

**Question of Consideration:** The House agreed to consider H.R. 1, making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 38. **Pages H556–57**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009:** The House began consideration of H.R. 1, making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization. Further proceedings were postponed until tomorrow, January 28th. **Pages H557–83**

H. Res. 88, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 35, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 34. **Pages H535–43, H545–46**

**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until tomorrow, January 28th:

**DTV Delay Act:** S. 328, to postpone the DTV transition date. **Pages H584–93**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H531.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 328 was held at the desk.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed appear on page H603.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H543–44, H544, H545, H545–46, H555, H566, and H566–67. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the priorities of the Department of Defense in the new Administration. Testimony was heard from Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense.

### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND BUDGET CHALLENGES

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Economic Outlook and Budget Challenges. Testimony was heard from Douglas Elmendorf, Director, CBO;

Alice M. Rivlin, former Director of OMB and CBO; and public witnesses.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

*Committee on Financial Services:* Met for organizational purposes.

### COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT PLAN

*Committee on House Administration:* Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

### BANKRUPTCY PREVENTION; COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 200, Helping Families Save Their Homes in Bankruptcy Act of 2009.

The Committee also approved the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress.

### DC HOUSE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing on H.R. 157, District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hoyer, Chaffetz and Gohmert; former Representative Tom Davis of Virginia; and public witnesses.

### AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 9 to 2, a rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 1, the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009." The rule provides an additional one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended. The rule provides that no further amendment shall be in order except those printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each further amendment may be offered only in the order printed, may be offered only by a Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against such

further amendments except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations shall insert in the Congressional Record not later than February 4, 2009, such materials as he may deem explanatory of appropriations measures for fiscal year 2009. Finally, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means may file a supplemental report to accompany H.R. 598. Testimony was heard from Representatives Blumenauer, Pascrell, Inslee, DeFazio, Waters, Nadler, Brown of Florida, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Cummings, Sanchez, Grijalva, Davis of California, Lipinski, Kagen, Sestak, Speier, Edwards of Maryland, Kissel, Peters, Teague, Bordallo, Lewis of California, Kingston, Kirk, Ryan of Wisconsin, Stearns, Rogers of Michigan, Tim Murphy of Pennsylvania, Hoekstra, Manzullo, Rogers of Alabama, Barrett of South Carolina, Garrett of New Jersey, Turner, Neugebauer, Heller of Nevada, Lamborn and Scalise.

#### ENERGY REDUCTION/ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Energy Reduction and Environmental Sustainability in Surface Transportation. Testimony was heard from John D. Porcari, Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, State of Maryland; Robit Aggarwala, Director, Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability, New York City; and public witnesses.

#### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine Federal response to the housing and financial crisis, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine global climate change, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine lessons from the Mumbai, India terrorist attacks, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine impact of the economic crisis on the U.S. Postal Service, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Eric H. Holder, Jr., to be Attorney General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine veterans organizations' priorities for the 111th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

##### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Sexual Assault in the Military: Victim Support and Advocacy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology,* to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 111th Congress, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* to meet for organizational purposes, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Freight and Passenger Rail: Present and Future Roles, Performance, Benefits, and Needs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.