

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 5488–5500; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 998–1000, 1002 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1001, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5351) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation (H. Rept. 110–530).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Adolphus C. Lacey, Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Peekskill, New York.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 183 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 72.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Bonner, wherein he resigned from the Committees on Agriculture and Science and Technology, effective Monday, February 25, 2008.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 998, electing the following Members to serve on certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Appropriations: Representative Bonner. Committee on the Budget: Representative Jordan. Committee on Financial Services: Representative Heller (NV). Committee on Natural Resources: Representatives Smith (NE) and Wittman (VA). Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Latta.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 999, electing the following Member to serve on the Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representative Lee.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Jordan, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business, effective Monday, February 25, 2008.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Heller (NV), wherein he resigned from the Committees on Natural Resources, Education and Labor, and Small Business, effective Monday, February 25, 2008.

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Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 3521, to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 974, further proceedings were postponed.

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Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Smith (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 77.

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Representative Bachmann moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with instructions. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Pursuant to section 3 of the rule, H. Res. 955 is laid upon the table.

Accepted:

Sires manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–524) that clarifies the intent of an amendment offered by Representative Velázquez and adopted by the Financial Services Committee by ensuring that public housing authorities that apply to HUD for "stop-loss" do not have their applications rejected on the basis that the management and related fees they establish pursuant to this bill are not reasonable as defined by HUD. Additionally, the amendment is a restatement of current law with respect to the ineligibility of illegal immigrants for assistance (by a recorded vote of 415 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 75) and

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Meek (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–524) that holds HUD responsible, in the case of receivership, for performing the same responsibilities that the local housing agencies have in respect to working with tenant associations before building public housing. Additionally, in the case of receivership, before building new public housing HUD

must honor any formal agreements entered into before the commencement of such receivership between the local housing authority and the tenant association (by a recorded vote of 337 ayes to 77 noes, Roll No. 76). **Pages H1052–54**

H. Res. 974, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 74, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 73.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 27th. **Page H1072**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1044, H1044–45, H1045–46, H1052–53, H1053–54 and H1054–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office of Science and Technology Policy and on International Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from John H. Marburger, III, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Daniel R. Pearson, Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Missile Defense Agency. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LT Gen Henry A. (Trey) Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and LT Gen Kevin T. Campbell, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense; and Paul Francis, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management GAO.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Immigration Enforcement Issues, including Comprehensive Identification and Removal of Criminal Aliens and Students and Exchange Visitor Program fee increases—Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Testimony

was heard from Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, and a public witness.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Environmental Protection Agency. Testimony was heard from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, EPA.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education.

The Subcommittee also held an overview hearing on Opportunities Lost and Costs to Society: The Social and Economic Burden of Inadequate Education, Training and Workforce Development. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on American Battle Commission, Arlington National Cemetery and United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, Armed Forces Retirement Income, and on United States Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims. Testimony was heard from Brig Gen John W. Nicholson, USA, (Retired), Secretary and Brig Gen. William J. Leszczynski, Jr. USA, (Retired) Executive Director, both with the American Battle Monuments Commission; John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Department of the Army; Timothy Cox, Chief Operating Officer, Armed Forces Retirement Home; and Chief Judge William Green, United States Court of Appeals for Veteran's Claims.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget-Millennium Challenge Account. Testimony was heard from John Danilovich, CEO, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Federal Railroad