

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4308–4325; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 64; H. Con. Res. 222; and H. Res. 970–975 were introduced. **Pages H14980–82**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H14982**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3978, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept and use gifts for otherwise authorized activities of the Center for Domestic Preparedness that are related to preparedness for and response to terrorism (H. Rept. 111–376);

H. Res. 922, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the possession of the Department of Homeland Security relating to the Department's planning, information sharing, and coordination with any state or locality receiving detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on or after January 20, 2009, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–377);

H. Res. 920, directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the Attorney General's possession regarding certain matters pertaining to detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba who are transferred into the United States, adversely (H. Rept. 111–378); **Page H14980**

H. Res. 973, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 111–379). **Page H14980**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H14879**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:19 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H14881**

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

Allowing certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service: H.R. 1517, amended, to allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose

service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 414 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 972;

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First Responder Anti-Terrorism Training Resources Act: H.R. 3978, to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to accept and use gifts for otherwise authorized activities of the Center for Domestic Preparedness that are related to preparedness for and response to terrorism, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 413 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 973;

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Honoring the 50th anniversary of the recording of the album "Kind of Blue" and reaffirming jazz as a national treasure: H. Res. 894, to honor the 50th anniversary of the recording of the album "Kind of Blue" and reaffirming jazz as a national treasure, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 971;

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Human Rights Enforcement Act of 2009: S. 1472, to establish a section within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice to enforce human rights laws, to make technical and conforming amendments to criminal and immigration laws pertaining to human rights violations, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 416 ayes to 3 noes, Roll No. 977;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that A. Philip Randolph should be recognized for his lifelong leadership and work to end discrimination and secure equal employment and labor opportunities for all Americans: H. Res. 150, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that A. Philip Randolph should be recognized for his lifelong leadership and work to end discrimination and secure equal employment and labor opportunities for all Americans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 395 ayes to 23 noes, Roll No. 976;

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Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act: H.R. 1084, amended, to require the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe a standard to preclude commercials from being broadcast at louder volumes than the program material they accompany;

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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding guidelines for breast cancer screening for women ages 40 to 49: H. Res. 971, to express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding guidelines for breast cancer screening for women ages 40 to 49, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 974; and

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Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act of 2009: H.R. 2194, amended, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 412 ayes to 12 noes with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 975.

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

PHONE Act of 2009: H.R. 1110, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code and to prevent caller ID spoofing;

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Recognizing the 70th anniversary of the retirement of Justice Louis D. Brandeis from the United States Supreme Court: H. Res. 905, to recognize the 70th anniversary of the retirement of Justice Louis D. Brandeis from the United States Supreme Court;

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Law Student Clinic Participation Act of 2009: H.R. 4194, to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualifying law school students participating in legal clinics or externships from the application of the conflict of interest rules under section 205 of such title;

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Local Community Radio Act of 2009: H.R. 1147, amended, to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service; and

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Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act of 2009: H.R. 3714, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to include in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices information about freedom of the press in foreign countries and to establish a grant program to promote freedom of the press worldwide.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 16.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H14882.

Senate Referral: S. 1755 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H14901, H14901–02, H14902, H14942–43, H14943, H14944, H14944–45. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TERROR SUSPECT TRIAL/DETENTION INFORMATION

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H. Res. 924, Directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any document, record, memo, correspondence, or other communication of the Department of Defense, or any portion of such communication, that refers or relates to the trial or detention of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Walid Muhammad Salih Murarek Bin ‘Attash, Ramzi Binalshibh, Ali Abdul Aziz Ali, or Mustafa Ahmed Adam al Hawsawi.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3125, Radio Spectrum Inventory Act; and H.R. 3019, Spectrum Relocation Improvement Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from former Representative Steve Largent of Colorado; and public witnesses.

U.S. COVERED BONDS MARKET

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Covered Bonds: Prospects for a U.S. Market Going Forward.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LISBON TREATY IMPACTS BETWEEN U.S.-EU RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on the Lisbon Treaty: Implications for Future Relations Between the European Union and the United States. Testimony was heard from Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “Violent Extremism: How Are People Moved from Constitutionally-Protected Thought to Acts of Terrorism?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.