EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

1. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department’s “Major” final rule — TRICARE; Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) [DOD-2007-HA-0048] (RIN: 0720-AH19) received January 5, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.


3. A letter from the Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board’s report for FY 2008 on competitive sourcing activities, in accordance with Section 647(b) of Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2004, Pub. L. 108-199; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

4. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting a list of reports pursuant to clause 2(b), Rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives; (H. Doc. 151) to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

5. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Changes to Requirements Affecting H-2A Non-agricultural Workers pursuant to clause 2(b), Rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives, transmitting a list of reports pursuant to clause 2(b), Rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives; (H. Doc. 151) to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

The following action occurred on January 3, 2009

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington: Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, Summary of Activities of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct for the 111th Congress (Rept. 110-938). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself, Ms. DeLauro, Ms. Hinojosa, Mr. Ruppersberger, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Stark, Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Holt, Mr. Levin, Mr. Kildee, Mrs. McCarthy of New York, Ms. Sutton, Mr. Van Hollen, Mr. Ellison, Ms. Edwards of Maryland, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Nadler of New York, Ms. Noor, Mr. Oberstar, Ms. Matsui, Mrs. Tauscher, Mr. Payne, Mr. Hodes, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Rothman of New Jersey, Mr. Serrano, Mr. Weiner, Mr. Wu, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Conyers, Mr. Hare, Mr. Issa, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mr. Sestak, Mr. Abercrombie, Mr. Niederhoffer, Mr. Arcuri, Mr. Baca, Mr. Becerra, Mr. Berkley, Mr. Bishop of New York, Mr. Blumenauer, Mr. Boswell, Mr. Bouck, Mr. Brady of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Capps, Mr. Carnahan, Mr. Carson of Indiana, Mr. Clay, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Clyburn, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Davis of Alabama, Mrs. Davis of California, Mr. DeFazio, Ms. DeGette, Mr. Dicks, Mr. Engel, Mr. Farr, Mr. fattah, Mr. Filner, Ms. Giffords, Mrs. Gillibrand, Mr. Hall of New York, Mr. Hastings of Florida, Mr. Hinchey, Mr. Hinojosa, Mr. Honda, Ms. Eshoo, Mrs. Johnson of Texas, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Kagen, Mr. Kind, Mr. Langevin, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. Lipinski, Mr. Loebsack, Ms. Zoe Lofgren of California, Mrs. Lowey, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Maffei, Mrs. Maloney, Mr. Markey of Massachusetts, Ms. McCollum, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Michaud, Mr. Miller of North Carolina, Mr. Moore of Kansas, Ms. Moore of Wisconsin, Mr. Moran of Virginia, Mr. Patrick Murphy of Pennsylvania, Mr. Obey, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Pallone, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Peters, Mr. Reyes, Mr. Rodriguez, Ms. Linda T. Sánchez of California, Ms. Loretta Sanchez of California, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Schiff, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Scott of Georgia, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Ms. Sheehy-Porter, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Sires, Mr. Skelton, Ms. Slaughter, Ms. Speier, Mr. Tierney, Mr. Towns, Ms. Tsongas, Mr. Vischersky, Mr. Walz, Ms. Wasserbauer Schultz, Ms. Waters, Mr. Watson, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Welch, Mr. Wexler, Ms. Woolsey, Mr. Yamnitz, Ms. Harman, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Kucinich, Mr. McNerney, Mr. Murphy of Connecticut, Mr. Perriello, Ms. Pingree of Maine, Mr. Pomroy, Mr. Ryan of Ohio, Mr. Thompson of Mississippi, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Heinrich, Mr. Baird, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Berman, Mr. Berry, Mr. Bensler, Mr. Bordallo, Mr. Bradley of Iowa, Ms. Cortez of Texas, Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Capuano, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Dingell, Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Doggett, Mr. Lange of Wisconsin, Mr. Watt, Mr. Stupak, Ms. Castor of Florida, Mr. Rush, Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Al Green of Texas, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Gene Green of Texas, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Higgins, Ms. Jackson of Texas, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Costello, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Doyle, and Mr. Hoyer:

H.R. 11. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 12. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. BACA:


By Mr. BAIRD (for himself, Mr. INSLEE, and Mr. EHlers):

H.R. 14. A bill to provide for ocean acidification research and monitoring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

By Mr. DINGELL:

H.R. 15. A bill to provide a program of national health insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BAIRD (for himself, Mr. BAY, Mr. EDWARDS of Texas, Mr. COLE of New York, Mr. CONconstitutional law of the United States; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. KAGEN:

H.R. 16. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction for State and local general sales taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARTLETT:

H.R. 17. A bill to protect the right to obtain firearms for security, and to use firearms in defense of self, family, or home, and to provide for the enforcement of such right; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARTLETT:

H.R. 18. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act, with respect to penalties for powder cocaine and crack cocaine offenses; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CALVERT:

H.R. 19. A bill to require employers to conduct employment eligibility verification; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mrs. Napolitano, Mr. RAHALL, Ms. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. HERSHBERGER, Mr. GORDON, Mr. BACA, and Mr. BRADY of Texas):
it through 2011; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself, Mrs. McCarthy of New York, Mr. Davis of Colorado, and Mr. Caruso of California):

H.R. 39. A bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior report, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865 to establish a commission to examine the institution of slavery, subsequently de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African-Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African-Americans, to make recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself and Mr. Scott of Virginia):

H.R. 40. A bill to acknowledge the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the contribution of both the United States and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865 to establish a commission to examine the institution of slavery, subsequently de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African-Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African-Americans, to make recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARTLETT:

H.R. 41. A bill to provide for Federal research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities to enable the development of farms that are net producers of both food and energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BILINGER:

H.R. 42. A bill to establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation of the Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States, and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARTLETT:

H.R. 43. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. BORDALLO (for herself, Mr. Hoyer, Mr. Raehall, Mrs. Christensen, Mr. Sarban, Mr. Young of Alaska, and Mr. Sherrill): Boren, Mr. Titley, Mr. Frankel, Mr. Braley, Mr. Deluga, Mr. George Miller of California, Mr. Wexman, Mr. Kildee, Mr. Burton of Indiana, Ms. Kapituk, Mr. Levin, Mr. Ortiz, Mr. Costello, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. Abercrombie, Ms. Lowey, Mr. Fallone, Mr. Siemens, Mr. Davis of California, Ms. Clarke, Mr. Hinchey, and Mr. Hobbs):

H.R. 37. A bill to establish a systematic mortgage modification program at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CALVERT:

H.R. 38. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKY of Massachusetts:

H.R. 39. A bill to preserve the Arctic coastal plain of the National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as wilderness in recognition of its extraordinary natural ecosystems and for the permanent good of present and future generations of Americans; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself and Mr. Scott of Virginia):

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By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. ROSKAM): H.R. 50. A bill to protect seniors from identity theft and strengthen our national security by requiring the issuance of a secure Social Security card; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KIRK: H.R. 51. A bill to direct the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct a study of the feasibility of a variety of approaches to eradicating Asian carp from the Great Lakes and their tributary and connecting waters; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. MATTHEWS of Florida): H.R. 52. A bill to amend the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1996 to provide debt relief to countries that are taking action to protect tropical forests and coral reefs and associated coastal marine ecosystems, to reauthorize such Act through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. LIFENSKI): H.R. 53. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny refineriexpensing to owners of refineries that are permitted to increase the discharge of pollutants into the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. LIFENSKI): H.R. 54. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. LIFENSKI, and Mr. ROSKAM): H.R. 55. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a refundable credit against income tax for 50 percent of the employer's cost of providing tax-free transit passes to employees; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KIRK: H.R. 56. A bill to permit certain school districts in Illinois to be reconstituted for purposes of determining assistance under the Impact Aid program; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KIRK: H.R. 57. A bill to amend the State Department Authorization Act of 1966 to permit eligibility in certain circumstances for an officer or employee of a foreign government to receive a waiver under the Department of State Rewards Program; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. CARNEY): H.R. 58. A bill to promote green schools; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for the consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas: H.R. 61. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an alternate release date for certain nonviolent offenders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas: H.R. 62. A bill to establish an independent, Presidential-appointed Commission to assess the circumstances that caused Hurricane Katrina on or between Friday, August 26, 2005, and Tuesday, August 30, 2005; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas: H.R. 63. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals reemployed under a reemployment program to establish and implement security procedures to reduce the likelihood of infant patient abduction; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for the consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas: H.R. 64. A bill to amend the United States Code, to repeal the restriction on the jurisdiction of courts, justices, and judges to hear or consider writs of habeas corpus filed by or on behalf of certain aliens detained by the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas: H.R. 65. A bill to recognize the extraordinary performance of the Armed Forces in achieving the military objectives of the United States in Iraq, to encourage the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe a national day of celebration commemorating military service in Iraq, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for the consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas: H.R. 66. A bill to recognize the extraordinary performance of the Armed Forces in achieving the military objectives of the United States in Iraq, to terminate the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-243), to require congressional reauthorization to continue deployment of the Armed Forces to Iraq, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for the consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas: H.R. 67. A bill to amend and to strengthen accountability features introduced by the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for the consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas: H.R. 68. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. KIRK): H.R. 80. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
under that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. BORDALLO (for herself, Mr. GEORGE M. MILLER of California, Mr. POMROY, Mr. ANBURN, Mr. FARE, Mr. HINCHY, Ms. EDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. ESCH, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. INSLEE, of California, Mrs. CAPP, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. HOLT, Mr. GRJALVA, and Mr. BROWN of South Carolina):

H.R. 82. A bill to expand retroactive eligibility of the Army Combat Action Badge to include members of the Army who participated in combat during which they personally engaged, or were personally engaged by, the enemy at any time on or after December 7, 1941; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida:

H.R. 83. A bill to establish a program to provide reinsurance for State natural catastrophes and to establish comprehensive programs to help the United States better prepare for and protect its citizens against the ravages of natural catastrophes, to encourage and promote mitigation, pre-disaster planning for, and recovery and rebuilding from such catastrophes, and to better assist in the financial recovery from such catastrophes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida:

H.R. 85. A bill to provide permanent relief from the marriage penalty under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, and Mr. JOSEPHSON):

H.R. 86. A bill to eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small island of Point of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County’s rocks and small islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, and Mr. JOSEPHSON):

H.R. 87. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to make contributions to the Federal Government on their income tax returns; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CAPP:

H.R. 88. A bill to amend the Reclamation Dredging Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the local control,_sound management, and participation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. CAPP:

H.R. 89. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey a water distribution system to the Goleta Water District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDOZA:

H.R. 90. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide increased imprisonment for certain offenses by public officials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 91. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the property between the States and the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (for herself, Mr. BORDALLO, and Mr. FALLOMAYVARCA):

H.R. 92. A bill to amend titles XI and XIX of the Social Security Act to remove the cap on Medicaid payments for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa and to adjust the Medicaid matching rate for those territories; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (for herself, Mr. BORDALLO, and Mr. FALLOMAYVARCA):

H.R. 93. A bill to extend the supplemental security income benefits program to Guam and the United States Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 94. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to repeal the cap on the over cover of tax on distilled spirits to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN:

H.R. 95. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to assist in the recovery and development of the Virgin Islands by providing for a reduction in the tax imposed on distributions from certain retirement plans’ assets which are invested for at least 30 years in Virgin Islands investment programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONAWAY:

H.R. 96. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the maximum reduction in estate tax value for farmland and other special use property, to restore and increase the estate tax deduction for family-owned business interests, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. NADLER of New York, Ms. LOFGEN of California, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. MALONEY, and Mr. SCHIFF):

H.R. 97. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain deceptive practices in Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DREIER (for himself, Mr. REYES, Mr. CALVENT, Mr. BILIRAY, and Mr. DELAHUNT):

H.R. 98. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to enforce restrictions on employment in the United States of unauthorized aliens through the use of improved Social Security cards and an Employment Eligibility Database, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Homeland Security, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DREIER:

H.R. 99. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce taxes by providing an alternative determination of income tax liability for individuals, repealing the estate and gift taxes, reducing corporate income tax rates, reducing the maximum tax for individuals on capital gains and dividends to 15 percent, increasing the asset sets for purposes of determining capital gain or loss, creating tax-free accounts for retirement savings, lifetime savings, and life insurance, establishing the medical care threshold in the medical care deduction for individuals under age 65 who have no employer health coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DREIER:

H.R. 100. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the States for local sales, or use taxes levied on the purchase of an automobile; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DREIER:

H.R. 101. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow all individuals, whether or not full-time homeowners, a refundable income tax credit for the purchase of a residence during 2009 or 2010; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DREIER (for himself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. ROYBAL-ALLARD, and Mr. SCHIFF):

H.R. 102. A bill to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; to the Committee on the Interior and Insular Affairs.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. NADLER of New York, Ms. LOFGEN of California, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. PAYNE of Texas, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 103. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the election practice known as gaging, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. NADLER of New York, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. COHEN, Mr. JOHN-SON of Georgia, and Mr. DELAHUNT):

H.R. 104. A bill to establish a national commission on presidential war powers and civil liberties; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), the Judiciary, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. NADLER of New York, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. COHEN, Mr. JOHN-SON of Georgia, and Mr. DELAHUNT):

H.R. 105. A bill to protect voting rights and to improve the administration of Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FATTAH:

H.R. 106. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit for higher education expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Ms. FOXX, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas):

H.R. 107. A bill to reform Social Security retirement and Medicare by establishing a Personal Social Security Savings Program to create a safer, healthier, more secure, and more prosperous retirement for all Americans and to reduce the burden on young Americans; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, the Budget, Energy
By Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. JONES, and Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey):


H.R. 158. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for expenditure limits and public financing for House of Representatives general elections, to the Committee on House Administration; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 159. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program to purchase farm commodities, and to provide for the administration of such program, to the Committee on Agriculture.

H.R. 160. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for Medicare eligibility for individuals who have attained retirement age, and to provide for the administration of such program, to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 161. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deduction of certain expenses by individuals who have attained retirement age, and to provide for the administration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 162. A bill to provide for the collection of taxes on Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 163. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the purchase of prescription drugs by individuals who have attained retirement age, and to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs and the sale of such drugs through Internet sites, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be consequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Mr. GIFFORDS):

H.R. 164. A bill to provide greater health care freedom for seniors, to the Committee on Ways and Means; and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PAYNE:

H.R. 165. A bill to amend the Thomas Jefferson National Memorial Foundation Act of 1988 to provide for the establishment of the Thomas Jefferson National Memorial Foundation, to the Committee on Education and Labor.

H.R. 166. A bill to authorize the expansion of the Port Davis National Historic Site in the State of Oregon; and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources; and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 167. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 168. A bill to authorize an increase in the number of certain federal prison inmates; and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources; and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 169. A bill to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to increase the number of tenant operators on the preserve, and to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 170. A bill to establish the Dominguez–Escalante National Monument in the State of Colorado; and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources; and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 171. A bill to establish the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado; and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources; and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GILLEY:

H.R. 172. A bill to provide for the construction of the Interstate 70 Tollway Conduit in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SERRANO (for himself and Ms. O'ROURKE of New York, Mr. BACA of Colorado, and Mr. ROS-LeHTINEN of Florida) :

H.R. 173. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain farmland from the estate tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SERRANO (for himself and Mr. LABORDINO):

H.R. 174. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the southern Colorado region; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SERRANO (for himself, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, and Mr. ZEDEK):

H.R. 175. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide additional authority and definitions relating to public utility contracts; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. SERRANO (for himself, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. GRILALVA, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, and Mr. WIEBE):

H.R. 176. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act and the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and to provide for credit relating to the use of clean-fuel and fuel efficient vehicles by businesses within areas designated as nonattainment areas under the Clean Air Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 178. A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to be used to recruit, hire, and train 100,000 new classroom paraprofessionals in order to improve educational achievement for children; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 179. A bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to be used to recruit, hire, and train 100,000 new classroom paraprofessionals in order to improve educational achievement for children; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 180. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to waive the requirement for proof of citizenship during first year of life for children born in the United States to a Medicaid-eligible mother; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 181. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain farmland from the estate tax; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 182. A bill to provide for the retirement and eligibility for Medicare of members of the Armed Services; to the Committee on the House Administration.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 183. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of designating Oak Forest and North Brother Island in the Bronx in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 184. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the computation of certain credit relating to the use of clean-fuel and fuel efficient vehicles by businesses within areas designated as nonattainment areas under the Clean Air Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 185. A bill to amend the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Food Safety and Inspection Act to provide for enforcement of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SERRANO (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. DEKRAJCHI, Mr. FELNER, Mr. GRILALVA, Mr. HARE, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. NORTON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LEE of California, Mr. LEMOYNE, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. NADLER of New York, Mr. PAUL, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. SCHUIBERG, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 186. A bill to provide for identification of members of the Armed Forces exposed during military service to depleted uranium, to provide for health testing of such members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.
By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 186. A bill to establish a grant program to provide screenings for glaucoma to individuals determined to be at high risk for glaucoma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 187. A bill to waive certain prohibitions with respect to nationals of Cuba coming to the United States to play organized professional baseball; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 188. A bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SERRANO:

H.R. 189. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow taxpayers to designate income tax overpayments as contributions to the United States Library Trust Fund; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. STAUM-PATTERSON:

H.R. 190. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that veterans in each of the 48 contiguous States are able to receive services in at least one full-service hospital or medical center and a nursing home, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SIMPSON:

H.R. 191. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Fifth Circuit of the United States into two circuits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SIMPSON (for himself and Mr. MINnick):

H.R. 192. A bill to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in central Idaho to promote economic development and recreational activities in the area, to add certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in central Idaho to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to provide special management requirements for certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in central Idaho under the National Forest Management Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 193. A bill to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an AmeriCare that assures all residents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 194. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide preventive health and long-term care coverage for all children born after 2009, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STARK:

H.R. 195. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to organizations to purchase ultrasound equipment for the purchase of ultrasound equipment to provide free examinations to pregnant women needing such services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself and Mr. BOCHNER):

H.R. 196. A bill to provide that no Federal funds may be used to cover the assessment, construction, or rental of any headquarters for the United Nations in any location in the United States unless the President transmits to Congress a certification that the United Nations has adopted internationally-recognized best practices in contracting and procurement; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself and Mr. BOURCHIER):

H.R. 197. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H.R. 198. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for amounts paid in cash for prescription drug costs of individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H.R. 199. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain interest amounts received by individuals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, Mr. NADLER of New York, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Ms. WATERS):

H.R. 200. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code, with respect to modification of certain nonresidential and residential tenancies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H.R. 201. A bill to provide that no automatic pay adjustment for Members of Congress shall be made in the year following a fiscal year in which there is a Federal budget deficit; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H.R. 202. A bill to create a commission to develop a plan for establishing a Museum of Ideas; to the Committee on National Resources, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STEARNS:

H.R. 208. A bill to amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide increased civil and criminal penalties for acts involving fraud and abuse under the Medicare Program and to increase the amount of the surety bond required for suppliers of durable medical equipment; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:

H.R. 204. A bill to permanently prohibit oil and gas leasing off the coast of Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. HENSLING, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MACK, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. McCaUL, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mrs. McmORRIS RODGERS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WESTMOORELAND, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. JONES, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. KINGSTON):

H.R. 205. A bill to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself and Mrs. MYRICK):

H.R. 206. A bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to improve the effectiveness of State defense forces and to increase military coordination for homeland security between the States and the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself and Ms. BORDALLO):

H.R. 207. A bill to amend the National Guard Youth Challenge Program under title 32, United States Code, to exclude non-defense funds made available by other Federal agencies from the matching requirements of the Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 209. A bill to expand the teacher loan forgiveness provisions of the Higher Education Act of 2008 to include speech-language pathologists; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 210. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the acquisition of a parcel of land adjacent to Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. ESCH:

H.R. 211. A bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 9-1-1 emergency services, for information and referral on health and human services, including volunteer services, and
for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:
H.R. 212. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to extend bonus depreciation for 2 years; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:
H.R. 213. A bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption and adoption assistance programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:
H.R. 214. A bill to provide that rates of pay for Members of Congress shall not be subject to automatic adjustment; and to provide that any bill or resolution, which would increase Members’ pay may be adopted only by a recorded vote; to the Committee on House Administration; and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for Mr. PETRI, Mr. LA TOTHERETTE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GELACH, and Mr. SESSENS):
H.R. 215. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acquire a parcel of land adjacent to Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:
H.R. 217. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acquire a parcel of land adjacent to Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:
H.R. 218. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a nonrefundable personal credit to individuals who donate certain life-saving organs; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PAUL, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. JONES, Mr. PETRI, Mr. LATOTHERETTE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GERLACH, and Mr. SESSENS:
R. 219. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to ensure the integrity of the Social Security trust funds by requiring the Managing Trustee to invest the annual surplus of such trust funds in marketable interest-bearing obligations of the United States and certificates of deposit in depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and to protect such trust funds from the public debt limit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PAUL:
H.R. 220. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the confidentiality of Social Security account numbers issued under such title, to prohibit the establishment in the Federal Government of any uniform national identifying number, and to prohibit Federal agencies from imposing standards for identification of individuals to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WITTMAN:
H.R. 221. A bill to require assurances that certain family planning service projects and programs will provide for the collection and containing the contact information of adoption centers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:
H.R. 222. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Northern Neck National Heritage Area in Virginia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself and Mr. Tкаторе):
H.R. 223. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, and the Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. ROBINSON of New York, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. PENCE, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. PETIT, Mr. HILLER, Mr. JONES of Alaska, Mr. WAMP, Mr. CAMP, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BRYAN of Texas, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. SIMPSON, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. BACHMANN, Mrs. MCORRIS Rodger, Mr. BRADSHAW, Mr. BRADSHAW, Mr. WILSON of Georgia, Mr. COOPER, Mr. EHRLER, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. McCaul, Mr. BOST, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. PETRI, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. MACK, Mr. PLATT, Mr. HENSALEK, Mr. BURT of Indiana, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. BLACK, Mr. BLACKBURN, Ms. FOXX, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. GINGRICH of Georgia, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. SHADEGO, Mr. MURDOCH, Mr. HECK ROYCE, Mr. FALKENSTJERRE, Mr. McKEON, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. EDWARDS of Texas, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAILEY, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BILIRAY, Mr. BONNER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. BURGESS, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. DENT, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. FORBES, Mr. GOMER, Mr. GRANGER, Mr. HICKS, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KINK, Mr. LINDEN, Mr. LUCAS, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. MORA of Kansas, Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. REIBERG, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. ROSENTHAL, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. SHIMkus, Mr. THOMSON, Mr. UPTON, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. BOREN, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, and Mr. SULLIVAN):
H.J. Res. 1. A joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (for herself, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. FALKOMAVARI):
H.J. Res. 2. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding presidential election voting rights for residents of all United States territories and commonwealths; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. FOXX (for herself, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MCCALL, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. PLATTS, Mrs. BLACKHURN, Mr. LAMBORN, and Ms. KAPUTR):
H.J. Res. 3. A joint resolution relating to the disapproval of obligations under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. MCCOLLUM:
H.J. Res. 4. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding health care; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SERRANO:
H.J. Res. 5. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to repeal the twenty-second article of amendment, thereby removing the limitation on the number of terms an individual may serve as President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. S LAUGHTER:
H. Con. Res. 1. Concurrent resolution regarding consent to assemble outside the seat of government; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (for herself, Mr. BORDALLO, and Mr. FALKOMAVARI):
H. Con. Res. 2. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service should incorporate consideration of global warming and sea-level rise into the comprehensive conservation plans for coastal national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SERRANO:

By Mr. BECERRA:
H. Res. 1. A resolution electing officers of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOYER:
H. Res. 2. A resolution to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled and of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOYER:
H. Res. 3. A resolution authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee to notify the President of Congress of the assembly of the Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. D INGELL:
H. Res. 4. A resolution authorizing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HOYER:
H. Res. 5. A resolution adopting rules for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MCINTYRE:
H. Res. 6. A resolution recognizing the significant contribution coaches make in the life of children who play organized sports and supporting the goals and ideals of National Coaches Appreciation Week; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. S GIGER:
H. Res. 7. A resolution encouraging increased public awareness of eating disorders
and expanded research for treatment and cures; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LARSON of Connecticut:
H. Res. 8. A resolution electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NADLER of New York:
H. Res. 9. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President of the United States should not issue pardons to senior members of his administration during the final 90 days of his term of office; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SLAUGHTER:
H. Res. 10. A resolution fixing the daily hour of meeting of the First Session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BARTLETT:
H. Res. 11. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States, in collaboration with other international allies, should establish an energy project with the magnitude, creativity, and sense of urgency that was incorporated in the “Man on the Moon” project address the inevitable challenges of “Peak Oil”; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PENCE:
H. Res. 12. A resolution electing certain Minority Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BILBRAY:
H. Res. 13. A resolution providing for the designation of certain minority employees; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ISSA:
H. Res. 14. A resolution recognizing the importance of the Border Patrol in combating human smuggling and commending the Department of Justice for increasing the rate of human smuggler prosecutions; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Texas):
H. Res. 15. A resolution authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether the House should impeach G. Thomas Porteous, a judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mrs. BIGGERT (for herself and Mr. KANJORSKI):
H. Res. 16. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:
H. Res. 17. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to abolish the Committee on Appropriations; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HINCHey, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. FARR, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Boswell, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Ms. SHEA-PORTER):
H. Res. 18. A resolution honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Newman; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GERLACH:
H. Res. 19. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to encourage bipartisan amendments; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. ROYCE (for himself, Ms. Loretta Sanchez of California, Mr. Rohrabacher, Ms. Zoe Lofgren of California, Ms. Cao, Mr. Burton of Indiana, and Mr. WOLF):
H. Res. 20. A resolution calling on the State Department to list the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as a “Country of Particular Concern” with respect to religious freedom; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. STEARNS:
H. Res. 21. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to pregnancy resource centers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself, Mrs. Tauscher, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Hinchey, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Wu, Ms. Norton, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Ms. Shearon, Mr. Hastings of Florida, Mr. Capuano, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Israel, Mrs. Maloney, Mr. Nadler of New York, Ms. Hirono, Mr. Markey of Massachusetts, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Dukes, Mrs. Lowey, Ms. Waters, Ms. Richardson, and Mr. Farr):
H. Res. 22. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Senate should ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, Ms. SHEA-PORTER introduced a bill (H.R. 224) to provide for the liquidation or reliquidation of certain entries of newspaper printing presses and components thereof; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

OFFERED BY Mr. GEORGE MILLER OF CALIFORNIA
H.R. 11, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, “does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(d), 9(e), or 9(f) of Rule XXI.”

OFFERED BY Mr. GEORGE MILLER OF CALIFORNIA
H.R. 12, the Paycheck Fairness Act, “does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(d), 9(e), or 9(f) of Rule XXI.”
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HIGHLIGHTS
Senate convened the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi of California was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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Measures Introduced: One hundred forty-three bills and thirteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1–10, 21, 31–162, S.J. Res. 1–3, S. Res. 1–8, and S. Con. Res. 1–2.

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Measures Passed:

Quorum of House and Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 1, informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled.

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Quorum of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 2, informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled.

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Counting of Electoral Votes: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 1, to provide for the counting on January 8, 2009, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

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Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 2, extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

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Hour of Daily Meeting of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 3, fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

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Secretary of the Interior Compensation and Emoluments: Senate passed S.J. Res. 3, ensuring that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the office of Secretary of the Interior are those which were in effect on January 1, 2005.

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Death of former Senator Claiborne Pell: Senate agreed to S. Res. 8, relative to the death of the Honorable Claiborne de Borda Pell, former United States Senator for the State of Rhode Island.

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Measures Considered:

Objection: Pursuant to rule XIV, paragraph 1, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senator Coburn objected to the introduction of a bill, to designate certain land components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, by Senator Bingaman.

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Appointments:

Congressional Oversight Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 110–343, appointed the following individual as a member of the Congressional Oversight Panel: Senator John Sununu, of New Hampshire; Senate Judd Gregg, of New Hampshire.

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of December 11, 2008, authorizing appointments to be made during the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the Chair lays before the Senate an appointment made on December 18, 2008, which shall be printed in the Record.

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111th Congress—Unanimous Consent Agreements:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 111th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 111th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any roll call vote, with the warning signal to be sounded
at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when roll call votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the 111th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority and Minority Leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of, the Journal.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives and his five assistants be given the privileges of the floor during the 111th Congress.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 111th Congress to file reports during adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend rule XVI, pursuant to rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 111th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 111th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 213 public bills, H.R. 11–223; 1 private bill, H.R. 224; and 30 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1–5; H. Con. Res. 1–3; and H. Res. 1–22, were introduced.

Report Filed: A report was filed on January 3, 2009 as follows:

Summary of Activities of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct for the 110th Congress (H. Rept. 110–938).

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington.

Election Credentials for the Resident Commissioner and Delegates: The Clerk announced that credentials have been received showing the elections of the following: Honorable Pedro R. Pierluisi, Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate from the District of Columbia; Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Delegate from Guam; Honorable Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, Delegate from American Samoa; and Honorable Donna M. Christensen, Delegate from the Virgin Islands; Honorable Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, Delegate from American Samoa; and Honorable Gregorio Sablan, Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Member Resignation: The Clerk announced that she was in receipt of a letter of resignation from Representative Emanuel from the state of Illinois. Agreed without objection that the letters relating to his resignation will be printed in the Record.

Election of Speaker: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi of California was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives and received 255 votes. The Honorable John A. Boehner of Ohio received 174 votes. Earlier, the Clerk appointed Representatives-elect Brady (PA), Daniel E. Lungren (CA), Kaptur, and Ros-Lehtinen to act as Tellers.


Administration of the Oath of Office to Members of the 111th Congress: The Dean of the House, the Honorable John D. Dingell, administered the oath of office to the Speaker. The Speaker then administered the oath to the Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates.

Election of Majority and Minority Leaders: The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Larson, announced the election of Representative Steny H. Hoyer as the Majority Leader. The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Pence, announced the election of Representative John A. Boehner as the Minority Leader.

Election of Majority and Minority Whips: The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Larson, announced the election of Representative James E. Clyburn as the Majority Whip. The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Pence, announced the election of Representative Eric Cantor as the Minority Whip.

ELECTING OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: The House agreed to H.Res. 1, choosing the following officers for the House of Representatives: Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk; Wilson S. Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; Daniel P. Beard, Chief Administrative Officer; and Father Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain.

On a division of the question, rejected the Pence amendment that sought to choose Paula Nowakowski as Clerk; Steve Stombres as Sergeant at Arms; and Jo-Marie St. Martin as Chief Administrative Officer.

NOTIFY THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM HAS ASSEMBLED: The House agreed to H. Res. 2, to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled and of the election of the Speaker and Clerk.

NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE 111TH CONGRESS: The House agreed to H. Res. 3, authorizing the Speaker to appoint members of the House to a joint committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives Hoyer and Boehner to the committee. Later, Representatives Hoyer and Boehner each announced that the Committee had notified the President that a quorum of
each House had assembled and was ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

Notify the President of the Election of the Speaker and the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 4, authorizing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk.

Adopting Rules for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 5, adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 4.

Rejected the Dreier motion to commit the resolution to a select committee comprised of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader with instructions to report back the same to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 174 yeas to 249 nays, Roll No. 3.

Election of Members to Certain Standing Committees: The House agreed to H. Res. 8, electing the following Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Agriculture: Representative Peterson, Chairman. Committee on Appropriations: Representative Obey, Chairman. Committee on Armed Services: Representative Spratt, Chairman. Committee on Budget: Representative Slaughter, Chairman; Representatives McGovern, Chairman. Committee on the Judiciary: Representative Smith (TX). Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representative Issa. Committee on Rules: Representative Dreier. Committee on Science and Technology: Representative Hall (TX). Committee on Small Business: Representative Graves. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Mica. Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Representative Buyer. Committee on Ways and Means: Representative Camp.

Daily Hour of Meeting: The House agreed to H. Res. 10, fixing the daily hour of meeting for the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.


Appointment Authority: Agreed that during the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

Extension of Remarks: Agreed that during the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material within the permitted limit in that section of the Record entitled “Extensions of Remarks”.

Morning-Hour Debate: Agreed to the procedures regarding the format for morning-hour debate for the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

Policies of the Chair: The Chair announced her policies with respect to particular aspects of the legislative process dealing with (1) privileges of the floor; (2) introduction of bills and resolutions; (3) unanimous-consent requests for the consideration of legislation; (4) recognition for one-minute speeches;
(5) recognition for special-order speeches; (6) decorum in debate; (7) conduct of votes by electronic device; (8) use of handouts on the House floor; (9) use of electronic equipment on the House floor; and (10) use of the Chamber. Agreed without objection that the announcements will be printed in the Record.

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House Office Building Commission: The Chair announced that Representatives Hoyer and Boehner will serve as members of the House Office Building Commission with the Speaker.

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Inspector General for the House of Representatives—Appointment: The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader of Mr. James J. Cornell of Springfield, Virginia, to the position of Inspector General for the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Reyes, Chairman, and Representative Hoekstra.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions in her absence during the period of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

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Clerk Designations: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Ms. Deborah M. Spriggs, Deputy Clerk, and Mr. Robert F. Reeves, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of her temporary absence or disability.

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Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics—Reappointments: The Chair announced the reappointment of the following individuals to serve as the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics, pursuant to section 4(d) of H. Res. 5, 111th Congress, and the order of the House of today: Nominated by the Speaker with the concurrence of the Minority Leader: Mr. David Skaggs of Colorado, Chairman; Mrs. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke of California, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); Ms. Karan English of Arizona, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); and Mr. Abner Mikva of Illinois, Alternate. Nominated by the Minority Leader with the concurrence of the Speaker: Mr. Porter J. Goss of Florida, Cochairman; Mr. James M. Eagen III of Colorado, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); Ms. Allison R. Hayward of Virginia, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); and Mr. Bill Frenzel of Virginia, Alternate.

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Succession of the Speaker of the House: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she designated Representative Hoyer to act jointly with the Majority Leader of the Senate, or his designee, in the event of the death or inability of the Speaker, to notify Members of the House and Senate of any reassembly.

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Order of Members to Act as Speaker Pro Tempore: The Chair announced that the Speaker delivered to the Clerk a letter dated January 6, 2009, listing Members in the order in which each shall act as Speaker pro tempore under clause 8(b)(3) of rule 1.

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Designation of Minority Employees: The House agreed to H. Res. 13, designating minority employees pursuant to the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, as amended.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H24.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages 19 and 20. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1, which appears on pages 1 and 2.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ASSESSING MADOFF PONZI SCHEME AND THE NEED FOR REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: On January 5, the Committee met to discuss “Assessing the Madoff Ponzi Scheme and the Need for Regulatory Reform.” The following persons participated in the discussion: H. David Kotz, Inspector General, SEC; and non-governmental persons.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D—)

H.R. 6859, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1501 South Slappey Boulevard in Albany, Georgia, as the “Dr. Walter Carl Gordon, Jr. Post Office Building”. Signed on December 19, 2008. (Public Law 110–454)

S.J. Res. 46, ensuring that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the office of Secretary of State are those which were in effect on January 1, 2007. Signed on December 19, 2008. (Public Law 110–455)
H.R. 6184, to provide for a program for circulating quarter dollar coins that are emblematic of a national park or other national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory of the United States, and for other purposes. Signed on December 23, 2008. (Public Law 110–456)

H.R. 7311, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes. Signed on December 23, 2008. (Public Law 110–457)

H.R. 7327, to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, and for other purposes. Signed on December 23, 2008. (Public Law 110–458)

S. 3663, to require the Federal Communications Commission to provide for a short-term extension of the analog television broadcasting authority so that essential public safety announcements and digital television transition information may be provided for a short time during the transition to digital television broadcasting. Signed on December 23, 2008. (Public Law 110–459)


**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

Committee on Rules, to meet for organizational purposes, 10:30 a.m., H–313 Capitol.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
11:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business.
(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, January 7

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.