

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Measures Introduced:** 79 public bills, H.R. 1868–1946; 3 private bills, H.R. 1947–1949; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 45; H. Con. Res. 139–140, and H. Res. 239–240, 243–247, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H. Res. 239, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Tennessee (H. Rept. 109–57);

H. Res. 170, a resolution of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives respecting a claim made by the President on February 16, 2005, at a meeting Portsmouth, New Hampshire, that there is not a Social Security trust, adversely (H. Rept. 109–58);

H. Res. 241, providing for the adoption of H. Res. 240, amending the rules of the House of Representatives to reinstate certain provisions of the rules relating to procedures of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to the form in which those provisions existed at the close of the 108th Congress (H. Rept. 109–59);

H. Res. 242, 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. 109–60); and

H.R. 742, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for the award of attorneys' fees and costs to small employers when such employers prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (H. Rept. 109–61, pt.1).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Emerson to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Fred S. Holloman, Chaplain, Kansas Senate in Topeka, Kansas.

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**Journal:** Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 371 yeas to 47 nays, with one voting "present," Roll No. 135.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 11 a.m.

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**Official Photograph of the House in Session:** The official photograph of the House in session was taken

pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 232, permitting official photographs of the House of Representatives to be taken while the House is in actual session on a date designated by the Speaker. **Page H2558**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m. **Page H2558**

**Expressing the sense of the House that American small businesses are entitled to a small business bill of rights:** The House agreed to H. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that American small businesses are entitled to a Small Business Bill of Rights, by voice vote. **Pages H2580–91**

Rejected the Velázquez motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Small Business by a yea-and-nay vote of 188 yeas to 222 nays, Roll No. 140.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendments to the resolution and the preamble recommended by the Committee on Small Business printed in the resolution were adopted.

H. Res. 235, the rule providing for consideration of the measure was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 138.

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**Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act:** The House passed H.R. 748, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the transportation of minors in circumvention of certain laws relating to abortion, by a recorded vote of 270 yeas to 157 noes, Roll No. 144.

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Rejected the Nadler motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 245 nays, Roll No. 143.

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Agreed that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Rejected:

Scott of Virginia amendment that sought to immunize taxi drivers, bus drivers, others in the business of professional transport, doctors, nurses, and/or other medical providers or their staff from the transportation provision of the bill (by a recorded vote of 179 yeas to 245 noes, Roll No. 141); and

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Jackson-Lee amendment that sought to add to the exceptions to the offense of transporting minors for

the purpose of obtaining an illegal abortion grandparents of the minor and members of the clergy (by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 252 nays, Roll No. 142).

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H. Res. 236, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 234 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 139.

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

*Providing for expenses of certain committees of the House in the 109th Congress:* H. Res. 224, amended, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred and Ninth Congress;

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*Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005:* Debated yesterday, April 26: H.R. 902, amended, to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, create a new bullion coin, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 136; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to improve circulation of the \$1 coin, create a new bullion coin, provide for the redesign of the reverse of the Lincoln 1-cent coin in 2009 in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.

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*Sense of Congress regarding the two-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba:* Debated yesterday, April 26: H. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the two-year anniversary of the human rights crackdown in Cuba, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 398 yeas to 27 nays, with 2 voting “present,” Roll No. 137.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings will resume tomorrow, April 28.

*Supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day:* H. Res. 210, amended, supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day and recognizing the importance of intellectual property in the United States and worldwide.

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**Dismissing Election Contest—6th District of Tennessee:** The House agreed to H. Res. 239, dismissing the election contest relating to the office of Representative from the Sixth Congressional District of Tennessee.

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**Amending the Rules of the House:** The House agreed to H. Res. 241, providing for adoption of H. Res. 240, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to reinstate certain provisions of the

rules relating to procedures of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to the form in which those provisions existed at the close of the 108th Congress, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 406 yeas to 20 nays, and one voting “present,” Roll No. 145.

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Pursuant to the rule, upon adoption of the rule, H. Res. 240 was adopted.

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Earlier agreed to consider H. Res. 241 by voice vote.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2553.

**Senate Referral:** S. Con. Res. 28 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eight yeas-and-nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2557–58, H2577, H2577–78, H2578–79, H2579, H2590–91, H2612–13, H2613–14, H2615, H2615–16, and H2624–25. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ASIAN SOYBEAN RUST

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research and the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a joint hearing to Review the Impact of Asia Soybean Rust on the U.S. farm sector. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Joseph Glauber, Deputy Chief Economist; and Joseph J. Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; Jim Jones, Director, Office of Pesticide Programs, EPA; and public witnesses.

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Panel: SAMHSA, NIDA, NIMH, and NIAAA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse; Thomas R. Insel, M.D., Director, National Institute on Mental Health; and Faye Calhoun, M.D., Deputy Director, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.