

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 204 public bills, H.R. 11–18, 20–43, 45–49, 51–57, 59–87, 89–90, 92–100, 108–129, 131–152, 155–162, 164–172, 174–188, 190–225, 229–231, 233–237; and; 49 resolutions, H. J. Res. 1–7, 9; H. Con. Res. 1–6, 8–12, and H. Res. 1–18, 20–31 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on December 27, 2004: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–799);

Filed on December 29, 2004: Committee on Small Business. Summary of Activities of the Committee on Small Business for the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–800);

Filed on January 3: Committee on Appropriations. Report on Activities of the Committee on Appropriations, 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–801);

Filed on January 3: Committee on Financial Services. Report on the Activity of the Committee on Financial Services for the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–802);

Filed on January 3: Committee on Energy and Commerce. Report on the Activity of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–803);

Filed on January 3: Committee on Agriculture. Report of the Committee on Agriculture on Activities During the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–804);

Filed on January 3: Committee on the Judiciary. Report of the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary During the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–805);

Filed on January 3: Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. Summary of Activities of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct for the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–806);

Filed on January 3: Committee on Armed Services. Report of the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services, 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–807);

Filed on January 3: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Activities Report of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–808);

Filed on January 3: Committee on International Relations. Legislative Review Activities of the Committee on International Relations, 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–809);

Filed on January 3: Committee on Ways and Means. Report on the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Ways and Means During the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–810);

Filed on January 3: Committee on Resources. Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Resources During the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–811);

Filed on January 3: Select Committee on Homeland Security. Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security During the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–812);

Filed on January 3: Committee on Education and the Workforce. Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce During the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–813); and

Filed on January 3: Committee on Rules. Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules, 108th Congress (H. Rept. 108–814). **Page H71**

Election of Speaker: The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert of Illinois was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives and received 226 votes. The Honorable Nancy Pelosi of California received 199 votes, the Honorable John Murtha of Pennsylvania received one vote, and four members-elect voted "present". Earlier, the Clerk appointed Representatives-elect Ney, Larson of Connecticut, Johnson of Connecticut, and Kaptur to act as Tellers. **Pages H2–6**

Escort Committee: The Clerk appointed the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Chair: Representatives-elect Pelosi, DeLay, Blunt, Hoyer, Pryce of Ohio, Menendez, Hyde, Evans, Costello, Gutierrez, Manzullo, Rush, LaHood, Weller, Jackson of Illinois, Davis of Illinois, Shimkus, Biggert, Schakowsky, Johnson of Illinois, Kirk, Emanuel, Bean, and Lipinski. **Page H3**

Administration of the Oath of Office to Members of the 109th 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. **Page H6**

Election of Majority and Minority Leaders: The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Pryce of Ohio, announced the election of Representative DeLay as the Majority Leader. The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Menendez, announced the election of Representative Pelosi as the Minority Leader. **Page H6**

Election of Majority and Minority Whips: The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Pryce of Ohio, announced the election of Representative Roy Blunt as the Majority Whip. The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Menendez, announced the election of Representative Hoyer as the Minority Whip. **Page H6**

Electing Officers of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Res. 1, choosing the following officers for the House of Representatives: Jeffrey J. Trandahl, Clerk; Wilson S. Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; James M. Eagen III, Chief Administrative Officer; and Father Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain. **Page H6**

On a division of the question, rejected the Menendez amendment that sought to choose Jerry Hartz as Clerk; Dean Aguillen as Sergeant at Arms; and Terri McCullough as Chief Administrative Officer. **Page H7**

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. **Page H7**

Notify the President of the Assembly of the 109th 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 DeLay and Pelosi to the committee. Later Representative DeLay announced that the Committee to notify the President that a quorum of each House had assembled and was ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make. **Page H7**

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. **Page H7**

Adopting Rules for the One Hundred Ninth Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 5, adopting rules for the One Hundred Ninth Congress by a ye and nay vote of 220 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 6,

after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 222 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 4. **Page H7**

Earlier it was agreed to consider the resolution by a ye and nay vote of 224 yeas to 192 nays and one voting "present", Roll No. 3. **Page H11**

A point of order offered by Representative Baird on the content of the measure was ruled not recognizable. **Pages H9–11**

Rejected the Slaughter motion to commit the resolution to a select committee composed of the Majority Leader and Minority Leader with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a ye and nay vote of 196 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 5. **Pages H30–31**

Rules Committee Membership: The House agreed to H. Res. 6, electing Representatives Dreier (Chairman), Lincoln Diaz-Balart (FL), Hastings (WA), Sessions, Putnam, Capito, Cole and Bishop (UT) to the Committee on Rules. **Pages H31–32**

Designation of Minority Employees: The House agreed to H. Res. 7, designating minority employees pursuant to the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, as amended. **Page H32**

Daily Hour of Meeting: The House agreed to H. Res. 8, fixing the daily hour of meeting of the first session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress. **Page H32**

Assembly outside of the District of Columbia: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 1, regarding consent to assemble outside of the District of Columbia. **Page H32**

Counting of Electoral Votes: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 1, providing for the counting on January 6, 2005, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States. **Page H32**

Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 2, extending the power and authority of the joint committee created pursuant to S. Con. Res. 94, and also to extend the provisions of S. Con. Res. 93 regarding the use of the Rotunda for the inaugural ceremonies. Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of the following members of the House to the Joint Inaugural Committee: Speaker Hastert, and Representatives DeLay and Pelosi. **Page H32**

Attendance at the Inauguration of the President and Vice President: The House agreed to H. Res. 9, providing for the attendance of the House at the Inaugural Ceremonies of the President and Vice President on Thursday, January 20, 2005. **Pages H32–33**

Conditional Adjournment of Both Houses: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 2, providing for the conditional recess or adjournment of the House of Representatives and Senate. **Page H33**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2005. **Page H33**

Appointment Authority: Agreed that during the First Session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H33**

Extension of Remarks: Agreed that during the First Session of the One Hundred Ninth 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". **Page H33**

Policies of the Chair: The Chair announced his 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 agreements; (4) recognition for one-minute speeches, morning-hour debate, and special orders; (5) decorum in debate; (6) conduct of votes by electronic device; (7) distribution of written material on the House floor; (8) use of wireless telephones or personal computers on the House floor; and (9) jurisdictional issues. Without objection the announcements will be printed in the Record. **Pages H33–35**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Hoekstra as Chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H35**

House Office Buildings Commission: The Chair announced that Representatives DeLay and Pelosi will serve as members of the House Office Building Commission with Speaker Hastert. **Page H35**

Clerk Designations: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he designated Mr. Gerasimos C. Vans, Deputy Clerk; Ms. Marjorie C. Kelaher, Assistant to the Clerk; or Mr. Daniel J. Strodel, Assistant to the Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of his temporary absence or disability. **Page H35**

Homeland Security Committee: The House agreed to H. Res. 10, providing for the interim expenses of the Committee on Homeland Security in the first session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress. **Pages H35–37**

Morning Hour Debate: During the first session of the 109th Congress, agreed that on the legislative days of Monday and Tuesday before May 16, 2005, the House shall convene 90 minutes earlier than otherwise established for the purpose of morning-hour debate. Agreed that on the legislative day of Tuesday after May 16, 2005, the House shall convene for morning-hour debate one hour earlier than the time otherwise established. **Page H37**

Expressing condolences and support for the victims of the tsunami in South and Southeast Asia: The House agreed to H. Res. 12, expressing condolences and support for assistance to the victims of the earthquake and tsunamis that occurred on December 26, 2004, in South and Southeast Asia. **Pages H37–47**

In Memory of the late Honorable Robert T. Matsui of California: The House agreed to H. Res. 11, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Robert T. Matsui, a Representative from the State of California. **Pages H47–63**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H32.

Quorum Calls—Votes: 5 yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H3, H11, H29–30, H30–31, H31. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1, which appears on page H1–2.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and at 9:25 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 11, it stands adjourned in memory of the late Honorable Robert T. Matsui.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1134)

H.R. 480, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 747 Broadway in Albany, New York, as the "United States Postal Service Henry Johnson Annex". Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108–459).

H.R. 2119, to provide for the conveyance of Federal lands, improvements, equipment, and resource materials at the Oxford Research Station in Granville County, North Carolina, to the State of North Carolina. Signed on December 21, 2004. (Public Law 108–460).

H.R. 2523, to designate the United States courthouse located at 125 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "Tomochichi United States Courthouse".