

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 4654–4679; and 17 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 331; and H. Res. 646–652, 665–663 were introduced. **Pages H23–25**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H25–26**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows today: Bringing Communities into the 21st Century: A Report on Improving the Community Development Block Grant Program (H. Rept. 109–365);

H. Res. 653, relating to consideration of the bill (S. 1932) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95) (H. Rept. 109–366);

H. Res. 654, to waive a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–367);

H.R. 3897, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply and Groundwater Enhancement Project, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–368); and

H. Res. 648, eliminating floor privileges and access to Member exercise facilities for registered lobbyists who are former Members or officers of the House (H. Rept. 109–369, Pt. 1). **Page H23**

**Resignation From Congress:** Read a letter from Representative Robert Menendez wherein he notified the Speaker of his resignation as Congressman for the 13th Congressional District of the State of New Jersey, effective close of business on Monday, January 16, 2006. **Page H3**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. Menendez, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. **Page H3**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. **Pages H3–4**

**Call of the House:** The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (389 present, Roll No. 1). **Page H4**

**Committee to Notify the President That a Quorum of Each House Has Assembled:** The House agreed to H. Res. 649, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee to join with a committee

on the part of the Senate to notify the President that a quorum of each House has assembled, and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed acting Majority Leader Blunt and Minority Leader Pelosi to the Committee. **Page H4**

**Notifying the Senate That a Quorum of the House Is Present:** The House agreed to H. Res. 650, to authorize the Clerk of the House to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business. **Page H4**

**Meeting Hour:** The House agreed to H. Res. 651, establishing the hour of daily meeting of the House. **Pages H4–5**

**State of the Union Message:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 77, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President on the state of the Union on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 9 p.m. **Page H5**

**Morning Hour Debate:** During the second session of the 109th Congress, agreed that on the legislative days of Monday and Tuesday before May 15, 2006, the House shall convene 90 minutes earlier than otherwise established for the purpose of morning-hour debate. Agreed that on the legislative day of Tuesday after May 15, 2006, the House shall convene for morning-hour debate one hour earlier than the time otherwise established. **Page H5**

**Extension of Remarks:** Agreed by unanimous consent to authority for Members to extend their remarks and include extraneous material in the Congressional Record. **Page H5**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 1, 2006. **Page H5**

**Moment of Silence:** The Chair led the House in a moment of silence to respect the memory of Coretta Scott King. **Page H5**

**Honoring the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Coretta Scott King and her contributions as a leader in the struggle for civil rights, and expressing condolences to the King family on her passing—Order of Business:** The House agreed that it should be in order to immediately consider H. Res. 655, honoring the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Coretta Scott King and her contributions as a leader in the struggle for civil rights, and expressing condolences to the King family on her passing; that the resolution be considered as read; that the

previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and the preamble to its adoption without intervening motion except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; and notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the resolution to a time designated by the Speaker. Later, the Chair announced that further consideration will be postponed until Wednesday, February 2, 2006. **Pages H5–14**

**Social Security Advisory Board-appointment:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he announced his appointment of Mrs. Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut to the Social Security Advisory Board. **Page H14**

**Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress-appointment:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he announced his reappointment of Ms. Kay Kaufman Shelemay of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and his appointment of Mr. Charlie Seeman of Spring Creek, Nevada to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress. **Page H14**

**National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission-appointment:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he announced his appointments of Mr. Jack L. Schenendorf of Chevy Chase, Maryland and Mr. Matthew K. Rose of Westlake, Texas to the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission. **Page H14**

**United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he announced his appointments of Mr. Peter T. R. Brookes of Springfield, Virginia and Ms. Kerri Houston of Great Falls, Virginia. **Page H14**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:22 p.m. and reconvened at 8:43 p.m. **Page H14**

**State of the Union Address:** President George W. Bush delivered his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 77. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Blunt, Pryce of Ohio, Dreier, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn and Senators Frist, McConnell, Santorum, Hutchison, Kyl, Dole, Specter, Reid, Durbin, Stabenow, Schumer, Obama, Salazar and Menendez. The President's message was referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–80). **Pages H15–19**

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 77 was held at the desk; and S. Con. Res. 78 was referred to the International Relations Committee. **Page H19**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One quorum call (Roll No. 1) developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H4.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT—RESOLUTION AGREEING TO THE SENATE AMENDMENT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 7 to 4 with one Member voting present, a rule providing that the House hereby concurs in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill (S. 1932) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 202(a) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006 (H. Con. Res. 95). Testimony was heard from Representative LaTourette.

### **SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE—EXTEND AND MODIFY AUTHORITIES NEEDED TO COMBAT TERRORISM**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of February 1, 2006, providing for consideration or disposition of a bill to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, and for other purposes.

### **LIMITING ACCESS OF FORMER MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO MEMBER AREAS**

*Committee on Rules:* Ordered reported, by voice vote, H. Res. 648, To eliminate floor privileges and access to Member exercise facilities for registered lobbyists who are Former Members or Officers of the House. Testimony was heard from Representative Snyder.

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## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2006**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### **Senate**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine promotion and advancement of women in sports, 10 a.m., SH–216.