

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 472–498, 500; 2 private bills, H.R. 499, 501; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 15; H. Con. Res. 33; and H. Res. 64, 67–68 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H572–73

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 65, providing for consideration of H.R. 5, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reduce interest rates for student borrowers (H. Rept. 110–1); and

H. Res. 66, providing for consideration of H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy (H. Rept. 110–2).

Pages H560, H571

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Ruppertsberger to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:38 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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

Observing the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.: H. Res. 61, to observe the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., and to encourage the people of the United States to observe the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by a 2/3 Yea and Nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 24;

Pages H519–32, H542–43

Providing a new effective date for the applicability of certain provisions of law to Public Law 105–331: H.R. 188, to provide a new effective date for the applicability of certain provisions of law to Public Law 105–331;

Pages H532–34

Authorizing the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to continue to insure, and to enter into commitments to insure, home equity conversion mortgages under section 255 of the National Housing Act: H.R. 391, to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to continue to insure, and to enter into commitments to insure, home equity conversion mortgages under section 255 of the National Housing Act; **Pages H534–36**

Commending the University of Florida Gators for their victory in the 2006 Bowl Championship Series (BCS) and for winning the national college football championship: H. Res. 39, amended, to commend the University of Florida Gators for their victory in the 2006 Bowl Championship Series (BCS) and for winning the national college football championship, by a 2/3 Yea and Nay vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, with 3 voting “present,” Roll No. 25; and

Pages H538–40, H543–44

Commending the Boise State University Broncos football team for winning the 2007 Fiesta Bowl and completing an undefeated season: H. Res. 43, to commend the Boise State University Broncos football team for winning the 2007 Fiesta Bowl and completing an undefeated season by a 2/3 Yea and Nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay,” and 2 voting “present,” Roll No. 26. **Pages H540–42, H544**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 17.

Honoring the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to remedy racial discrimination in employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard: H. Con. Res. 31, to honor the Mare Island Original 21ers for their efforts to remedy racial discrimination in employment at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

Pages H536–38

Recess: The House recessed at 4:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three Yea and Nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H542–43, H543–44, and H544. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Appropriations: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress.

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN—U.S. FORCE PROTECTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces held a hearing on

Marine Corps force protection equipment for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Marine Corps: BG Randolph D. Alles, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory; and BG Michael M. Brogan, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command.

THE COLLEGE STUDENT RELIEF ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a closed rule providing 3 hours of general debate on H.R. 5, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reduce interest rates for student borrowers, in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration except for clause 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of California and Representatives McKeon and Keller.

CREATING LONG-TERM ENERGY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE NATION (CLEAN) ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a closed rule providing 3 hours of general debate on H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes, in the House with 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources, 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture, and 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and against its consideration except for clause 9 and 10 or Rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also provides that during consideration of H.R. 6 pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill

to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representatives Nunes, Bartlett of Maryland and Biggert.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D35)

H.R. 482, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal lands in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico. Signed on January 12, 2007. (Public Law 109-474)

H.R. 1245, to provide for programs to increase the awareness and knowledge of women and health care providers with respect to gynecologic cancers. Signed on January 12, 2007. (Public Law 109-475)

H.R. 4709, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen protections for law enforcement officers and the public by providing criminal penalties for the fraudulent acquisition or unauthorized disclosure of phone records. Signed on January 12, 2007. (Public Law 109-476)

H.R. 4997, to extend for 2 years the authority to grant waivers of the foreign country residence requirement with respect to certain international medical graduates. Signed on January 12, 2007. (Public Law 109-477)

H.R. 5483, to increase the disability earning limitation under the Railroad Retirement Act and to index the amount of allowable earnings consistent with increases in the substantial gainful activity dollar amount under the Social Security Act. Signed on January 12, 2007. (Public Law 109-478)

H.R. 5946, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize activities to promote improved monitoring and compliance for high seas fisheries, or fisheries governed by international fishery management agreements. Signed on January 12, 2007. (Public Law 109-479)

H.R. 5948, to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004. Signed on January 12, 2007. (Public Law 109-480)

H.R. 6338, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent and repress the misuse of the Red Crescent distinctive emblem and the Third Protocol (Red Crystal) distinctive emblem. Signed on January 12, 2007. (Public Law 109-481)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine conservation security program and