

*Subcommittee on AirLand:* Senators Lieberman (Chair), Bayh, Webb, McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Burr, Thune, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, and Burr.

*Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities:* Senators Reed (Chair), Kennedy, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Nelson (NE), Bayh, Udall (CO), Wicker, Graham, Martinez, Burr, and Collins.

*Subcommittee on Personnel:* Senators Nelson (NE) (Chair), Kennedy, Lieberman, Akaka, Webb, McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Burr, Graham, Chambliss, Thune, Martinez, Wicker, Vitter, and Collins.

*Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support:* Senators Bayh (Chair), Byrd, Akaka, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Burr, Burr, Inhofe, Chambliss, and Thune.

*Subcommittee on Seapower:* Senators Kennedy (Chair), Liebermann, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (FL), Webb, Hagan, Martinez, Sessions, Wicker, Vitter, and Collins.

*Subcommittee on Strategic Forces:* Senators Nelson (FL) (Chair), Byrd, Reed, Nelson (NE), Udall (CO), Begich, Sessions, Inhofe, Graham, and Vitter.

#### MONETARY POLICY REPORT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual monetary policy report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Ben Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SRI LANKA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near East and South and Central Asian Affairs concluded a hearing to examine recent developments in Sri Lanka, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey J.

Lunstead, former United States Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Middlebury, Vermont; Anna Neistat, Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C.; and Robert Dietz, Committee to Protect Journalists, New York, New York.

#### NATIONAL HEALTH REFORM

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine addressing underinsurance in national health reform, after receiving testimony from Cathy Schoen, The Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York; Gail Shearer, Consumers Union, and Diane Rowland, The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, both of Washington, D.C.; and Grace-Marie Turner, Galen Institute, Alexandria, Virginia.

#### MERGER

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Ticketmaster/Live Nation merger, focusing on consumers and the concert business, after receiving testimony from Irving Azoff, Ticketmaster Entertainment, Inc., West Hollywood, California; Michael Rapino, Live Nation, Beverly Hills, California; Jerry Mickelson, Jam Productions, Ltd., Chicago, Illinois; and David A. Balto, Center for American Progress Action Fund, and Seth Hurwitz, 9:30 Club/I.M.P., both of Washington, D.C.

#### DISABLED VETERANS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Raymond E. Dempsey, Disabled American Veterans, Chicago, Illinois.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 111th Congress.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 23 public bills, H.R.1142–1164; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 58–59; and H. Res. 185–187 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H.R. 200, to amend title 11 of the United States Code with respect to modification of certain mortgages on principal residences, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–19) and

H. Res. 184, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1105) making omnibus appropriations for

the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 (H. Rept. 111–20). **Page H2631**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:03 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2608**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas and 163 nays, Roll No. 75. **Pages H2609, H2620–21**

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

*Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Newman:* H. Res. 18, to honor the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Newman; **Pages H2612–15**

*Recognizing the significance of Black History Month:* H. Res. 83, to recognize the significance of Black History Month, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 78; and **Pages H2615–19, H2623–24**

*Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act:* S. 234, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building", by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 79. **Pages H2619–20, H2624**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, February 23rd:

*Captive Primate Safety Act:* H.R. 80, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act and to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 323 ayes to 95 noes, Roll No. 76 and **Pages H2606–07, H2622**

*South Orange County Recycled Water Enhancement Act:* H.R. 637, to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 77. **Pages H2622–23**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:33 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m. **Page H2624**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:46 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m. **Page H2625**

**President Obama's Address to the Joint Session of Congress:** President Barack H. Obama delivered a message to a joint session of Congress. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee

comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson (CT), Becerra, Van Hollen, George Miller (CA), DeLauro, Schakowsky, Boehner, Cantor, Pence, McCotter, McMorris Rodgers, Carter, Sessions, and McCarthy (CA) and Senators Reid, Durbin, Schumer, Murray, Menendez, Dorgan, Stabenow, Leahy, McConnell, Kyl, Alexander, Thune, Ensign, and Cornyn. The President's message was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–1).

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**Member Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Solis (CA), wherein she resigned as Representative for the 32nd Congressional District of California, effective Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

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**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentlewoman from California, Ms. Solis, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 432.

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**Quorum Calls Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2620–21, H2622, H2622–23, H2623–24 and H2624. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Corps of Engineers Oversight. Testimony was heard from LTG Robert L. Van Antwerp, USA, Commanding General, Army Corps of Engineers and Chief of Engineers.

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Possible Move of Forest Service to the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Robin Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Mike Dombeck, former Chief, Forest Service, USDA, and Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Leah MacSwords, Forester, State of Kentucky; and public witnesses.

### MILITARY LANDS ACQUISITION/DISPOSAL

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Acquisition and Disposal of Military