

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 1774–1802; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 86–89; and H. Res. 295, 297–301 were introduced. **Pages H4128–29**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4129–30**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on March 26, 2009 (Omitted from the Record of March 26, 2009) as follows:

H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products (H. Rept. 111–58, Pt. 1) and

H.R. 1256, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–58, Pt. 2).

Reports were filed on March 27, 2009 as follows:

H. Res. 279, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–59) and

H. Con. Res. 85, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 and 2011 through 2014 (H. Rept. 111–60).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 985, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media (H. Rept. 111–61);

H.R. 1253, to require that limitations and restrictions on coverage under group health plans be timely disclosed to group health plan sponsors and timely communicated to participants and beneficiaries under such plans in a form that is easily understandable (H. Rept. 111–62, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 294, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 279) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress (H. Rept. 111–63);

H.R. 1664, to amend the executive compensation provisions of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to prohibit unreasonable and excessive compensation and compensation not based on performance standards, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–64);

H.R. 151, to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program (H. Rept. 111–65);

H.R. 1299, to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police (H. Rept. 111–66); and H. Res. 296, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 1388) to reauthorize and reform the national service laws (H. Rept. 111–67). **Pages H4127–28**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson-Lee (TX) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4065**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4066**

Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Representatives McCarthy (NY) and King (NY). **Page H4067**

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

Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009: H.R. 1171, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program for fiscal years 2010 through 2014; **Pages H4067–69**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program for fiscal years 2010 through 2014, and for other purposes." **Page H4069**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility: H.R. 1377, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility; **Pages H4069–70**

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009: H.R. 1513, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans; **Pages H4070–72**

Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Harvey, affectionately known for his signature line, "This is Paul Harvey . . . Good Day": H. Res. 223, amended, to honor the life, achievements, and contributions of Paul Harvey, affectionately known for his signature line, "This is Paul Harvey . . . Good Day"; **Pages H4072–73**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): H. Res. 152, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States remains committed to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); **Pages H4076–78**

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2009: H.R. 1246, to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss; **Pages H4078–79**

National Pain Care Policy Act of 2009: H.R. 756, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to pain care; **Pages H4079–81**

Melanie Blocker Stokes MOTHERS Act: H.R. 20, amended, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 391 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 164; **Pages H4081–84, H4101–02**

Wakefield Act: H.R. 479, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide a means for continued improvement in emergency medical services for children, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 390 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 165; **Pages H4084–86, H4102**

Supporting the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 60, to support the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and **Pages H4088–90**

Making technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965: H.R. 1777, to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965. **Pages H4093–H4100**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel: H. Res. 282, amended, to recognize the 30th anniversary of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel; **Pages H4073–76**

Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2009: H.R. 1259, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the distribution of the drug dextromethorphan; **Pages H4086–87**

Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Clarification Act of 2009: H.R. 1253, to require that limitations and restrictions on coverage under group health plans be timely disclosed to group health plan sponsors and timely communicated to participants and beneficiaries under such plans in a form that is easily understandable; and **Pages H4087–88**

Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009: H.R. 577, amended, to establish a grant program to provide vision care to children. **Pages H4090–93**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 295, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 210 yeas to 173 nays with 13 voting "present", Roll No. 163. **Pages H4100–01**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Flake announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H4102–03**

HIT Policy Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Mr. Paul Egerman of Weston, Massachusetts to the HIT Policy Committee for a term of 3 years. **Page H4104**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4067.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4101, H4101–02, H4102. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PROVIDING EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN HOUSE COMMITTEES FOR 111TH CONGRESS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 279, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress. The rule provides one hour of general debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the resolution shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution and provides that the resolution, as