

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FISCAL CHALLENGES

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine addressing short-and long-term fiscal challenges, after receiving testimony from Alice M. Rivlin, Brookings Institution, and Robert D. Reischauer, and Rudolph G. Penner, both of the Urban Institute, all of Washington, DC.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ray LaHood, to be Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Durbin and former Representative Michel, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, after

the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Schumer and Paul Volcker, former Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Susan E. Rice, to be Permanent Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, 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.

FINANCIAL CRISIS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing on the financial crisis and financial governance, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General, Government Accounting Office; Howell E. Jackson, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Steven M. Davidoff, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 611–625; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 24; and H. Res. 74–77 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DeGette to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 74, electing the following Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Agriculture: Representatives Holden, McIntyre, Boswell, Baca, Cardoza, Scott (GA), Marshall, Herseth Sandlin, Cuellar, Costa, Ellsworth, Walz, Gillibrand, Kagen, Schrader, Halvorson, Dahlkemper, Massa, Bright, Markey (CO), Kratovil, Schauer, Kissell, Boccieri, Pomeroy, Childers, and Minnick. Committee on the Budget: Representatives Schwartz, Kaptur, Becerra, Doggett, Blumenauer, Berry, Boyd, McGovern, Tsongas, Etheridge, McColm, Melancon, Yarmuth, Andrews, DeLauro, Ed-

wards (TX), Scott (VA), Langevin, Larsen (WA), Bishop (NY), Moore (WI), Connolly (VA), and Schrader. Committee on Education and Labor: Representatives Kildee, Payne, Andrews, Scott (VA), Woolsey, Hinojosa, McCarthy (NY), Tierney, Kucinich, Wu, Holt, Davis (CA), Grijalva, Bishop (NY), Sestak, Loeb sack, Hirono, Altmire, Hare, Clarke, Courtney, Shea-Porter, Fudge, Polis (CO), Tonko, Pierluisi, Sablan, and Titus. Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representatives Ackerman, Faleomavaega, Payne, Sherman, Wexler, Engel, Delahunt, Meeks (NY), Watson, Smith (WA), Carnahan, Sires, Connolly (VA), McMahan, Tanner, Gene Green (TX), Jackson-Lee (TX), Lee (CA), Berkeley, Crowley, Ross, Miller (NC), Scott (GA), Costa, Ellison, Giffords, and Klein (FL). Committee on the Judiciary: Representatives Berman, Boucher, Nadler (NY), Scott (VA), Watt, Zoe Lofgren (CA), Jackson-Lee (TX), Waters, Delahunt, Wexler, Cohen, Johnson (GA), Pierluisi, Gutierrez, Sherman, Baldwin, Gonzalez, Weiner, Schiff, Linda T. Sánchez (CA), Wasserman Schultz, and Maffei. Committee on Natural Resources: Representatives Kildee, Faleomavaega, Abercrombie, Pallone, Napolitano, Holt, Grijalva, Bordallo, Costa, Boren, Sablan,

Heinrich, George Miller (CA), Markey (MA), DeFazio, Hinchey, Christensen, DeGette, Kind, Capps, Inslee, Baca, Herseth Sandlin, Sarbanes, Shear-Porter, Tsongas, Kratovil, and Pierluisi. Committee on Science and Technology: Representatives Costello, Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX), Woolsey, Wu, Baird, Miller (NC), Lipinski, Giffords, Edwards (MD), Fudge, Lujan, Tonko, Griffith, Rothman (NJ), Matheson, Davis (TN), Chandler, Carnahan, Hill, Mitchell, Wilson (OH), Dahlkemper, Grayson, Kosmas, and Peters. Committee on Small Business: Representatives Moore (KS), Shuler, Dahlkemper, Schrader, Kirkpatrick (AZ), Nye, Michaud, Bean, Lipinski, Altmire, Clarke, Ellsworth, Sestak, Bright, Griffith, and Halvorson. Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representatives Corrine Brown (FL), Snyder, Michaud, Herseth Sandlin, Mitchell, Hall (NY), Halvorson, Perriello, Teague, Rodriguez, Donnelly (IN), McNerney, Space, Walz, Adler (NJ), Kirkpatrick (AZ), and Nye.

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

Observing the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., and encouraging the people of the United States to observe the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: H. Res. 73, to observe the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., and to encourage the people of the United States to observe the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and

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Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools: H. Res. 39, to honor the contributions of Catholic schools.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing support for designation of the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as "National School Counseling Week": H. Res. 56, to express support for designation of the week of February 2 through February 6, 2009, as "National School Counseling Week" and

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Commending the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game: H. Res. 58, to commend the University of Florida Gators for winning the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game.

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TARP Reform and Accountability Act of 2009: The House passed H.R. 384, to reform the Troubled Assets Relief Program of the Secretary of the Treasury and ensure accountability under such Program, by a recorded vote of 260 ayes to 166 noes, Roll No.

26. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, January 14th and continued on Thursday, January 15th.

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Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Gohmert motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 24.

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Rejected the Barrett (SC) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 25.

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Accepted:

Myrick amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 111-3) that prohibits TARP fund recipients from outsourcing new customer service or call center jobs to foreign companies;

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Frank (MA) amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 111-3) that requires that any assisted institution publicly report, not less than quarterly, on the institution's use of the assistance, and requires the Treasury to make those reports readily available online;

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Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 111-3) that clarifies that the TARP Special Inspector General has oversight power over any actions taken by Treasury under this legislation that he deems appropriate, with certain exceptions; and

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Hinchey amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111-3) that requires Treasury to immediately obtain information from recipients of TARP funds and their precise use of funds allocated prior to January 1, 2009, and requires the Treasury to conduct an analysis of the use of those funds within 30 days of enactment (by a recorded vote of 427 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 23).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 62, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Thursday, January 15th.

Recess: The House recessed at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Horace Kornegay, former Member of Congress.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Foxx, wherein she resigned from the Committees on Education and Labor, Oversight and Government Reform, and Agriculture.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Alexander, wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Budget. **Page H419**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H412–13, H414–15, H417–18 and H418–19. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC STIMULUS; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Met for organizational purposes.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James B. Steinberg, to be Deputy Secretary, and Jacob J. Lew, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, both of the Department of State, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine what States are doing to keep citizens healthy, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Dennis Blair, to be Director of National Intelligence, 10 a.m., SH–216.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on preventing weapons of mass destruction proliferation and terrorism, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to meet for organizational purposes, 10:15 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to consider the portions of the economic recovery package under the Committee on Energy and Commerce's jurisdiction, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to meet for organizational purposes, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 200, Helping Families Save Their Homes in Bankruptcy Act of 2009; and H.R. 225, Emergency Homeownership and Equity Protection Act, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing on Infrastructure Investment: Ensuring an Effective Economic Recovery Package, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 598, To provide for a portion of the economic recovery package relating to revenue measures, unemployment, and health, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.