

the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the recent major coal ash spill, after receiving testimony from Tom Kilgore, President and Chief Executive Officer, Tennessee Valley Authority; Stephen A. Smith, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Knoxville, Tennessee; and William Howard Rose, Jr., Roane County Office of Emergency Services, Ten Mile, Tennessee.

### MUMBAI TERRORIST ATTACKS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine lessons learned from the Mumbai terrorist attacks, after receiving testimony from Charles E. Allen, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis; Donald Van Duyn, Chief Intelligence Officer, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Raymond W. Kelly, New York City Police Department, New York, New York.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

nomination of Thomas A. Daschle, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Johnson and former Senator Robert J. Dole, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### ECONOMIC DOWNTURN: STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to help state and local law enforcement during an economic downturn, including S. 150, to provide Federal assistance to States for rural law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Schirling, Burlington Police Department, Burlington, Vermont; Charles H. Ramsey, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John R. Schmidt, former Associate Attorney General, Mayer Brown LLP, Chicago, Illinois; and Mary Lou Leary, National Center for Victims of Crime, and David B. Muhlhausen, Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, both of Washington, D.C.

---

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 65 public bills, H.R. 288–352; 8 private bills, H.R. 353–360; and 15 resolutions, H.J. Res. 12–16; H. Con. Res. 11–15; and H. Res. 32–36, were introduced. **Pages H88–91**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H91**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Electoral College Vote Tellers:** Pursuant to S. Con. Res. 1, to provide for the counting on January 8, 2009, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States, the Chair appointed Representative Brady of Pennsylvania and Representative Daniel E. Lungren of California as tellers on the part of the House to count the electoral votes. **Page H73**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m. **Page H75**

**Joint Session:** The Joint Session was called to order at 1:08 p.m. and dissolved at 1:36 p.m. **Pages H75–76**

**Declaration of the Election of President and Vice President:** Pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 1, and the requirements of the Constitution and laws relating to the election of President

and Vice President of the United States, the two Houses of Congress met in Joint Session with Vice President Cheney as the presiding officer to count the electoral votes. The following votes were cast for President: Barack Obama of Illinois, 365 and John McCain of Arizona, 173. The following votes were cast for Vice President: Joseph Biden of Delaware, 365 and Sarah Palin of Alaska, 173. **Page H76**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:39 p.m. and reconvened at 2:06 p.m. **Page H76**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, January 9. **Page H82**

**Consideration of Suspension:** Agreed that the Speaker be authorized to entertain motions to suspend the rules relating to H. Res. 34, recognizing Israel's right to defend itself against attacks from Gaza, reaffirming the United States' strong support for Israel, and supporting the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, on the legislative day of Friday, January 9, 2009. **Page H82**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no yea and nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Hilda L. Solis to be Secretary of Labor, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

#### House

*Committee on Financial Services,* to meet to discuss “FHA Oversight of Loan Originators,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.