

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 1675–1703; 1 private bill, H.R. 1704; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 100 and H. Res. 266–268, 271–272, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1019, to designate the United States customhouse building located at 31 Gonzalez Clemente Avenue in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the “Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building” (H. Rept. 110–70);

H.R. 1138, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the “J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 110–71);

H.R. 753, to redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Clifford Davis/Odell Horton Federal Building”, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–72);

H.R. 493, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–28, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 269, providing for consideration of H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians (H. Rept. 110–73); and

H. Res. 270, providing for consideration of H.R. 1401, to improve the security of railroads, public transportation, and over-the-road buses in the United States (H. Rept. 110–74).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Castor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:39 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—

Appointment: The Chair announced that the Speaker’s appointment of the remaining 19 members of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on January 17, 2007, is made notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(1)(C) of rule X.

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

Clifford Davis/Odell Horton Federal Building Designation Act: H.R. 753, amended, to redesignate

the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Clifford Davis/Odell Horton Federal Building”;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee, as the ‘Clifford Davis and Odell Horton Federal Building’.”

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Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building Designation Act: H.R. 1019, to designate the United States customhouse building located at 31 Gonzalez Clemente Avenue in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the “Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building”;

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J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 1138, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the “J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse”;

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Maritime Pollution Prevention Act of 2007: H.R. 802, amended, to amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 359 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 187;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships to implement MARPOL Annex VI.”

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Disadvantaged Business Disaster Eligibility Act: H.R. 1468, amended, to ensure that, for each small business participating in the 8(a) business development program that was affected by Hurricane Katrina of 2005, the period in which it can participate is extended by 18 months;

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Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007: H.R. 137, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 368 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 188;

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Amending chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for a 120-day limit to the term of a United States attorney appointed on an interim basis by the Attorney General: H.R. 580, amended, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to provide for a 120-day limit to the term of a United States attorney appointed on an interim basis by the Attorney General, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-

and-nay vote of 329 yeas to 78 nays, Roll No. 189; and
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Amending the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections: H.R. 1195, amended, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections. **Pages H3041–52**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:13 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H3031**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H3053**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Tuesday, March 27th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day: H. Res. 266, to support the goals and ideals of Professional Social Work Month and World Social Work Day. **Pages H3028–29**

NATO Freedom Consolidation Act of 2007: The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 494, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H3055–56**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3060.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3053, H3053–54, and H3054–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SELECT INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Select Intelligence Oversight met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Security Agency. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IMPACTS ON WORKERS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on How Effective are Existing Programs in Helping Workers Impacted by International Trade? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IRAQI VOLUNTEERS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Iraqi

Refugees: What is America's Obligation? Testimony was heard from Ellen Sauerbrey, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State; and public witnesses.

GENERIC BIOTECH DRUGS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Safe and Affordable Biotech Drugs—The Need for a Generic Pathway. Testimony was heard from Janet Woodcock, M.D., Deputy Commissioner, Operations and Chief Medical Officer, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 4, a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour and 20 minutes of general debate on H.R. 1401, Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007, with 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for those arising under clauses 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. Finally, the rule provides 1 motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thompson and Chairman Oberstar, Representatives Jackson-Lee of Texas, Arcuri, Cohen, King of New York, Lungren, Dent, Brown-Waite, Mica, Brown of South Carolina and Sessions.