

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require each standing committee to hold periodic hearings on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in Government programs which that committee may authorize: H. Res. 40, amended, to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to require each standing committee to hold periodic hearings on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in Government programs which that committee may authorize, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 18. **Pages H268–73, H281**

TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009: The House began consideration of H.R. 384, to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H282–90, H290–99**

H. Res. 53, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 235 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 17, after agreeing without objection to order the previous question.

Pages H273–81

Privileged Resolution: The House agreed to H. Res. 61, to provide for the attendance of the House at the Inaugural Ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States. **Page H290**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H199.

Senate Referrals: S. 60 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H321**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H216, H266–67, H267–68, H280–81, and H281. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Met for organizational purposes.

TARP REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 384, the TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009, under a structured rule. No further general debate

shall be in order. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the Committee 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 a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides a motion to proceed under section 115 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act if offered by the Majority Leader or his designee which may be offered not later than the legislative day of January 22, 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Speier, Jackson-Lee (TX), Kaptur, Corrine Brown (FL), Hinchey, Kennedy, Welch, Neugebauer, Gohmert, Dent, and Bilirakis.

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMY

Committee on Small Business: Met with non-governmental persons to discuss the State of the Small Business Economy and Identifying Policies to Promote an Economic Recovery.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Met for organizational purposes.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William J. Lynn III, to be Deputy Secretary, Robert F. Hale, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Michele Flournoy, to be Under Secretary for Policy, and Jeh Charles Johnson, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary Shapiro, of New York, to be Chairman of the Securities

and Exchange Commission, Christina Romer, of California, to be Chair of the Council of Economic Advisors, Austan Goolsbee, of Illinois, and Cecilia Rouse, of New Jersey, each to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisors, and Daniel Tarullo, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the debt outlook and its implications for policy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ken Salazar, to be Secretary of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Finance: organizational business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 111th Congress, and an original bill to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, 11:15 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nomination of Hillary R. Clinton, to be Secretary of State; to be followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Susan E. Rice, to be Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine investing in health information technology (IT), focusing on stimulus for a healthier America, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Janet A. Napolitano, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine job creation and economic stimulus in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eric H. Holder, to be Attorney General of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "The U.S. Climate Action Partnership," 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to meet for organizational purposes, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, to meet for organizational purposes, 1:55 p.m., followed by a hearing on "Reinvigorating the Economy through Stimulus Legislation: Opportunities for All," 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.