

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter R. Orszag, of Massachusetts, to be Director, who was introduced by Representatives Spratt and Paul Ryan, and Robert L. Nabors II, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Director, who was introduced by Representative Obey, both of the Office of Management and Budget, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Steven Chu, to be Secretary of Energy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Feinstein

and Boxer, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Hillary R. Clinton, to be Secretary of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

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*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Arne Duncan, to be Secretary of Education, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 33 public bills, H.R. 2, 460–491; 1 private bill, H.R. 492; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 20; and H. Res. 50–51, 54–58, were introduced. **Pages H194–96**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H196**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed on January 3, 2009 as follows:

Legislative Review Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs for the 110th Congress (H. Rept. 110–939);

Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the House Committee on Homeland Security for the 110th Congress (H. Doc. 110–940);

Report on the Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary during the 110th Congress (H. Doc. 110–941); and

Report of the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 110th Congress (H. Doc. 110–942).

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 52, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Childrens Health Insurance Program (H. Rept. 111–1) and

H. Res. 53, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 384) to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program (H. Rept. 111–2). **Pages H193–94**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Edwards (MD) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H169**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H169**

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

***Supporting the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month 2009:*** H. Res. 41, to support the goals and ideals of National Mentoring Month 2009, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 11; **Pages H171–73, H182**

***Honoring the life of Claiborne Pell, distinguished former Senator from the State of Rhode Island:*** H. Res. 50, to honor the life of Claiborne Pell, distinguished former Senator from the State of Rhode Island, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 12;

**Pages H173–76, H183**

***Recognizing the efforts of those who serve their communities on Martin Luther King Day and promoting the holiday as a day of national service:*** H. Res. 43, to recognize the efforts of those who serve their communities on Martin Luther King Day and to promote the holiday as a day of national service, by a yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 13; and **Pages H176–79, H183–84**

***Authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether the House should impeach G. Thomas Porteous, a judge of the United***

**States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana:** H. Res. 15, amended, to authorize and direct the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether the House should impeach G. Thomas Porteous, a judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. **Pages H179–82**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:17 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H182**

**Administration of the Oath of Office:** Representative-elect Gary G. Miller (CA) presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker. **Page H183**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from California, Mr. Gary G. Miller, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 434. **Page H183**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:28 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m. **Page H191**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Welch, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Rules, effective January 14, 2009. **Page H191**

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Castor (FL), wherein she resigned from the Committee on Rules, effective January 14, 2009. **Page H191**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Turner, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, effective January 13, 2009. **Pages H191–92**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 51, electing the following Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on House Administration: Representatives Zoe Lofgren (CA), Capuano, Gonzalez, Davis (CA), and Davis (AL). Committee on Rules: Representatives Perlmutter, Pingree (ME), and Polis (CO). **Page H192**

**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a report detailing the plan of the Secretary of the Treasury to exercise the authority under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008—referred to the Committee on Financial Services and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–5). **Page H170**

Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted an agreement between the United States and new NATO Parties on the provision of atomic

information—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–6).

**Pages H170–71**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H182, H183, and H183–84. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### USE OF TARP FUNDS UNDER EESA

*Committee on Financial Services:* Met to discuss “Priorities for the Next Administration: Use of TARP Funds under EESA.” The following officials participated in the discussion: Donald L. Kohn, Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and John F. Bovenzi, Deputy to the Chairman and Chief Operating Officer, FDIC; and non-governmental persons.

### CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION (CHIRPA) ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2, the “Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009,” under a closed rule. The rule provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. This waiver does not affect the point of order available under clause 9 of rule XXI (regarding earmark disclosure). The rule provides one motion to recommit the bill with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pallone, Stark, Jackson-Lee (TX), Boren, Kissell, Deal (GA), Biggert, Gingrey (GA), Fortenberry, and Scalise.

### TARP REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 384, the TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009. The rule provides for two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under