

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 3195–3218; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 640–643, 646–648 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H8100–01

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1622, to provide for a program of research, development, and demonstration on natural gas vehicles, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–206);

H.R. 2729, to authorize the designation of National Environmental Research Parks by the Secretary of Energy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–207);

H. Res. 644, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3170) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–208); and

H. Res. 645, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3183) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 (H. Rept. 111–209). Pages H8098–99

Recess: The House recessed at 11 a.m. and reconvened at noon. Page H8030

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 640, electing a Minority Member to a standing committee: Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Representative Harper. Page H8030

The Chair announced that the operation of H. Res. 640 is stayed pending the House's acceptance of a resignation creating a vacancy on the committee concerned. Agreed to without objection. Page H8030

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Kline (MN), wherein he resigned from the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, effective today. Pages H8045–46

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Broun (GA) motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 22 yeas to 380 nays, Roll No. 531. Page H8046

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Broun (GA) motion to adjourn by a ye-and-nay vote of 23 yeas to 377 nays, Roll No. 532. Pages H8057–58

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

Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act of 2009: H.R. 1037, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a five-year pilot

project to test the feasibility and advisability of expanding the scope of certain qualifying work-study activities under title 38, United States Code, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 535; Pages H8036–37, H8063

William C. Tallent Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation Act: H.R. 402, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Knoxville, Tennessee, as the "William C. Tallent Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 536; Pages H8037–38, H8063–64

Expressing the profound sympathies of the House of Representatives for the victims of the tragic Metrorail accident on Monday, June 22, 2009, and for their families, friends, and associates: H. Res. 612, to express the profound sympathies of the House of Representatives for the victims of the tragic Metrorail accident on Monday, June 22, 2009, and for their families, friends, and associates, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 533; and Pages H8039–41, H8061–62

Honoring the life of Wayman Lawrence Tisdale and expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on his passing: H. Res. 469, to honor the life of Wayman Lawrence Tisdale and to express the condolences of the House of Representatives on his passing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 534. Pages H8041–43, H8062–63

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

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of June as "Black Music Month": H. Res. 476, amended, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of June as "Black Music Month"; Pages H8043–45

Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial Enhancement Act of 2009: H.R. 1044, amended, to provide for the administration of Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; Pages H8046–48

Conveying certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands: H.R. 934, amended, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in

its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands;

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Validating final patent number 27–2005–0081: H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27–2005–0081;

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Providing for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909: H.R. 1442, amended, to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909;

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Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009: H.R. 2188, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands;

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Authorizing the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California: H.R. 129, amended, to authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California;

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Providing for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway: H.R. 409, amended, to provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway; and

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Expressing support for designation of June as "Home Safety Month": H. Res. 543, to express support for designation of June as "Home Safety Month".

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Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he appointed Representative Gallegly to the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission. **Page H8064**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8030.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8046, H8058, H8061–62, H8062–63, H8063 and H8064. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

DAIRY INDUSTRY'S ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry held a hearing to review the economic conditions facing the dairy industry. Testimony was heard from Representatives Courtney and Welch; James Miller, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

SEC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "SEC Oversight: Current State and Agenda." Testimony was heard from Mary L. Schapiro, Chairman, SEC.

BIOLOGICS/BIOSIMILARS INNOVATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on Biologics and Biosimilars: Balancing Incentives for Innovation. Testimony was heard from Representative Eshoo; and public witnesses.

MANDATORY SENTENCING MINIMUMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on Mandatory Minimums and Unintended Consequences, including consideration of the following bills: H.R. 2934, Common Sense in Sentencing Act of 2009; H.R. 834, Ramos and Compean Justice Act of 2009; and H.R. 1466, Major Drug Trafficking Prosecution Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Julia E. Carnes, Chair, Criminal Law Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States; and public witnesses.

D.C. METRORAIL CRASH; WMATA FUNDING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia held an oversight hearing entitled "Back on Track: WMATA Red Line Metro-rail Accident and Continual Funding Challenges." Testimony was heard from Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Deborah A. P. Hersman, member, National Transportation Safety Board; Eric Madison, Chairman, Tri-State Oversight Committee of the Transportation Planner Mass Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, District of Columbia; former Representative Thomas M. Davis III, of Virginia; the following officials of the WMATA, John B. Catoe, General Manager; and Jim Graham, Chairman, Board of Directors; and public witnesses.