

greater transparency to the legislative process, focusing on lobbying and related reforms, and strengthening the enforcement of existing public advocacy laws and ethics rules that cover Members of Congress, staff and lobbyists, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain, Feingold, Coleman, and Obama; and former Representative Al Swift and Robert D. Hynes, Jr., both of Colling Murphy Swift Hynes, LLC, James A. Thurber, Center for Congress-

sional and Presidential Studies, and Fred Wertheimer, Democracy 21, all of Washington, D.C.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 32 public bills, H.R. 4707–4739; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 77–78; H. Con. Res. 334–338; and H. Res. 671–672, were introduced. **Pages H223–25**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H225–26**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3729, to provide emergency authority to delay or toll judicial proceedings in United States district and circuit courts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–371);

H.R. 2791, to amend title 35, United States Code, with respect to patent fees (H. Rept. 109–372); and

H.R. 4093, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, to improve the administration of justice, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–373). **Page H223**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. John Appel, Senior Pastor, Frederick Seventh-day Adventist Church, Frederick, Maryland. **Page H161**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Ros-Lehtinen wherein she resigned from the Committee on the Budget, effective immediately. **Page H164**

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

*Congratulating the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL and completing one of the greatest postseason runs in professional sports history:* H. Res. 670, to congratulate the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL and completing one of the greatest postseason runs in professional sports history, by a

yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas with none voting “nay” and 10 voting “present”, Roll No. 5;

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*To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the “Hattie Caraway Station”:* H.R. 4456, amended, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the “Hattie Caraway Station”;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2404 Race Street in Jonesboro, Arkansas, as the “Hattie W. Caraway Station”.”. **Page H169**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of The Year of the Museum:* H. Res. 389, to support the goals and ideals of The Year of the Museum; **Pages H169–71**

*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month:* H. Res. 660, to support the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month;

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*Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools:* H. Res. 657, to honor the contributions of Catholic schools, by a yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 6; **Pages H174–80, H194–95**

*Honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 12 coal miners killed and the stamina and courage of the one who survived the mine disaster in Sago, West Virginia, and the sacrifice and courage of the two coal miners killed in the Aracoma Alma mine disaster, and recognizing the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies:* H. Con. Res. 331, amended, to honor the sacrifice and courage of the 12 coal miners killed and the stamina and courage of the one who survived the mine disaster in Sago, West Virginia, and the sacrifice and courage of the two coal miners killed in the Aracoma Alma mine disaster, and recognizing

the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies. **Pages H180–85**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Honoring the sacrifice and courage of the 16 coal miners killed in various mine disasters in West Virginia, and recognizing the rescue crews for their outstanding efforts in the aftermath of the tragedies.”.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened at 5:12 p.m.

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**Tax Relief Act of 2005—Motion to go to Conference:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, and asked for a conference.

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Rejected the Neal motion to instruct conferees by a yea-and-nay vote of 185 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 7.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Thomas, McCrery, Camp of Michigan, Rangel, and Stark.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative King wherein he resigned from the Committee on Financial Services, effective immediately.

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**Election of Majority Leader:** The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Pryce of Ohio, announced the election of Representative Boehner as the Majority Leader.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 671, electing the following members to the following standing committees:

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Committee on Appropriations: Representative DeLay to rank after Representative Wolf.

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Committee on the Budget: Representative Campbell of California.

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Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representative Blunt to rank after Representative Fossella.

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Committee on Financial Services: Representative Campbell of California.

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Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representative Campbell of California.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 15th.

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**Presidential Message—National Emergency re Côte d'Ivoire:** Read a message from the President wherein he declared a national emergency to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the conflicts in Côte d'Ivoire—re-

ferred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–88).

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**Presidential Message:** Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted the 2006 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Government Reform, International Relations, Transportation and Infrastructure, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on Homeland Security.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H202.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 69 and S. Con. Res. 80 were held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H194, H194–95, and H195–96. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2007

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization budget request from the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; GEN Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and GEN Peter Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

### PRESIDENT'S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2007

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2007. Testimony was heard from Joshua B. Bolten, Director, OMB.

### BUILD HOUSES FOR OUR MILITARY'S ENLISTED SERVICEMEMBERS ACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 3186, Build Houses for Our Military's Enlisted Servicemembers Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ryun of Kansas and Green of Texas; and public witnesses.

### FLU PANDEMIC

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science