

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 3011–3034 and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58; and H. Res. 579 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 578, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2996) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–184).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Shawn L. Kumm, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Laramie, Wyoming.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Boehner motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 96 yeas to 308 nays, Roll No. 424.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Broun (GA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 73 yeas to 316 nays, Roll No. 425.

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

Disabled Military Retiree Relief Act of 2009: H.R. 2990, to provide special pays and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces and to expand concurrent receipt of military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 433.

Pages H7154–61, H7162–66, H7177–78

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Wilson (SC) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 26 yeas to 361 nays, Roll No. 426.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Tiberi motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 25 yeas to 366 nays, Roll No. 427.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Price (GA) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Price (GA) motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 31 yeas to 393 noes, Roll No. 432.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the King (IA) motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 36 yeas to 381 noes, Roll No. 434.

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Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010: The House passed H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 450.

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Agreed to the Rogers (KY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 449. Subsequently, Representative Price (NC) reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

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Agreed to:

Price (NC) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–183) that increases funding for the Firefighter grant program, nonprofit security grants, the Metropolitan Medical Response System, and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. In addition, the amendment contains two prohibitions on funds in this bill being used: for first class travel, with certain exceptions, and to close or transfer operations of a FEMA recovery office. Finally, the amendment ensures DHS employees who interact with the public can use personal protective equipment without negative personnel action (by a recorded vote of 345 yeas to 85 noes, Roll No. 435);

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Lewis (CA) amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–183) that adds \$34 million to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, intending to fund 200 additional Border Patrol agents, offset by reducing funding for the Offices of the Secretary and Executive Management; Under Secretary for Management; Chief Financial Officer; and Chief Information Officer (by a recorded vote of 375 yeas to 55 noes, Roll No. 436);

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King (NY) amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–183) that adds \$50 million in funding to the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, with \$40 million intended for the Securing the Cities initiative and \$10 million intended for the procurement of radiation portal monitors, offset by a reduction in the Department's Office of the Secretary and Executive Management and the Office of the Under Secretary for Management (by a recorded vote of 282 yeas to 148 noes, Roll No. 437);

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Bilirakis amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–183) that increases funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) salaries and expenses by \$1.7 million offset by reducing funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management. The funds are intended to be used to expand the Visa Security Program, which places ICE personnel overseas at high-risk locations to screen visa applications (by a recorded vote of 423 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 438); **Pages H7224–25**

King (IA) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–183) that reduces and then increases funding for United States Customs and Border Protection salaries and expenses by \$1 million. This funding would go towards removing the lookout posts that have been established along the U.S.-Mexico border (by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 187 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 439); and **Page H7225**

King (IA) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–183) that prohibits any funds in the Act from being used to employ illegal workers as defined in the Immigration and Nationality Act (by a recorded vote of 349 ayes to 84 noes, Roll No. 442). **Page H7227**

Rejected:

Duncan amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–183) that sought to maintain current (FY2009) funding for the Federal Air Marshals (by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 440); **Pages H7225–26**

Poe (TX) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–183) that sought to increase by \$32 million funds available for the National Predisaster Mitigation Fund, offset by reducing by the same amount funds available for FEMA Management and Administration (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 441); **Pages H7226–27**

Neugebauer amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–183) that sought to reduce spending in this act by \$2,755,000,000 across multiple accounts (by a recorded vote of 113 ayes to 318 noes, Roll No. 443); **Page H7228**

Flake amendment (No. 7 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–183) that sought to strike an earmark for the City of Emeryville, CA, from FEMA’s National Predisaster Mitigation Fund (by a recorded vote of 110 ayes to 322 noes, Roll No. 444); **Pages H7228–29**

Flake amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–183) that sought to strike an earmark for the Harris County Flood Control District, Texas, from FEMA’s National Predisaster Mitigation Fund (by a recorded vote of 82 ayes to 348 noes, Roll No. 445); **Page H7229**

Flake amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–183) that sought to prohibit funds in the

bill from going to the National Institute for Home-town Security, Kentucky, and would reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount (by a recorded vote of 114 ayes to 317 noes, Roll No. 446); **Page H7230**

Flake amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–183) that sought to prohibit funds in the bill from going to Global Solar, Arizona, for portable solar charging rechargeable battery systems, and reduce the overall cost of the bill by a commensurate amount (by a recorded vote of 110 ayes to 318 noes, Roll No. 447); and **Pages H7230–31**

Flake amendment (No. 1 printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–183) that sought to strike the \$1 million earmark for SEARCH of Sacramento, CA, for interoperable communications, technical assistance and outreach programs (by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 320 noes, Roll No. 448). **Page H7231**

H. Res. 573, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 239 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 430, and the Westmoreland motion to reconsider the vote was rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 169 yeas to 251 nays, Roll No. 431. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 428, and rejected the Broun (GA) motion to reconsider the vote by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 429. **Pages H7173–75**

Public Interest Declassification Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Public Interest Declassification Board for a term of 3 years: Mr. David Skaggs of Longmont, Colorado. **Page H7221**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010: The House began consideration of H.R. 2647, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense and to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2010. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 25th. **Pages H7215–21, H7234–35, H7236–46**

H. Res. 572, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 452, after agreeing to order the previous question by yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 451. **Pages H7234–35**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008 with respect to North Korea and North Korean nationals is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2009—referred to the Committee on

Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111-52).
Pages H7190, H7221-22

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7149, H7166.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 30 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor and S. Res. 202 and S. Res. 203 were held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven yea-and-nay votes and 18 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7153-54, H7161, H7166-67, H7167-68, H7173, H7173-74, H7174-75, H7175, H7176-77, H7177-78, H7178, H7222-23, H7223, H7223-24, H7224-25, H7225, H7225-26, H7226-27, H7227, H7228, H7228-29, H7229, H7230, H7230-31, H7231, H7233, H7234, H7234-35, H7235. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 a.m. on Thursday, June 25th.

Committee Meetings

FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND ENERGY ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review implementation of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAIR DISCLOSURE AND PENSION SECURITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2989, 401(k) Fair Disclosure and Pension Security Act of 2009.

HEALTHCARE REFORM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: and the Subcommittee on Health continued hearings on draft health reform legislation. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Representative Conyers; Joseph Vitale, Chairman, Committee on Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens, State Senate, New Jersey; Jay Webber, State Assembly, New Jersey; Michael O. Leavitt, former Secretary of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

U.S.-AFRICA TRADE RELATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, and the Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health of the Committee on Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing

on U.S.-Africa Trade Relations: Creating a Platform for Economic Growth. Testimony was heard from Florizelle Liser, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Leocadia L. Zak, Acting Director, Trade and Development Agency; Holly Vineyard, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa, the Middle East and Asia, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

REGULATOR RESTRUCTURING

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Regulatory Restructuring: Enhancing Consumer Financial Products Regulation." Testimony was heard from Representative Delahunt; William Francis Galvin, Secretary, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

U.S.-RUSSIA NUCLEAR ARMS REDUCTION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on the July Summit and Beyond: Prospects for U.S.-Russia Nuclear Arms Reduction. Testimony was heard from William J. Perry, former Secretary of Defense; Thomas Graham, Jr., former Special Representative to the President for Arms Control, Non-Proliferation, and Disarmament, and Legal Advisor to SALT II, START I and II; and Keith B. Payne, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Forces Policy.

HOMELAND SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "FY2010 Budget for the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security." Testimony was heard from Bart Johnson, Acting Under Secretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

RESOLUTION ADVERSELY REPORTED REGARDING TRANSMISSION TO THE HOUSE MATERIAL RELATING TO DETAINEES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported adversely H. Res. 537, Requesting that the President and directing that the Attorney General transmit to the House of Representative all information in their possession relating to specific communications regarding detainees and foreign persons suspected of terrorism.

PUERTO RICO DEMOCRACY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 2499, Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Burton of Indiana and Grayson; the following officials of the