

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 4428–4459; 1 private bill, H.R. 4460; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 226–227; and H. Res. 1007–1014 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 3650, to establish a National Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Program, to develop and coordinate a comprehensive and integrated strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, and to provide for the development and implementation of comprehensive regional action plans to reduce harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–396, Pt. 1).

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

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Samuel Tialavea, Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Buchanan presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 847, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that any conference committee or other meetings held to determine the content of national health care legislation be conducted in public under the watchful eye of the people of the United States (Discharge Petition No. 9).

Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010—Presidential Veto: The House voted to sustain the President's veto of H.J. Res. 64, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 143 yeas to 245 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 2 (two-thirds of those present not voting to override).

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Subsequently, the message (H. Doc. 111–84) and the resolution were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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

Supporting continued political and economic development in Ukraine: H. Res. 981, to support continued political and economic development in Ukraine;

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Congratulating Flint native, University of Alabama sophomore, and running back Mark Ingram on winning the 2009 Heisman Trophy: H. Res. 970, to congratulate Flint native, University of Alabama sophomore, and running back Mark Ingram on winning the 2009 Heisman Trophy and to honor both his athletic and academic achievements;

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Congratulating the staff, students, and faculty at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy for winning the 2009 Star Innovator in the Intel Schools of Distinction competition: H. Res. 862, amended, to congratulate the staff, students, and faculty at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy for winning the 2009 Star Innovator in the Intel Schools of Distinction competition;

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Congratulating North Central College on winning the 2009 NCAA Division III men's cross country championship: H. Res. 1001, to congratulate North Central College on winning the 2009 NCAA Division III men's cross country championship; **Pages H55–56**

Honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: H. Res. 1002, to honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to encourage the continued commitment to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national day of service, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 3; **Pages H56–60, H107–08**

Supporting the initiatives of Chicago Wilderness and the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights: H. Res. 860, amended, to support the initiatives of Chicago Wilderness and the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 369 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 4; **Pages H60–61, H108**

E.V. Wilkins Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3892, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Highway 64 Bypass in Roper, North Carolina, as the "E.V. Wilkins Post Office", by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 356 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 5; **Pages H61–63, H108–09**

Sergeant Matthew L. Ingram Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4139, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7464 Highway 503 in Hickory, Mississippi, as the "Sergeant Matthew L. Ingram Post Office"; **Pages H63–64**

Providing that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances: S. 692, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances; **Page H65**

Government Accountability Office Improvement Act of 2009: H.R. 2646, to amend title 31, United States Code, to enhance the oversight authorities of the Comptroller General; and **Pages H65–67**

Enacting certain laws relating to national and commercial space programs as title 51, United States Code, "National and Commercial Space Programs": H.R. 3237, to enact certain laws relating to national and commercial space programs as title 51, United States Code, "National and Commercial Space Programs". **Pages H67–H104**

Recess: The House recessed at 1 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m. **Page H104**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of Paula Nowakowski.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of all those impacted by the catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010. **Page H108**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, January 15th, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19th for morning hour debate. **Page H109**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H104–05, H107, H108 and H108–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CHINA: RECENT SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on China: Recent Security Developments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM Robert F. Willard, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; and Wallace C. Gregson, Assistant Secretary, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs; and David B. Shear, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported H.R. 3190, Discount Pricing Consumer Protection Act of 2009.

The Committee adversely reported H. Res. 994, Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the Attorney General's possession relating to the decision to dismiss United States v. New Black Panther Party.

BRIEFING—ATTEMPTED TERRORIST ATTACK ON NORTHWEST FLIGHT 253

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Attempted Terrorist Attack on Northwest Flight 253. The Committee was briefed by the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Dennis C. Blair, Director; and Michael Leiter, Director, National Counterterrorism Center.