

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4189–4211; 1 private bill, H.R. 4212; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 217, and H. Res. 943–949, were introduced. **Pages H13519–20**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H13520–21**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2652, to amend title 46, United States Code, to improve vessel safety, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–351);

H.R. 2650, to amend title 14, United States Code, to modernize the leadership of the Coast Guard and to modernize the administration of marine safety by the Coast Guard (H. Rept. 111–352);

H.R. 3224, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland (H. Rept. 111–276, Pt. 2); and

H.R. 3542, to direct the Architect of the Capitol to fly the flag of a State over the Capitol each year on the anniversary of the date of the State's admission to the Union, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–353). **Page H13519**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H13469**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 250 ayes to 169 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 925.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, December 2nd:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines: H. Res. 28, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 926 and **Pages H13481–82**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should, in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 as well as other statutes, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit systems and other modes of surface transportation." **Page H13482**

Satellite Home Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act of 2009: H.R. 3570, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reauthorize the satellite statutory license and to conform the satellite and cable statutory licenses to all-digital transmissions, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 930. **Pages H13494–95**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes." **Page H13495**

Permanent Estate Tax Relief for Families, Farmers, and Small Businesses Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 4154, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the new carryover basis rules in order to prevent tax increases and the imposition of compliance burdens on many more estates than would benefit from repeal and to retain the estate tax with a \$3,500,000 exemption, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 929. **Pages H13482–94**

Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Heller motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 927. **Pages H13491–92**

Rejected the second Heller motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 928. **Page H13492**

Pursuant to section 2 of the rule, in the engrossment of H.R. 4154, the Clerk shall (1) add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 4154; (2) conform the title of H.R. 4154 to reflect the addition to the engrossment of the text of H.R. 2920; (3) assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; and (4) conform provisions for short titles within the engrossment.

H. Res. 941, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 924, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 923. **Pages H13472–80**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 7th for morning hour debate.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13479–80, H13480, H13481, H13481–82, H13491–92, H13493–94, H13494, and H13494–95. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE OFFSETS—COSTS AND BENEFITS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review the costs and benefits of agriculture offsets. Testimony was heard from Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, USDA; Joseph Kile, Assistant Director, Microeconomic Studies, CBO; and public witnesses.

AFGHANISTAN STRATEGIC REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Afghanistan: The Results of the Strategic Review, Part I. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; and ADM. Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Jacob J. Lew, Deputy Secretary, Management and Resources, Department of State.

CALLING CARD CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on H.R. 3993, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Lois Greisman, Director, Division of Marketing Practices, FTC; Patricia Acampora, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, New York State; and public witnesses.

INTERNET GAMBLING ENFORCEMENT/REGULATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2266, Reasonable Prudence in Regulation Act; and H.R. 2267, Internet Gambling

Regulation, Consumer Protection, and Enforcement Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUDAN—U.S. POLICY REVIEW

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Sudan: A review of the Administrations's New Policy and A Situation Update. Testimony was heard from MG Scott Gration, USAF (ret.), U.S. Special Envoy, Republic of Sudan, Department of State; and public witnesses.

U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION

Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "The United States Secret Service and Presidential Protection: An Examination of a System Failure." Testimony was heard from Mark J. Sullivan, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division; Eileen Regen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Grace Chung Becker, former Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

NEW ORLEANS POST-KATRINA HEALTH CARE CHALLENGES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Post-Katrina Recovery: Restoring Health Care in the New Orleans Region." Testimony was heard from Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Health Care, GAO; Marcia K. Brand, M.D., Deputy Administration, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; from the following officials of the State of Louisiana: Alan Levine, Secretary, Department of Health and Hospitals; Joia Crear-Perry, M.D., Director, Clinical Services, Health Department, City of New Orleans; and public witnesses.

MARINE/HYDROKINETIC ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Marine and Hydrokinetic Energy Technology: Finding the Path to Commercialization. Testimony was heard