

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 51 public bills, H.R. 547–597; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 18–19; H. Con. Res. 22–23; and H. Res. 66–72, were introduced. **Pages H379–82**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H382**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 384, to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program, which began on Wednesday, January 14th. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H335–67**

Accepted:

Matsui amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that provides a sense of Congress stating that TARP participants, who receive from future TARP funds, should not initiate a foreclosure proceeding or foreclosure sale on any principal homeowner until the new systematic loan modification plan is implemented and deemed fully operational by the Secretary and Chair of FDIC; **Pages H355–57**

Frank (MA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that makes sundry clarifications with respect to the use of TARP funds (by a recorded vote of 275 ayes to 152 noes, Roll No. 19); and **Pages H345–55, H365**

Patrick Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that requires the Federal Reserve to disclose detailed information regarding the Federal Reserves Mortgage-Backed Securities purchase program (by a recorded vote of 426 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 22). **Pages H363–65, H367**

Rejected:

Hensarling amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that would have removed the Secretary’s authority to delegate an observer to attend meetings of the board of directors of any assisted institution (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 20) and **Pages H357–59, H365–66**

Bachmann amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that would have eliminated changes and additional funding for the HOPE for Homeowners program (by a recorded vote of 142 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 21). **Pages H360–63, H366–67**

Withdrawn:

Holt amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–3) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to amend the EESA to require that, provided TARP funds are not used for their purchase,

the Secretary shall facilitate an auction of troubled assets by third party purchases and, if such auction does not take place within 3 months from enactment, the Secretary must report to Congress on the mechanism the Secretary deems best to use to value and liquidate such assets. **Pages H359–60**

H. Res. 62, the second rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing without objection to order the previous question. **Pages H329–35**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. tomorrow; and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20th. **Page H369**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Rogers (MI). **Page H374**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the National Drug Control Strategy for 2009—referred to the Committees on Armed Services, Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Oversight and Government Reform, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans’ Affairs, and Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–7). **Page H370**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–8). **Page H370**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared with respect to the Government of Cuba’s destruction of two unarmed U.S.-registered civilian aircraft in international airspace north of Cuba on February 24, 1996 is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2009—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–9). **Page H378**

Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted an Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Russian Federation Extending the Mutual Fisheries Agreement—referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H378**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H365, H366, H366–67, and H367. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. CLIMATE ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Climate Action Partnership.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Met for organizational purposes.

REINVIGORATING THE ECONOMY THROUGH ECONOMIC STIMULUS LEGISLATION

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing on “Reinvigorating the

Economy through Stimulus Legislation: Opportunities for All.” Testimony was heard from Michael Nutter, Mayor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Douglas Palmer, Mayor, Trenton, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Committee met for organizational purposes.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Eric H. Holder Jr., to be Attorney General of the United States, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.