

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 6908–6917; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 415–417; and H. Res. 1440, 1442–1447, were introduced. **Pages H8275–76**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8276–77**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1441, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3036) to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education (H. Rept. 110–854);

H.R. 6323, to establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–855);

H. Res. 1376, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Okeechobee Hurricane of September 1928 and its associated tragic loss of life, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–856);

H.R. 5244, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–857); and

Misleading Information from the Battlefield: The Tillman and Lynch Episodes (H. Rept. 110–858).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Solis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8131**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:44 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H8136**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H8136, H8257**

Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed H.R. 1485, for the relief of Esther Karinge; H.R. 2760, for the relief of Shigeru Yamada; H.R. 5030, for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic; H.R. 5243, for the relief of Kumi Iizuka-Barcena; and passed over without prejudice H.R. 2575, for the relief of Mikael Adrian Christopher Figueroa Alvarez. **Pages H8137–38**

Motion To Adjourn: Rejected the Pence motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 11 yeas to 393 nays, Roll No. 592. **Pages H8151–52**

Motion To Adjourn: Rejected the Price (GA) motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 9 yeas to 386 noes, Roll No. 594. **Page H8157**

Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 6899, to advance the national security interests of the United States by reducing its dependency on oil through renewable and clean, alternative fuel technologies while building a bridge to the future through expanded access to Federal oil and natural gas resources, revising the relationship between the oil and gas industry and the consumers who own those resources and deserve a fair return from the development of publicly owned oil and gas, ending tax subsidies for large oil and gas companies, and facilitating energy efficiencies in the building, housing, and transportation sectors, by a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 189 noes, Roll No. 599. **Pages H8180–H8256**

Rejected the Peterson (PA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 598.

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H. Res. 1433, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 596, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 595.

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A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 1433 and it was agreed by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 593, to proceed with consideration of the resolution.

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National Capital Security and Safety Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 6842, to require the District of Columbia to revise its laws regarding the use and possession of firearms as necessary to comply with the requirements of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*, in a manner that protects the security interests of the Federal government and the people who work in, reside in, or visit the District of Columbia and does not undermine the efforts of law enforcement, homeland security, and military officials to protect the Nation's Capital from crime and terrorism. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and the bill, as amended, shall

be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Proceedings Postponed:

Childers amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in H. Rept. 110–852) that seeks to strike all after the enacting clause and insert a complete new text entitled “Second Amendment Enforcement Act”.

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H. Res. 1434, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 597.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8136.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8151–52, H8156–57, H8157, H8178–79, H8179, H8180, H8255–56, and H8256. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17th.

Committee Meetings

U.S. FOREIGN STRATEGY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Considerations for an American Grand Strategy. Testimony was heard from Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State.

DEFEATING THE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Defeating the Improvised Explosive and Other Asymmetric Threats: Today’s efforts and Tomorrow’s Requirements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Thomas F. Metz, USA, Director, Joint Improvised Device Defeat Organization; William Beasley, Joint Rapid Acquisition, Cell, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics); Tom Matthews, Director, Warfighter Requirements and Evaluation, Office of the Under Secretary (Intelligence); MG Jason K. Kamiya, USA, Director Joint Training Directorate (J7); U.S. Joint Training Directorate, U.S. Joint Forces Command; and Bradley Berkson, Director, Programs, Analysis and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary.

BUDGET SURPLUS

Committee on the Budget: Hearing on Iraq’s Budget Surplus. Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; Christopher M. Blanchard, Analyst in Middle Eastern Affairs, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

CALLING CARD CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT; TRAVEL PROMOTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee the following bills: H.R. 3232, amended; Travel Promotion Act 2007; and H.R. 3402, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 3402, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act. Testimony was heard from William E. Kovacic, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

DEFEATING IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Defeating the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Other Asymmetric Threats: Today’s Efforts and Tomorrow’s Requirements.

STATUS OF DTV TRANSITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “Status of the DTV Transition: 154 Days and Counting,” Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC; Meredith Baker, Acting Assistant Secretary, Communications, Department of Commerce; Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Began consideration of the following bills: H.R. 6694, FHA Seller-Financed Downpayment Reform and Risk-Based Pricing Authorization Act of 2008; H.R. 6890, Payments System Protection Act of 2008; H.R. 3019, Expand and Preserve Home Ownership Through Counseling Act; H.R. 6642, National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act Amendments of 2008; and H.R. 6871, Expedited Funds Availability Dollar Limits Adjustment Act of 2008.

HUD’S PROPOSED RESPA RULE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled: “HUD’s Proposed RESPA Rule.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.