

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 42 public bills, H.R. 6936–6946, 6948–6978; 1 private bill, H.R. 6979; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 98; H. Con. Res. 420–421; and H. Res. 1461–1470 were introduced.

**Pages H8475–77**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H8477–78**

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

H.R. 1650, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–860, Pt. 1);

H.R. 6159, to provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest in the State of California, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–861); and

H.R. 6947, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 (H. Rept. 110–862).

**Pages H8462, H8475**

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

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Chuck Coffelt, Gillett United Methodist Church, Gillett, Arkansas.

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**Commodity Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2008:** The House passed H.R. 6604, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to bring greater transparency and accountability to commodity markets, by a recorded vote of 283 ayes to 133 noes, Roll No. 608.

**Pages H8413–29**

Rejected the Moran (KS) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report the bill back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 607.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 110–859 shall be considered as adopted.

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

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H. Res. 1449, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 606, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 605.

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**Privileged Resolution:** The House agreed to table H. Res. 1460, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 176 nays with 11 voting “present”, Roll No. 609.

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**No Child Left Inside Act of 2008:** The House passed H.R. 3036, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, by a yea-and-nay vote of 293 yeas to 109 nays, Roll No. 614.

**Pages H8432–35, H8435–51**

Rejected the Price (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 613.

**Pages H8448–50**

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

**Pages H8443, H8448**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To reauthorize and enhance the National Environmental Education Act.”

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Accepted:

Welch (VT) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–854) that allows municipalities to be eligible for the National Capacity Environmental Education Grant Program;

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Courtney amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–854) that adds that applicants may describe on their application for federal grant funds how they have partnered, or intend to partner, with a State and local park and recreation department; and

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Sarbanes amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–854) that clarifies that funds issued under the National Capacity Environmental Education Grant Program may be used to address environmental justice issues that may arise in low income communities. The amendment also provides that funds may be used to develop and implement policy approaches to environmental education including specified topics (by a recorded vote of 383 ayes to 23 noes, Roll No. 612).

**Pages H8444–45, H8447–48**

H. Res. 1441, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 611, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 610.

**Pages H8402–05, H8430–32**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, September 17th:

**Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act of 2008:** H.R. 6460, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 371 ayes to 20 noes, Roll No. 615. **Pages H8451–52**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 22nd for morning hour debate. **Page H8454**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 24th. **Page H8454**

**Order of Procedure:** The House agreed by unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Wednesday, September 17th:

**Supporting the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month:** H. Res. 1432, to support the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children in foster care awaiting families, to celebrate children and families involved in adoption, to recognize current programs and efforts designed to promote adoption, and to encourage people in the United States to seek improved safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; **Page H8454**

**Jacob M. Lowell Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 6681, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Vine Street in New Lenox, Illinois, as the “Jacob M. Lowell Post Office Building”; **Page H8454**

**Mayor William “Bill” Sandberg Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 6229, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the “Mayor William ‘Bill’ Sandberg Post Office Building”; **Page H8454**

**Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 6338, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4233 West Hillsboro Boulevard in Coconut Creek, Florida, as the “Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building”; **Page H8454**

**Mickey Mantle Post Office Building Designation Act:** S. 171, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Com-

merce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the “Mickey Mantle Post Office Building”—clearing the measure for the President; **Page H8454**

**CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 6772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1717 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the “CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building”; **Page H8454**

**Celebrating the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America:** H. Res. 1356, to celebrate the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America; **Page H8454**

**Recognizing North Platte, Nebraska, as “Rail Town USA”:** H. Con. Res. 408, to recognize North Platte, Nebraska, as “Rail Town USA”; **Page H8454**

**John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2008:** Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3986, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—clearing the measure for the President; and **Page H8454**

**Amending Public Law 108–331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project in Arizona:** S. J. Res. 35, to amend Public Law 108–331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project in Arizona—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H8454**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2008—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–148). **Page H8454**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8402, H8432.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 3001, S. 3002, S. 3003, and S. 3004 were held at the desk. **Page H8432**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8412–13, H8413, H8428–29, H8429, H8430, H9431, H8431–32, H8448, H8450, H8451, and H8451–52. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND ENERGY ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered reported H.R. 6849, amended, To amend the commodity provisions for the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to permit producers to aggregate base acres and reconstitute farms to avoid the prohibition on receiving direct payments, counter-cyclical payments, or average crop revenue election payments when the sum of the base acres of a farm is 10 acres or less.

### LESSONS FOR COUNTERING AL QA'IDA AND THE WAY AHEAD

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Lessons for Countering al Qaeda and the Way Ahead. Testimony was heard from John Arquilla, Senior Fellow, Professor, Department of Defense Analysis, Naval Postgraduate School; and public witnesses.

### AMERICA'S NEED FOR HEALTH REFORM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "America's Need for Health Reform. Testimony was heard from Jon S. Corzine, Governor, State of New Jersey, and public witnesses.

### SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY AT THE EPA

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Science Under Siege: Scientific Integrity at the Environmental Protection Agency." Testimony was heard from John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; the following officials of EPA: Marcus Peacock, Deputy Administrator; and George Gray, Assistant Administrator, Department of Environmental Protection; and public witnesses.

### AUCTION RATE SECURITY MARKET—PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "Auction Rate Securities Market: A Review of Problems and Potential Resolutions." Testimony was heard from Linda Thomsen, Director, SEC; and public witnesses.

### FAMILIES TORN APART; HUMAN RIGHT—U.S. RESTRICTIONS ON CUBAN—AMERICAN TRAVEL

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on Families Torn Apart: Human Rights and U.S. Restrictions on Cuban-American Travel. Testimony was heard from Representatives

Emerson, LaHood and McCotter; and public witnesses.

### MANAGEMENT MISSTEPS AND MISSED BENCHMARKS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Concluded hearings entitled "Management, Missteps, and Missed Benchmarks: Why the Virtual Fence Has Not Become a Realty." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### CELL TAX FAIRNESS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 5793; Cell Tax Fairness Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Gail W. Mahoney, Commissioner, Jackson County, Michigan; and James Clayborne, State Senator, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

### STATE SECRET PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties ordered reported H.R. 5607, amended, State Secret Protection Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

### OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Oversight. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Sedgewick, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### INVESTIGATIONS ON FEDERAL OIL AND GAS ROYALTY COLLECTIONS

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on Recent Interior Department Inspector General Investigations on Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Collections. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior; and Earl Devaney, Inspector General.

### FEDERAL COURT OPTIONS FOR AMERICAN SAMOA

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on the Federal Court Options for American Samoa. Testimony was heard from Stephen Sander, Acting Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; William Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and the following officials of American Samoa: Lolo M. Moliga, President of the Senate and Savali T. Ale, Speaker of the House.