

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 53 public bills, H.R. 1319–1371; 1 private bill, H.R. 1372; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 69; and H. Res. 211–217 were introduced. **Pages H3052–55**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3055–56**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H. Res. 218, 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. 111–24).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Pastor to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2983**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H2995**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, March 3rd:

Designating March 2, 2009, as “Read Across America Day”: H. Res. 146, to designate March 2, 2009, as “Read Across America Day”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 98 and **Pages H2995–96**

Commending the University of Southern California Trojan football team for its victory in the 2009 Rose Bowl: H. Res. 153, to commend the University of Southern California Trojan football team for its victory in the 2009 Rose Bowl, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 362 yeas to 15 noes with 4 voting “present”, Roll No. 106. **Pages H3025–26**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, March 4th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week: H. Con. Res. 14, to support the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 99. **Page H2996**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:34 p.m. and reconvened at 4:41 p.m. **Page H3018**

Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 1106, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 234 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 104. Consideration of the measure began on Thursday, February 26th. **Pages H2986–95, H2997–H3024**

Rejected the Price (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 yeas to 242 noes, Roll No. 103. **Pages H3021–23**

Pursuant to H. Res. 205, amendment number 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–21 shall be considered as perfected by the modification printed in H. Rept. 111–23. **Page H3001**

Accepted:

Zoe Lofgren amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–21 and modified in H. Rept. 111–23) that requires courts to use FHA appraisal guidelines where the fair market value of a home is in dispute; denies relief to individuals who can afford to repay their mortgages without judicial mortgage modification; and extends the negotiation period from 15 to 30 days, requiring the debtor to certify that he or she contacted the lender, provided the lender with income, expense and debt statements, and that there was a process for the borrower and lender to seek to reach agreement on a qualified loan modification (by a recorded vote of 263 yeas to 164 noes, Roll No. 100) and **Pages H3001–13, H3019**

Peters amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–21) that provides that, in the case of a debtor whose home is in foreclosure, the debtor could meet the pre-filing credit counseling requirement by receiving counseling either before filing or up to 30 days after filing (by a recorded vote of 423 yeas to 2 noes, Roll No. 102). **Pages H3015–17, H3020–21**

Rejected:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–21) that sought to provide that if a homeowner who has had a mortgage modified in a bankruptcy proceeding sells the home at a profit, the lender can recapture the amount of principal lost in the modification (by a recorded vote of 211 yeas to 218 noes, Roll No. 101). **Pages H3014–15, H3019**

Withdrawn:

Titus amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–21) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required a servicer that receives an incentive payment under the Hope for Homeowners program to notify all mortgagors under

mortgages they service who are “at-risk homeowners”, in a form and manner as shall be prescribed by the Secretary, that they may be eligible for the Hope for Homeowners Program and how to obtain information regarding the program. **Pages H3017–18**

H. Res. 205, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 239 yeas to 181 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 97, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection. **Pages H2986–95**

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to table H. Res. 212, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 222 yeas to 181 nays with 14 voting “present”, Roll No. 105.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2983.

Senate Referrals: S. 520 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2994–95, H2995–96, H2996, H3019, H3019–20, H3020–21, H3023, H3023–24, H3024–25, H3025–26. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Science Education. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Where are We Today: Today’s Assessment of “The Gathering Storm.” Testimony was heard from a public witness.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Global Mobility. Testimony was heard from GEN Duncan McNabb, Commander, Transportation Command; Gen Arthur Lichte, Commander, Air Mobility Command; and MG Randy Fullhart, Director, Global Reach Programs.

STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Rule of Civilian and Military Agen-

cies in the Advancement of America’s Diplomatic and Development Objectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMBATING PIRACY ON THE HIGH SEAS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on combating piracy on the high seas. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Department of Defense: VADM William Gortney, USN, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command; and Daniel W. Pike, Principal Director, (Acting) Office of African Affairs; and Ambassador Stephen Mull, Acting Under Secretary, International Security and Arms Control, Department of State.

CAN DOD TRAVELERS BOOK A TRIP?

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Can DOD Travelers Book A Trip? Defense Travel System Update Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Pam Mitchell, Director Defense Travel Management Office; and David Fisher, Director, Business Transformation Agency; Asif Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; and a public witness.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2010 Budget. Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geitner, Secretary of the Treasury.

CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE USED AND SUBPRIME CAR MARKET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Consumer Protection in the Used and Subprime Car Market. Testimony was heard from Eileen Harrington, Acting Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; James H. Burch, II, Acting Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ROLE OF OFFSETS IN CLIMATE LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on the role of offsets in climate legislation. Testimony was heard from John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

PERSPECTIVES ON SYSTEMIC RISK

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Perspectives on Systemic Risk,” Testimony was heard from Orice Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.