. **H.J.Res. 4**, constitutional amendment to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag. Substitute amendment to grant Congress the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag, but only if that is consistent with the First Amendment to the Constitution. **No**. Failed 129-296. 6/3/03.

234. **H.J.Res. 4**. On passage of the joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to state that Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag. **Yes**. Passed 300-125. 6/3/03.

239. **H.R. 1954**, to reduce from three years to one the length of time non-citizen members of the U.S. military must serve before they can apply for citizenship and allow immediate family members of service personnel who are citizens and who are killed in the line of duty to apply for immigration benefits effective retroactively to September 11, 2001. **Yes**. Passed 414-5, under suspension of rules. 6/4/03.

240. **H.R. 760**, partial birth abortion ban. Amendment as substitute to 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. **No**. Failed 133-287. 6/4/03.

241. **H.R. 760**. Motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back with language to allow an exemption from the partial birth abortion ban when a doctor determines it is medically necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother. **No**. Failed 165-256. 6/4/03.

242. **H.R. 760**. On passage of the bill to ban the partial birth abortion procedure and allow it only when necessary to save a woman's life and provide fines and up to two years in prison for those who unlawfully perform such a procedure. **Yes**. Passed 282-139. 6/4/03.

361. **H.R. 2330**, to prohibit the importation of any products from Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) and freeze the regime's assets in U.S. financial institutions; extend a current U.S. visa ban against members of the ruling military junta, and authorize the president to assist pro-democracy activities in Myanmar and allow the president to lift sanctions by certifying that human rights and pro-democracy standards have been met or by issuing a waiver in the interest of national security. **Yes**. Passed 418-2, under suspension of rules. 7/15/03.

362. **H.R. 1950**, FY 2004 State Department authorization. Amendment to strike a provision to ease statutory requirements for U.S. contributions to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and eliminate an additional \$25 million in funding in each of FYs 2004 and 2005 for UNFPA. **Yes**. Passed 216-211. 7/15/03.

363. **H.R. 1950**. Amendment to an amendment to accelerate from FY 2006 to FY 2004 the date by which countries defined by the World Bank as lower middle-income countries could begin receiving aid through the Millennium Challenge Account, which provides aid to developing countries that meet certain political, human rights and other standards, rather than an amendment to authorize \$9.3 billion over the next three years to create the Millennium Challenge Account and \$1.7 billion over the next four years for the Peace Corps. **No**. Failed 110-313. 7/15/03.

364. **H.R. 1950**. Amendment to prohibit funds in the bill to pay any U.S. contribution to the United Nations or any affiliated agency of the United Nations. **No**. Failed 74-350. 7/15/03.

365. **H.R. 1950**. Amendment to limit the U.S. contribution to the U.N. regular budget (contributions to other U.N. programs would not be affected) to an amount no greater than that paid by any other permanent Security Council member. **No**. Failed 187-237. 7/15/03.

366. **H.R. 1950**. Amendment to allow exporters of commercial communications satellites to share marketing data with prospective customers in NATO countries, and in Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. **No**. Failed 207-219. 7/15/03.

367. **H.R. 1950**. Amendment to authorize the State Department to establish regulations governing the issuance of consular identification cards by foreign missions in the U.S. and impose reporting and record-keeping requirements for such cards. **Yes**. Passed 226-198. 7/15/03.

368. **H.R. 1950**. Amendment to authorize \$9.3 billion over the next three years for the Millennium Challenge Account – a new program of foreign assistance for countries that meet and maintain certain eligibility criteria; establish the Millennium Challenge Corporation to administer the funds, and authorize \$1.7 billion over the next four years for the Peace Corps. **Yes**. Passed 368-52. 7/16/03.

369. **H.R. 1950**. On passage of the bill to authorize through FY 2008 some \$40 billion for the State Department and foreign aid programs, international broadcasting activities, embassy security and refugee assistance programs. **Yes**. Passed 382-42. 7/16/03.

425. **H.R. 2800**, FY 2004 foreign operations appropriations. Amendment to increase funding by \$300 million for HIV/AIDS programs and offset the cost with a reduction in the Millennium Challenge Account which assists developing countries that meet certain political, human rights and other standards. **No**. Failed 192-228. 7/23/03.

426. **H.R. 2800**. Amendment to increase funding for Child Survival and Health Programs funds by \$75 million and offset the cost by reducing funding to counter drug activities in Columbia and in foreign military financing programs. **No**. Failed 195-226. 7/23/03.

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427. **H.R. 2800.** Amendment to reduce spending in the bill by 1 percent across-the-board. **No.** Failed 110-309. 7/23/03.

428. **H.R. 2800.** Amendment to prohibit direct funding to Saudi Arabia as well as Cuba, Libya, North Korea, Iran, or Syria which are prohibited under the bill from receiving assistance. **Yes.** Failed 191-231. 7/23/03.

429. **H.R. 2800.** On passage of the bill to provide \$17.2 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs. **Yes.** Passed 370-50. 7/23/03.

432. **H.R. 2739,** to implement a trade agreement to reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Singapore. **Yes.** Passed 272-155. 7/24/03.

436. **H.R. 2739,** to implement a trade agreement to reduce tariffs and trade barriers between the United States and Chile. **Yes.** Passed 270-156. 7/24/03.

543. **H.R. 1828,** to hold Syria accountable for international security problems it has caused in the Middle East and direct the president to impose at least two of the following sanctions on Syria until Syria meets certain conditions: bar U.S. exports and investment in Syria with the exception of food and medicine; freeze Syrian government assets in the U.S.; ban Syrian aircraft from U.S. airspace; reduce diplomatic contacts, and restrict the travel of Syrian diplomats; provide that sanctions not dealing with military and dual-use exports could be waived for national security reasons, and condemn Syrian involvement with terrorism and demand a withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon. **Yes.** Passed 398-4, under suspension of rules. 10/15/03.

652. **H.J.Res. 63,** to agree to the Senate amendments to the joint resolution to amend the Compacts of Free Association between the U.S. and the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. **Yes.** Passed 417-2, under suspension of rules. 11/20/03.

654. **H.R. 1828.** To agree to the Senate amendments to the bill to hold Syria accountable for international security problems it has caused in the Middle East and direct the president to impose at least two of the following sanctions on Syria until Syria meets certain conditions: bar U.S. exports and investment in Syria with the exception of food and medicine; freeze Syrian government assets in the U.S.; ban Syrian aircraft from U.S. airspace; reduce diplomatic contacts, and restrict the travel of Syrian diplomats; provide that sanctions not dealing with military and dual-use exports could be waived for national security reasons, and condemn Syrian involvement with terrorism and demand a withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon. **Yes.** Passed 408-8, under suspension of rules. 11/20/03.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, HOUSING, LABOR (Domestic Issues)

27. **H.R. 4,** welfare reauthorization. Amendment to 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 caseloads working, and 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. **No.** Failed 124-300. 2/13/03.

28. **H.R. 4.** Amendment as a substitute to maintain the 30-hour-per-week work requirement for welfare recipients but require that 24 of those hours be in certain core activities, and 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. **No.** Failed 197-225. 2/13/03.

29. **H.R. 4.** Motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee with instructions to report it back with language that would provide additional funding for child care programs. **No.** Failed 197-221. 2/13/03.

30. **H.R. 4.** On passage of the bill to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to states for temporary assistance for needy families and improve access to quality child care, including the renewal of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program at \$16.6 billion through FY 2008, increasing the work requirements for individuals receiving assistance from 30 to 40 hours per week, requiring states to increase the number of recipient families working from the current level of 50 percent to 70 percent or more in 2008, and providing an additional \$1 billion in mandatory state child care grants. **Yes.** Passed 230-192. 2/13/03.

37. **H.R. 534,** Human Cloning Prohibition Act. Substitute amendment to prohibit human cloning for reproduction but allow the cloning of embryos for medical research purposes. **No.** Failed 174-231. 2/27/03.

38. **H.R. 534.** Motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to add language to exempt from the ban on imports of cloned embryos those products related to use in various medical treatments. **No.** Failed 164-237. 2/27/03.

39. **H.R. 534.** On passage of the bill to provide a ban on human cloning by prohibiting the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer techniques to create human embryos for both "therapeutic" (research) and reproductive cloning and provide penalties for violation of the ban of up to 10 years in prison and fines of at least \$1 million. **Yes.** Passed 241-155. 2/27/03.

47. **H.R. 13,** to reauthorize the federal library and museums program under the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which is responsible for providing federal grants to libraries and museums, including provisions to double the minimum state allotment for libraries from \$340,000 to \$680,000. **Yes.** Passed 416-2. 3/6/03.

56. **H.R. 659,** to provide authority for the Department of Housing and Urban Development to determine the eligibility of certain hospitals in non-certificate-of-need states to qualify for federal mortgage insurance. **Yes.** Passed 419-0, under suspension of rules. 3/12/03.

57. **H.R. 389,** to authorize state and local grants from the Department of Health and Human Services to set up clearinghouses of information to increase public access to defibrillators in schools. **Yes.** Passed 415-0, under suspension of rules. 3/12/03.

58. **H.R. 342,** to authorize state and local grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to set up and run mosquito control programs. **Yes.** Passed 416-9, under suspension of rules. 3/12/03.

59. **H.R. 399,** to authorize \$5 million annually through FY 2008 for travel expenses for qualifying individuals who make an organ donation and authorize funding for state organ donor promotion and public awareness programs designed to increase the rate of organ donation. **Yes.** Passed 425-3, under suspension of rules. 3/12/03.

60. **H.R. 663,** Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to set up and certify patient safety organizations to collect and analyze voluntarily provided confidential information reporting on medical mistakes by health care providers and provide penalties for improper disclosure of confidential data and for employers who retaliate against employees who provide information on medical errors. **Yes.** Passed 418-6, under suspension of rules. 3/12/03.

92. **H.R. 1463,** Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003 establishing a compensation fund for health care, public safety and emergency workers who become ill or die from smallpox vaccinations. **Yes.** Failed 184-206, under suspension of rules. 3/31/03.

96. **H.R. 1412,** to grant authority to the Education Department to waive or modify any statutory or regulatory provision applicable to federal student financial aid programs to assist students whose lives are disrupted by being called to serve in the U.S. armed forces during war or other military operations or national emergencies. **Yes.** Passed 421-1, under suspension of rules. 4/1/03.

150. **H.R. 1350,** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) reauthorization. Amendment to mandate that a General Accounting Office review of the IDEA include recommendations to reduce paperwork requirements for teachers and require a GAO report on the review every two years after the bill's enactment. **Yes.** Passed 413-0. 4/30/03.

151. **H.R. 1350.** Amendment to allow federal funds to design, develop, and initially implement parental choice programs for students with disabilities and allow the use of federal funds with state funds at the selected public or private school. **Yes.** Failed 182-240. 4/30/03.

152. **H.R. 1350.** Amendment to allow school districts the option of offering parents of disabled children in private schools a certificate to be used for their child's specific special education needs. **Yes.** Failed 176-247. 4/30/03.

153. **H.R. 1350.** Amendment to redefine "specific learning disability" as a disorder due to a medically detectable and diagnosable psychological condition relying on physical and scientific evidence. **No.** Failed 54-367. 4/30/03.

154. **H.R. 1350.** On passage of the bill to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to improve education results for children with special needs and authorize federal per pupil spending for special education equal to 40 percent of the average cost of educating a student in the U.S. **Yes.** Passed 251-171. 4/30/03.

173. **H.R. 1261,** Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act. Amendment to require one-stop career centers and training programs to meet the needs of local employers as criteria for certification and for eligibility for federal funds. **Yes.** Passed 423-0. 5/8/03.

174. **H.R. 1261.** Motion to recommit the bill to the Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to amend it to provide 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 extended unemployment benefits. **No.** Failed 202-223. 5/8/03.

175. **H.R. 1261.** On passage of the bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act, consolidating services for adult education, dislocated workers and state-administered employment into a single block grant and authorize \$3.1 billion in FY 2003 for the combined program; authorize \$1.25 billion in FY 2004 for youth job training programs and provide more resources to out-of-school youth; place emphasis on reading, writing and math skills in adult education, and allow faith-based providers of job training activities to use religious as a factor in hiring decisions. **Yes.** Passed 220-204. 5/8/03.

187. **H.R. 1000,** Pension Security Act. Substitute amendment to impose the same pension rules on executives that apply to non-executives and modify several existing laws related to special executive pension plans; require a company that switches to a cash-balance pension plan to give workers the choice of remaining in their existing plan; require that executive compensation packages must be approved by the board of directors and subject to additional disclosure requirements, and impose an excise tax on "golden parachute" packages of departing executives. **No.** Failed 193-236. 5/14/03.

188. **H.R. 1000.** Motion to recommit the bill to the 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. **No.** Failed 202-226. 5/14/03.

189. **H.R. 1000.** On passage of the bill to increase employees' control over their pension funds and give them more information about their retirement investments; allow employees the option to sell their company stock three years after receiving it in their 401(k) plan (a three-year rolling diversification option) or allow workers to sell their company stock within three years of service for the company (a three-year diversification cliff); and require employers to provide employees quarterly statements about their pension plans and provide access to professional investment advice with strong fiduciary and disclosure safeguards to ensure that advice provided to employees is solely in the employee's best interest. **Yes.** Passed 271-157. 5/14/03.

203. **H.R. 1170,** to require states that receive any federal education funds to develop and implement procedures to prohibit school personnel from requiring a child to obtain a prescription for a controlled substance in order to attend school. **Yes.** Passed 425-1, under suspension of rules. 5/21/03.

261. **H.R. 2350,** to extend through September 30, 2003, the 1996 welfare law's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program. **Yes.** Passed 406-6, under suspension of rules. 6/11/03.

328. **H.R. 2596,** to create a tax deduction for contributions to either of two new medical savings accounts and allow tax-free withdrawals for medical expenses and allow some unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending accounts to be rolled over or deposited into the health savings accounts. **Yes.** Passed 237-191. 6/26/03.

330. **H.R. 1,** Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act. Substitute amendment to establish a prescription drug benefit under Medicare, provide that beneficiaries pay a \$25 monthly premium and a \$100 yearly deductible, and provide that the plan cover 80 percent of all drug expenses up to \$2,000 after the deductible has been paid with Medicare covering all drug expenditures above that level. **No.** Failed 175-255. 6/26/03.

331. **H.R. 1.** Motion to recommit the bill to the Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce committees with instructions to report it back after striking the text and substituting language 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 billion cap set in the FY 2004 budget resolution. **No.** Failed 208-223. 6/26/03.

332. **H.R. 1.** On passage of the bill to provide a voluntary prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program beginning in 2006 with coverage provided by private insurers; provide that 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; allow a \$250 annual deductible with the plan paying 80 percent of annual drug costs from \$251 to \$2,000 and private insurers covering all drug costs once out-of-pocket expenses reach \$3,500, with higher-income seniors required to pay greater out-of-pocket costs before catastrophic coverage would go into effect, and provide lower premiums and co-payments for low-income individuals. **Yes.** Passed 216-215. 6/26/03.

339. **H.R. 2211,** Ready to Teach Act. Amendment to add language to ensure that teachers are able to understand scientifically based research and its applicability; require partnership grant applications to contain a certification from the partner local educational agency stating that it will "directly benefit" from the proposed grant activities; ensure that partnership grant funds are used only to supplement, not supplant, other federal, state, and local funds that would otherwise be used for teacher preparation activities, and re-

quire states to include average raw score data in their accountability reports. **Yes.** Passed 416-4. 7/9/03.

340. **H.R. 2211.** On passage of the bill to reauthorize through FY 2008 grant programs aimed at improving the quality, preparation and recruitment of teachers; provide for teacher quality state grants, school and business or nonprofit partnership grants, and recruitment grants, impose additional accountability and reporting requirements to measure the effectiveness of grant-funded programs, and establish teaching "centers of excellence" at colleges that serve minorities. **Yes.** Passed 404-17. 7/9/03.

343. **H.R. 438.** On passage of the bill to 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; provide loan forgiveness to reading teachers who have obtained a separate state credential in reading; require teachers to be "highly qualified" as defined in the 2001 education reauthorization law and work in a Title I school in which more than 40 percent of its students come from families below the poverty line, and accelerate the timetable for forgiveness to allow a teacher to have a portion of his or her loans forgiven after only two years of service. **Yes.** Passed 417-7. 7/9/03.

349. **H.R. 2660,** FY 2004 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations. Amendment to block the use of funds for the Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration to finalize a proposed rule on allowable dust levels in mines and promulgate the rule to improve the dust sampling and compliance regulatory program. **No.** Failed 210-212. 7/10/03.

350. **H.R. 2660.** Amendment to prohibit the Department of Education from penalizing a school for failing to meet the requirements of the 2001 elementary and secondary education law unless that school receives federal aid at the full authorized level under the law. **No.** Failed 199-223. 7/10/03.

351. **H.R. 2660.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds by the Labor Department to implement a proposed regulation to allow employers to reclassify some employees as "executive, administrative or professional" employees exempt from overtime pay. **No.** Failed 210-213. 7/10/03.

352. **H.R. 2660.** Amendment to prohibit the National Institutes of Health from further funding four specific grants titled: "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." **Yes.** Failed 210-212. 7/10/03.

353. **H.R. 2660.** On passage of the bill to provide \$470 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies. **Yes.** Passed 215-208. 7/10/03.

359. **H.R. 1.** Motion to instruct House conferees on the Medicare prescription drug legislation 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. **No.** Failed 191-221. 7/14/03.

373. **H.R. 2122,** to authorize \$5.6 billion over 10 years for the Department of Health and Human Services to carry out Project BioShield, to enhance research, development, procurement and use of biomedical countermeasures to combat a bioterrorism attack. **Yes.** Passed 421-2. 7/16/03.

441. **H.R. 2210,** Head Start reauthorization. Amendment to strike a provision to allow religious organizations operating Head Start programs to consider religion as a factor when making employment decisions. **No.** Failed 199-231. 7/24/03.

442. **H.R. 2210.** Substitute amendment to reauthorize the Head Start program through FY 2008 but not allow religious organizations operating Head Start programs to consider religion as a factor when making employment decisions and not set up an eight-state demonstration program. **No.** Failed 200-229. 7/24/03.

443. **H.R. 2210.** Motion to recommit the bill to the Education and the Workforce Committee with instructions to report it back with an amendment to add language to increase funding for Native American, migrant and seasonal Head Start programs. **No.** Failed 203-227. 7/24/03.

444. **H.R. 2210.** On passage of the bill to reauthorize the Head Start program through FY 2008 and set up a pilot program to allow eight states to coordinate their state preschool programs with Head Start. **Yes.** Passed 217-216. 7/24/03.

445. **H.R. 2427,** Pharmaceutical Market Access Act to establish a program that would allow the importation of FDA-approved prescription drugs from FDA-approved facilities in 25 countries. **Yes.** Passed 243-186. 7/24/03.

451. **H.R. 2861,** FY 2004 VA-HUD appropriations. Amendment to strike a provision that blocks funding
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authorized under the Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Preparedness Act for new medical emergency preparedness centers designed to counter adverse health effects stemming from terrorist attacks using chemical, biological and other weapons of mass destruction. **No.** Passed 347-77. 7/25/03.

452. **H.R. 2861.** Amendment to reduce AmeriCorps operations funding by \$12 million and increase veterans' medical and prosthetic research by \$5 million. **No.** Failed 154-264. 7/25/03.

453. **H.R. 2861.** Amendment to increase funding for Section 8 housing vouchers by \$150 million and offset the cost by cutting HUD's Working Capital Fund management and administration account. **No.** Passed 217-208. 7/25/03.

454. **H.R. 2861.** Amendment to increase funding for the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund hazardous substance cleanup program by \$115 million and offset the cost by reducing NASA's Prometheus fission program funding. **No.** Failed 114-309. 7/25/03.

455. **H.R. 2861.** Amendment to increase funding for HUD's homeless assistance program by \$83 million and offset the cost by reducing HUD's Working Capital Account. **No.** Failed 192-232. 7/25/03.

456. **H.R. 2861.** On passage of the bill to provide \$122.7 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for the departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and for related agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and National Science Foundation. **Yes.** Passed 316-109. 7/25/03.

502. **H.R. 1.** 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 of offer doctor and hospital coverage and 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. **No.** Failed 189-220. 9/10/03.

510. **H.R. 1.** Motion to instruct House conferees to accept provisions in the Senate bill to 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. **No.** Failed 202-213. 9/23/03.

522. **H.R. 1.** Motion to instruct House conferees to accept provisions in the Senate bill to 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. **No.** Failed 199-220. 9/25/03.

524. **H.R. 1.** Motion to instruct House conferees to accept provisions in the Senate bill to 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. **No.** Failed 202-205. 9/30/03.

528. **H.R. 1.** Motion to instruct House conferees to accept provisions in the Senate bill to 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. **No.** Failed 208-215. 10/1/03.

531. **H.R. 2660.** Motion to instruct House conferees to agree to the Senate provision to prohibit funds in the bill from being used to promulgate or implement any regulation to take away eligibility for overtime for any worker. **No.** Passed 221-203. 10/2/03.

533. **H.R. 1.** 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. **No.** Failed 181-214. 10/7/03.

534. **H.R. 1.** Motion to instruct House conferees to include income thresholds on health coverage. **No.** Failed 161-234. 10/7/03.

542. **H.R. 1.** 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. **No.** Failed 190-218. 10/15/03.

565. **H.R. 3288,** to make technical corrections to the Social Security Act relating to state qualification for the State Children's Health Insurance Program. **Yes.** Passed 382-0, under suspension of rules. 10/20/03.

573. **H.R. 1.** 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. **No.** Failed 194-209. 10/28/03.

599. **H.R. 1.** Motion to instruct House conferees to reject 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. **No.** Failed 195-217. 10/30/03.

613. **H.R. 2660.** Motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the higher Senate level of appropriations to fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education

Act. **No.** Passed 310-101. 11/6/03.

615. **H.R. 1.** Motion to instruct House conferees to reject provisions in 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 and provide that the savings from the rejection of these provisions would be used to increase payments to physicians for Medicare services. **No.** Failed 197-209. 11/6/03.

619. **H.R. 1.** Motion to instruct House conferees to reject the House provisions providing premium support and reject the Senate provision providing \$6 billion for privatization demonstration projects and shift the funding from those provisions to improving the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments and additionally to instruct conferees to insist on a House provision to largely eliminate funding cuts scheduled to go into effect in state DSH payments and to insist on a Senate provision to increase federal allotments for states with low DSH payments. **No.** Failed 184-207. 11/7/03.

637. **H.R. 1.** Motion to instruct House conferees to reject provisions in 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 and provide that the savings from the rejection of these provisions would be used to increase payments to physicians for Medicare services. **No.** Failed 203-218. 11/19/03.

644. **H.R. 3140,** to require contact lens prescribers to provide patients with a copy of their contact lens prescriptions and require contact lens sellers to verify a prescription with the prescriber. **Yes.** 406-12, under suspension of rules. 11/19/03.

646. **S. 286,** to reauthorize the programs and activities of the National Center on Birth Defects and Disabilities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Yes.** Passed 415-1, under suspension of rules. 11/20/03.

647. **S. 686,** to amend the Poison Control Enhancement and Awareness Act to authorize grants to regional poison control centers, a national toll-free number poison control hotline, and a nationwide media campaign to promote poison control center use. **Yes.** Passed 420-1, under suspension of rules. 11/20/03.

650. **H.R. 1.** Motion to instruct House conferees to reject provisions in 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 and provide that the savings from the rejection of these provisions would be used to increase payments to physicians for Medicare services. **No.** Failed 201-222. 11/20/03.

651. **H.R. 2660.** 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. **Yes.** Passed 360-64. 11/20/03.

668. **H.R. 1.** Motion to recommit the conference report to the conference committee with instructions to report it back with provisions to allow the Health and Human Services secretary to negotiate lower drug prices, eliminate premium support, reconsider the issue of prescription drug importation and allow Medicaid to supplement Medicare coverage for the low-income elderly and disabled. **No.** Failed 211-222. 11/21/03.

669. **H.R. 1.** To adopt the conference report to the bill to create a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients beginning in 2006 and make structural changes to the program allowing beneficiaries to obtain coverage through traditional Medicare or a private health plan; provide for extra subsidies for low-income beneficiaries and increase payments to Medicare providers; provide that beginning in 2007, Medicare Part B premiums would increase for some higher-income recipients, and provide that some persons under age 65 as well as Medicare recipients could establish health-savings accounts to pay for health care services not covered by their insurance policy. **Yes.** Passed 220-215. 11/21/03.

HOMELAND SECURITY & GENERAL GOVERNMENT

109. **H.R. 1055,** to name a post office in Florence, South Carolina, after Dr. Roswell N. Beck, who served at the forefront of the civil rights movement in South Carolina. **Yes.** Passed 383-0, under suspension of rules. 4/7/03.

111. **H.R. 1368,** to name a post office in Stockton,

California, after former Rep. Norman Shumway, who served in the House from 1979-91. **Yes.** Passed 380-0, under suspension of rules. 4/7/03.

115. **S. 380,** to alter the formula used to determine the size of annual payments made by the Postal Service to the Civil Service Retirement System by modeling funding of its obligation after its funding of the Federal Employee Retirement System and provide that the resulting savings be used to lower the Postal Service's debt to the U.S. Treasury and delay the next postal rate increase. **Yes.** Passed 424-0. 4/8/03.

159. **H.R. 1596,** to name a post office in St. Louis, Missouri, after Thomas Michael Gaffney, a former postal employee and manager. **Yes.** Passed 405-0, under suspension of rules 5/6/03.

160. **H.R. 1625,** to name a post office in Clifton, New Jersey, after Robert P. Hammer, a former Clifton city manager. **Yes.** Passed 405-0, under suspension of rules. 5/6/03.

161. **H.R. 1740,** to name a post office in Dallas, Texas, after Caesar A.W. Clark Sr., a pastor, community and civil rights leader. **Yes.** Passed 405-0, under suspension of rules. 5/6/03.

162. **H.R. 1609,** to name a post office in Brookfield, Missouri, after Donald Davis, a former Navy admiral. **Yes.** Passed 423-0, under suspension of rules. 5/7/03.

183. **H.R. 281,** to name a post office in Dayton, Ohio, after former Rep. Tony P. Hall, who represented Ohio in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979-2002. **Yes.** Passed 407-0, under suspension of rules. 5/13/03.

193. **H.R. 1018,** to name the U.S. Court of International Trade Building in New York City after the late James L. Watson, the senior judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade. **Yes.** Passed 380-0, under suspension of rules. 5/19/03.

229. **H.R. 1465,** to name a post office in Iron Station, North Carolina, after General Charles Gabriel, the 11th chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force. **Yes.** Passed 371-0, under suspension of rules. 6/2/03.

232. **S. 763,** to name a federal building and U.S. courthouse in Indianapolis, Indiana, after former Sen. Birch Evan Bayh, who served Indiana in the U.S. Senate from 1963-1981. **Yes.** Failed 235-179, under suspension of rules (2/3 vote required). 6/3/03.

249. **H.R. 1610,** to name a post office in Marceline, Missouri, after Walter Elias Disney, a pioneer and innovator of the modern film technique of animation, the founder of Disneyland and Disney World theme parks and creator of Mickey Mouse. **Yes.** Passed 384-0, under suspension of rules. 6/9/03.

251. **S. 763,** to name the federal building and U.S. courthouse in Indianapolis, Indiana, after former Sen. Birch Evan Bayh, who served Indiana in the U.S. Senate from 1963-1981. **Yes.** Passed 383-0, under suspension of rules. 6/9/03.

276. **H.R. 2254,** to name a post office in Boulder City, Nevada, after Bruce Woodbury, who served as a member of the Clark County (NV) Commission for 21 years, and as chairman of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada for 11 years. **Yes.** Passed 369-0, under suspension of rules. 6/16/03.

278. **S. 703,** to name the National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, after Carl T. Curtis, who served Nebraska in Congress for 40 years, 24 in the Senate and 16 in the House, with his combined service in Congress longer than any other Nebraskan. **Yes.** Passed 378-0, under suspension of rules. 6/16/03.

307. **H.R. 2555,** FY 2004 homeland security appropriations. Amendment to increase the appropriation for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection by transferring \$5 million from Homeland Security Department administration funds with the funds to be used to reduce the backlog of applicants for a program that allows low-risk commuters to use dedicated commuter lanes to expedite their crossing at the U.S.-Mexico border. **No.** Failed 149-274. 6/24/03.

309. **H.R. 2555.** Amendment to prohibit the use of 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. **No.** Failed 102-322. 6/24/03.

310. **H.R. 2555.** On passage of the bill to provide \$30.4 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security and \$5 billion in advanced appropriations for Project Bioshield, to encourage commercial development and production of medical countermeasures against bioterrorism. **Yes.** Passed 425-2. 6/24/03.

311. **H.R. 1416,** to make changes to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to 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, and clarify the transfer of some of the attorney general's authority over immigration and naturalization to the secretary of Homeland Security. **Yes.**

Passed 415-0. 6/24/03.

336. **H.R. 1761,** to name a post office in Wichita, Kansas, after former Rep. Garner E. Shriver, who served the 4th District of Kansas in the U.S. House from 1961-77. **Yes.** Passed 415-0, under suspension of rules. 7/8/03.

461. **H.R. 2309,** to name a post office in Signal Hill, California, after Rep. Stephen Horn, who served from 1993 to 2003 in the U.S. House of Representatives. **Yes.** Passed 395-1, under suspension of rules. 9/3/03.

494. **H.R. 2555.** 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 Homeland Security appropriations bill and to insist on House language that would prohibit the use of funds for any aviation cargo security plan that allows the transporting of unscreened or uninspected cargo on passenger planes. **Yes.** Passed 347-74. 9/10/03.

505. **S. 678,** to include postmasters and postmaster organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain U.S. Postal Service policies, schedules, and programs. **Yes.** Passed 426-0, under suspension of rules. 9/16/03.

514. **H.R. 2555.** Motion to recommit the conference report to the conference committee with instructions to include provisions to provide the highest possible level of funding for homeland security, preparedness and disaster response programs within the bill and prohibit the use of funds for any aviation cargo security plan that allows the transporting of unscreened or uninspected cargo on passenger planes. **No.** Failed 198-226. 9/24/03.

515. **H.R. 2555.** To adopt the conference report to the bill to provide \$30.4 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security and related agencies. **Yes.** Passed 417-8. 9/24/03.

627. **H.R. 3300,** to name the post office building in Strongsville, Ohio, after Walter F. Ehrnfelt Jr., who served as mayor of Strongsville for 25 years and died on May 25, 2003. **Yes.** Passed 410-0, under suspension of rules. 11/18/03.

632. **H.R. 1274,** to direct the General Services administrator to convey to Fresno County, California, the existing federal courthouse in Fresno and provide that the conveyance will take place after the completion of a new courthouse and that the courthouse remain in use as a public building and courthouse. **Yes.** Passed 421-0, under suspension of rules. 11/18/03.

636. **H.R. 3491,** to authorize the Smithsonian Institution to plan and construct a National Museum of African American History and Culture. **Yes.** Passed 409-9, under suspension of rules. 11/19/03.

JUDICIAL MATTERS

63. **H.R. 5,** medical malpractice reform. Motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary 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. **No.** Failed 191-234. 3/13/03.

64. **H.R. 5.** On passage of the bill to reform the health care liability system and provide a cap on awards that plaintiffs and their attorneys could receive arising out of medical malpractice law suits, limiting non-economic or "pain and suffering" damages to \$250,000 and capping punitive damages at \$250,000 or double economic damages, whichever is greater, limiting attorneys' contingency fees on a sliding percentage scale, and requiring all states to set damage caps, but the bill would not pre-empt existing state statutory limits. **Yes.** Passed 229-196. 3/13/03.

87. **H.R. 1104,** Child Abduction Prevention Act. Amendment to reduce the ability of courts to depart from federal sentencing guidelines in cases involving child pornography and sexual abuse and provide increased penalties for individuals who possess child pornography that depicts violent conduct. **Yes.** Passed 357-58. 3/27/03.

88. **H.R. 1104.** Amendment to narrow the definition of child pornography in response to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Ashcroft v. the Free Speech Coalition*, provide that the definition include digital and computer-generated images that are indistinguishable from minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and criminalize the pandering of visual depictions as child pornography. **Yes.** Passed 406-15. 3/27/03.

89. **H.R. 1104.** On passage of the bill to provide additional protections for children, establish stricter punishments for sex offenders, appoint a national coordinator for the AMBER alert system for missing children, and expand law enforcement wiretap and electronic surveillance capabilities for an expanded list of crimes against children. **Yes.** Passed 410-14. 3/27/03.

120. **H.R. 1036,** Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. Amendment to strike a provision to require a prior criminal conviction against a person who transferred a firearm knowing that it would be used to commit
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mit a crime before a plaintiff could bring a civil lawsuit against that individual. **No.** Failed 148-278. 4/9/03.

121. **H.R. 1036.** Amendment to 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." **No.** Failed 134-289. 4/9/03.

122. **H.R. 1036.** Amendment to permit plaintiffs to bring negligence actions against firearms manufacturers, sellers and trade associations. **No.** Failed 144-280. 4/9/03.

123. **H.R. 1036.** Motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to strike language that would make the measure apply immediately to any pending cases. **No.** Failed 140-282. 4/9/03.

124. **H.R. 1036.** On passage of the bill to block liability lawsuits against gun makers, sellers, gun trade organizations, ammunition makers and sellers based on the criminal misuse of firearms and provide that a maker or seller who knowingly and willingly violated state or federal laws in selling or marketing a weapon would still be subject to a civil suit. **Yes.** Passed 285-140. 4/9/03.

127. **S. 151,** to adopt the conference report to PROTECT Act to provide additional protections for children, establish stricter punishments for sex offenders, appoint a national coordinator for the AMBER alert system for missing children, and expand law enforcement wiretap and electronic surveillance capabilities for an expanded list of crimes against children. **Yes.** Passed 400-25. 4/10/03.

268. **H.R. 1115,** Class Action Fairness Act. Amendment to prevent domestic corporations from avoiding U.S. federal court jurisdiction and liability in class action lawsuits filed in federal courts through mergers or repatriations with foreign companies. **No.** Failed 185-238. 6/12/03.

269. **H.R. 1115.** Amendment to preserve the ability of local prosecutors to enforce state antitrust and consumer protection laws in state courts. **No.** Failed 186-234. 6/12/03.

270. **H.R. 1115.** Substitute amendment to establish the Class Action Improvement Act to set up a multi-district litigation panel to consolidate class actions in state courts for pretrial proceedings and 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. **No.** Failed 170-255. 6/12/03.

271. **H.R. 1115.** Motion to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back after striking language to make the bill apply to currently pending lawsuits and language that would allow appeals of district court orders granting or denying class certification. **No.** Failed 185-240. 6/12/03.

272. **H.R. 1115.** On passage of the bill to respond to the economic impact of the rise in class action filings in overburdened state courts by allowing class action lawsuits to be removed to federal courts when fewer than one-third of the plaintiffs live in the same state as the defendant, at least 100 plaintiffs are involved and damages are expected to exceed \$5 million; allow class actions to remain in state courts if more than two-thirds of plaintiffs live in the same state as the defendant, and establish a "consumer class action bill of rights" that would require a court to determine that an award is fair, reasonable and adequate prior to approving any non-cash benefits. **Yes.** Passed 253-170. 6/12/03.

282. **S. 342,** to adopt the conference report to the bill to reauthorize through FY 2008 federal programs to help prevent child abuse and family violence before it occurs, protect and treat abused and neglected children, and promote adoption services. **Yes.** Passed 421-3. 6/17/03.

300. **H.R. 2465,** to extend Chapter 12 bankruptcy protection for family farmers – special bankruptcy protection which allows reorganization of debt rather than forcing liquidation of assets – for an additional six months from the current expiration date of July 1, 2003. **Yes.** Passed 379-3, under suspension of rules. 6/23/03.

405. **H.R. 2799,** FY 2004 Commerce-Justice-State appropriations. Amendment to strike \$71 million in funding in the bill for the United States' membership in the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization. **No.** Failed 145-279. 7/22/03.

406. **H.R. 2799.** Amendment to prohibit the Justice Department from using funds to enforce the ruling in *Newdow v. U.S. Congress* in which the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that requiring school children to recite the Pledge of Allegiance was unconstitutional. **No.** Failed 307-119. 7/22/03.

407. **H.R. 2799.** Amendment to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from using funds to grant a radio or television broadcast station license if the owner also operates or controls a daily newspaper in the same market or to grant a license that would result in a party controlling two television stations in the same market. **No.** Failed 174-254. 7/22/03.

408. **H.R. 2799.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds to implement a provision in the 2001 anti-terrorism law that allows the government to delay giving notice that a search warrant has been obtained, thereby facilitating no-knock searches of private residences, either physically or electronically. **No.** Passed 309-118. 7/22/03.

409. **H.R. 2799.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds for law enforcement assistance grants to any state or local government that restricts its officials from transmitting information regarding an individual's citizenship or immigration status to or from the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security. **No.** Failed 122-305. 7/22/03.

418. **H.R. 2799.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds to grant U.S. entry visas to child abductors who violate a U.S. court order or to immediate family member who aid and abet child abductors. **Yes.** Passed 424-0. 7/23/03.

419. **H.R. 2799.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds for the Justice Department to enforce the ruling of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in *Glassroth v. Moore* that held that a memorial to the Ten Commandments must be removed from the Alabama State Supreme Court building. **No.** Passed 260-161. 7/23/03.

420. **H.R. 2799.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds to prevent the implementation of state laws states authorizing the use of medical marijuana in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. **No.** Failed 152-273. 7/23/03.

421. **H.R. 2799.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the sentencing phase of any trial in which federal prosecutors seek the death penalty. **No.** Failed 85-339. 7/23/03.

422. **H.R. 2799.** On passage of the bill to provide \$38.6 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for the departments of Commerce, Justice, and State and the federal judiciary and related agencies. **Yes.** Passed 400-21. 7/23/03.

530. **S. 3.** To adopt the conference report to the bill to ban the partial-birth abortion procedure, allow it only save a woman's life, and provide for fines and imprisonment for those who unlawfully perform the procedure. **Yes.** Passed 281-142. 10/2/03.

570. **H.R. 2359,** to extend for five years the operation of the pilot programs for employment eligibility verification instituted by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 and allow employers in all states to opt to participate in the basic pilot program. **Yes.** Failed 231-170, under suspension of rules (2/3 vote required). 10/28/03.

607. **H.R. 2620,** to reauthorize and provide for the enforcement of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act including requiring the president to initiate border interdiction programs at key border crossings outside the United States through grants to foreign non-governmental organizations to aid in the effort to combat human trafficking, provide for the prosecution of human traffickers and protect the victims of trafficking. **Yes.** Passed 422-1, under suspension of rules. 11/5/03.

608. **H.R. 3214,** to authorize grants to state and local governments to eliminate the backlog in the testing of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, provide training and education for law enforcement officials on the use of DNA evidence, and establish new procedures to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to determine guilt or innocence. **Yes.** Passed 357-67, under suspension of rules. 11/5/03.

610. **H.R. 1829,** Federal Prison Industries contract. Amendment to require the attorney general to determine each year whether the phasing-out of the mandatory source rule, which gives preference to products made by federal prison inmates in contracts with federal agencies, has resulted in a significant threat to prison operations or general public safety and allow the phasing out of the rule to be postponed for at least a year until the attorney general has determined it was safe to proceed. **Yes.** Failed 91-325. 11/6/03.

611. **H.R. 1829.** Amendment to place a three-year expiration on the act if the attorney general determines that the new rules create a significant risk or adverse effect on

public or prison safety, prison management, or prison rehabilitation opportunities. **Yes.** Failed 100-313. 11/6/03.

612. **H.R. 1829.** On passage of the bill to fundamentally change the way Federal Prison Industries (FPI), Inc. sells products and services to federal agencies, phasing out over five years the preference given to products made by federal prison inmates in contracts with federal agencies and requiring that such sales be made on a competitive basis, allowing for the first time that private sector firms and their non-inmate workers may bid on federal contracts currently reserved for FPI. **No.** Passed 350-65. 11/6/03.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

165. **H.R. 766,** Nanotechnology Research and Development Act of 2003. Amendment to require that nanotechnology – the creation and utilization of materials, devices, and systems with novel properties and functions through the control of matter atom by atom, or molecule by molecule – program activities include toxicological and environment impact studies. **No.** Failed 209-214. 5/7/03.

166. **H.R. 766.** Amendment to require research on the potential of nanotechnology as an efficient energy source. **No.** Failed 207-217. 5/7/03.

167. **H.R. 766.** On passage of the bill to authorize \$1.9 billion through FY 2006 for an interagency R&D program to promote and coordinate federal nanotechnology research, development, demonstration, education, technology transfer, and commercial application activities. **Yes.** Passed 405-19. 5/7/03.

260. **H.R. 1320,** to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum, the basic building block for any wireless service, from government to commercial users through creation of a trust fund supported by auction bids from private licensees to reimburse government agencies for the cost of relocating radio spectrum operation to other frequencies and provide that bids would have to be at least 110 percent of the estimated relocation costs. **Yes.** Passed 408-10, under suspension of rules. 6/11/03.

671. **S. 877,** to impose limitations and penalties on the transmission of so-called SPAM – unsolicited commercial electronic mail via the Internet – and provide that all commercial e-mail be labeled as a commercial communication, have a valid and functional return e-mail address and include a physical postal address, provide that all e-mails containing sexually explicit material carry a warning in the subject line, and authorize the Federal Trade Commission to create a "do not spam" list for people to register their e-mail addresses. **Yes.** Passed 392-5, under suspension of rules. 11/21/03.

TRANSPORTATION & TREASURY

172. **H.R. 874,** to authorize the National Transportation Safety Board to provide assistance to families of passengers involved in major rail passenger accidents within the United States and specify that the assistance applies only to accidents involving interstate, intercity rail passenger carriers, or high speed rail carriers, but not to those involving tourist, historic, scenic, or excursion rail carriers. **Yes.** Passed 414-5, under suspension of rules. 5/8/03.

262. **H.R. 2115,** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization. Amendment to require the secretary of Transportation to submit within 90 days of the bill's enactment a report to Congress on waivers granted under the FAA's "Buy-American Preferences" provisions. **Yes.** Passed 426-0. 6/11/03.

263. **H.R. 2115.** Amendment to require the secretary of Transportation to consult with a state's governor, or designee, to identify the most commonly used highway route between a community and the nearest hub airport to determine the community's eligibility to receive subsidized airline service under the Essential Air Service program. **Yes.** Passed 422-0. 6/11/03.

264. **H.R. 2115.** On passage of the bill to reauthorize airport improvement and other programs and services under the FAA through FY 2007 and provide additional flights at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport including 12 slots for long-distance flights beyond and eight for flights within the 1,250-mile perimeter of the airport. **No.** Passed 418-8. 6/11/03.

308. **H.R. 2555.** Amendment to prohibit use of funds to approve, renew, or implement any aviation cargo security plan that permits the transporting of unscreened or uninspected cargo on passenger planes. **No.** Passed 278-146. 6/24/03.

469. **H.R. 2989,** FY 2004 Transportation-Treasury appropriations. Amendment to retain current law and

strike language from the bill which eliminates the requirement that states use 10 percent of their annual federal highway allocations for transportation enhancements such as bike and pedestrian trails. **Yes.** Passed 327-90. 9/4/03.

470. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to reduce funding provided in the bill for Amtrak by \$320 million and reallocate the money to highway projects. **No.** Failed 90-322. 9/4/03.

471. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to increase funding for the implementation of the Help America Vote Act, which provides grants to states to upgrade election systems and voting equipment, by \$232 million. **No.** Failed 186-228. 9/4/03.

472. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to provide \$500,000 for the Department of Transportation to study and make recommendations on how to better secure drivers' licenses from fraud and theft and offset the cost by reducing funding for Office of Management and Budget salaries and expenses. **No.** Passed 213-203. 9/4/03.

473. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to reduce funding for Amtrak in the bill by \$320 million to a level of \$580 million and increase funding by \$320 million for programs on high-intensity drug trafficking, tax counseling for low-income and elderly persons, terrorist activities. **No.** Failed 89-325. 9/4/03.

474. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to remove a section in the bill which prohibits funds from being used to build a light rail system in Houston, Texas, until a specific plan is approved in a local referendum. **No.** Failed 188-222. 9/4/03.

475. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to reduce funding for tax law enforcement of the IRS Earned Income Tax Credit pre-certification program and increase funding by \$75 million for enforcing tax laws in the investigation and audit of large and mid-size corporations. **No.** Failed 192-219. 9/4/03.

481. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to cut total discretionary spending in the bill by 1 percent. **No.** Failed 87-326. 9/9/03.

482. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the operation of Amtrak routes that fail to recoup 50 cents in revenue (including state subsidies) for each dollar spent to operate the route. **No.** Failed 130-282. 9/9/03.

483. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to enforce the Treasury Department's regulations prohibiting U.S. citizens from traveling to Cuba. **No.** Passed 227-188. 9/9/03.

484. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to enforce any restrictions on remittances from the U.S. to nationals of Cuba or Cuban households. **No.** Passed 222-196. 9/9/03.

485. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to assist in overturning the ruling of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois on July 31, 2003, that a corporation using cash balance pension conversions would be in violation of federal law. **No.** Passed 258-160. 9/9/03.

486. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill by OMB to require agencies to make an inventory of inherently governmental tasks performed by federal employees and open those jobs to competition from the private sector. **No.** Failed 205-211. 9/9/03.

487. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to implement revisions to OMB Circular A-76 relating to the process by which a federal agency determines whether jobs and services performed by federal employees should be contracted out to private companies. **Yes.** Passed 220-198. 9/9/03.

488. **H.R. 2989.** Amendment to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to implement a regulation which would end licenses for travel to Cuba for people-to-people educational exchanges with Cuba. **No.** Passed 246-173. 9/9/03.

489. **H.R. 2989.** On passage of the bill to provide \$89.3 billion in FY 2004 appropriations for the departments of Transportation and Treasury and related agencies and programs. **Yes.** Passed 381-39. 9/9/03.

591. **H.R. 2115,** conference report to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration. Motion to recommit the conference report on the bill back to the conference committee. **No.** Failed 197-219. 10/30/03.

592. **H.R. 2115.** To adopt the conference report to the bill to reauthorize airport improvement and other programs and services under the FAA through FY 2007 and provide additional flights at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport including 12 slots for long-distance flights beyond and eight for flights within the 1,250-mile perimeter of the airport. **No.** Passed 211-207. 10/30/03.

604. **H.R. 2443,** Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act. Amendment to prohibit the National Coast Guard Museum authorized in the bill from being located on any property that has been condemned or taken by eminent domain through government action from an unwilling seller. **No.** Failed 199-221. 11/5/03.

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