

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3928–3937; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 255; and H. Res. 471 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 468, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. 109–238); H. Res. 469, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 68) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes; for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and addressing a motion to proceed under section 2908 of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Rept. 109–239); and H. Res. 470, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3824) to amend and reauthorize the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species, and for other purposes (Rept. 109–240).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Shaw to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Thomas Johns, Pastor, St. John Vianney Parish, Mentor, Ohio.

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2006—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 2360, to make appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

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Rejected the Sabo motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 497.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Messrs. Rogers of Kentucky, Wamp, Latham, Mrs. Emerson, Messrs. Sweeney, Kolbe, Istook, LaHood, Crenshaw, Carter, Lewis of California, Sabo, Price of North Carolina, Serrano, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Messrs. Bishop of Georgia, Berry, Edwards, and Obey.

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SUSPENSIONS: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Act of 2005: H.R. 3864, amended, to provide vocational

rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to assist individuals with disabilities affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita through vocational rehabilitation services.”

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Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005: Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3200, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance program;

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A bill to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to reauthorize that Act: S. 1752, to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to reauthorize that Act;—clearing the measure for the President;

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m.

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Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 through 2009: The House passed H.R. 3402, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, by a yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 501.

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Rejected the Stupak motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 195 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 500.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

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Agreed to:

Sensenbrenner Manager’s amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) which makes various technical changes to the bill requested by various members and the Department of Justice, (by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 499);

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Cuellar amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) that authorizes appropriations for the newly-structured Border Violence Task Force in Laredo, Texas. The amendment allows the Attorney General to designate the lead on the Border Violence Task Force that is currently being led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives;

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Cuellar amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) that authorizes the FBI National Gang Intelligence Center. It adds funding in authorization for the Center for each fiscal year of the bill;

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Capuano amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) that authorizes the Attorney General, acting through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, to make grants to State and local prosecutors and law enforcement agencies in support of juvenile (17 years of age or younger) and young adult (between 18 and 21 years of age) witness assistance programs. The amendment authorizes funding for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2009;

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Kennedy of Minnesota amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) which provides a requirement that treatment under the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program be available to those individuals who have passed a regularly administered drug-screening test for three months and that aftercare be provided to prisoners enrolled in the RSAT program as a component of comprehensive substance abuse treatment;

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Brown-Waite of Florida amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) that requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to report to Congress on the correlation between a perpetrators drug and alcohol abuse and the reported incidence of violence at domestic violence shelters;

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Kolbe amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) which reauthorizes the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) through FY2011 and would increase authorized funding also specifies that funds “may be used only for correctional purposes.” The amendment also requires the Department of Justice Inspector General submit a report on the State and local governments that receive SCAAP funding and whether they are cooperating with efforts to deport criminal aliens;

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King of Iowa amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) that prohibits a person convicted of domestic violence from sponsoring a visa applicant in the future;

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Ryan of Ohio amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) which provides additional Federal funding for programs that have received grants by the Department of Justice (Office of Violence Against Women) for providing counseling and shelter for women and children in crisis pregnancies; and

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Slaughter amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) which expands the current Federal criminal ban on fake police badges and the misuse of authentic badges to include the uniforms, identification, and all other insignia of all public officials. The use of such badges, uniforms, and insignia

would be permitted for dramatic, decorative, display, and recreational purposes.

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Withdrawn:

Poe amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to establish a fixed annual allocation for State victim assistance grants and OVC discretionary grants equal to the average amount allocated over the previous three years plus 5 percent; and

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Slaughter amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–236) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to require the Office of Victims of Crime working with national, State, and local authorities and in collaboration with other Federal agencies to develop and implement a plan that allows law enforcement officials to gather evidence of a crime during times of emergency even if the crime occurred outside of their jurisdiction. Furthermore, it requires OVC to coordinate, inform, and educate victims, service providers, and law enforcement officials of the process and mechanisms available for reporting violent crimes and gathering evidence during emergencies.

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The amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was adopted.

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 462, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 330 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 498, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote.

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SUSPENSIONS—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue at a later date:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the July, 2005, measures of extreme repression on the part of the Cuban Government: H. Res. 388, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the July, 2005, measures of extreme repression on the part of the Cuban Government against members of Cuba’s pro-democracy movement, calling for the immediate release of all political prisoners, the legalization of political parties and free elections in Cuba, urging the European Union to reexamine its policy toward Cuba, and calling on the representative of the United States to the 62d session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to ensure a resolution calling upon the Cuban regime to end its human rights violations;

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Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States: H. Con. Res. 245, to express the sense of Congress that the United States Supreme Court should speedily find the use of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools to be consistent with the Constitution of the United States; and

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Recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 178, as amended, to recognize the need to pursue research into the causes, a treatment, and an eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the goals and ideals of National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week.

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representatives Levin, Kap-
tur, Brown of Ohio, and Honda.

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Selection of Majority Leader: The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Pryce of Ohio, announced the selection of Representative Blunt as the Majority Leader.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H8401 and H8485.

Senate Referrals: S. 37 was referred to the Committees on Government Reform, Energy and Commerce and Armed Services and S. 1281 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: 4 yea-and-nay votes and 1 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8405, H8406, H8479–80, and H8480–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW NATIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture held a hearing to review the development of a private sector-based National Animal Identification System (NAIS). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Department of Defense (Hurricane Katrina). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG H. Steven Blum, USAF, Chief, National Guard Bureau; and Paul McHale, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Corps of Engineers (Hurricane Katrina). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: LTG. Carl Strock, USA. Chief Engineers, U.S. Corps of Engineers; and John Paul Woodley, Jr., Office of the Assistant Secretary, Civil Works; and Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO.

THREATS IN MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee Defense Review Threat Panel held a hearing on threats in Middle East and Africa. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

GASOLINE FOR AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3893, Gasoline for America's Security Act of 2005.

POST-KATRINA RELIEF AND RECOVERY—GUARD AGAINST WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Guarding Against Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in Post-Katrina Relief and Recovery: The Plans of Inspectors General." Testimony was heard from Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Gregory H. Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Richard L. Skinner, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Joseph Vengren, Deputy Inspector General, Audits; and Michael Little, Deputy Inspector General, Investigations; Nikki L. Tinsley, Inspector General, EPA; Johnnie E. Frazier, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and H. Walker Feaster, III, Inspector General, FCC.

PRIVATE SECTOR/BASEL

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a