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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON RULES,
Washington, DC, December 31, 2008.

Hon. LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk, United States House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. MILLER: Pursuant to clause 1(d) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 110th Congress, I present herewith a report entitled "Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules, 110th Congress."

Sincerely,

LOUISE M. SLAUGHTER,
Chairwoman.

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Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

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Pursuant to the provisions of Rule XI, clause 1(d) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Rules submits the following report on its activities during the 110th Congress.

I. HISTORY, FUNCTION, AND ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

A. INTRODUCTION

At the beginning of the 110th Congress, the Committee on Rules underwent its first major demographic shift in over a decade: a change in majority control from Republican Members to Democratic Members. This change in power had not been seen since the start of the 104th Congress (when control shifted from Democratic Members to Republican Members).

When it was reconstituted at the start of the 110th Congress, the Rules Committee retained the structure and purpose in the House of Representatives that it had during previous Congresses. In addition, its size and super-majority party ratio remained the same as in previous Congresses under both Republican and Democratic control. Its central function continued to be setting the conditions under which major legislation would be considered on the House floor, including the terms of debate and the consideration of amendments. Underscoring this role, scholars of Congress and

Members have described the Rules Committee as a “traffic cop,” “gatekeeper,” and “the Speaker’s Committee.”

Aside from regulating the flow of legislation to the House floor, the Committee plays other important roles. It exercises jurisdiction over the Rules of the House, joint rules of the House and Senate, and the budget process. In this capacity, the Committee provides institutional background to the practices and procedures of the House.

This report provides some historical background on the Committee and summarizes its activities during the 110th Congress.

B. HISTORY AND FUNCTION

The Rules Committee has a long and storied history. The House established the first Rules Committee as a select committee on the second day of the First Congress, April 2, 1789, pursuant to the mandate in Article I, section 5, clause 2, of the Constitution that “Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings.” The House order creating the Committee stated that a committee be appointed “to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceedings as may be proper to be observed in the House.” Since the moment of its inception, the Committee has followed these mandates.

From the beginning, the Members serving on the Rules Committee included not only some of the most prominent Members of the House but also distinguished Founders of the nation. Of the first eleven Members on the Committee were: (1) Mr. James Madison of Virginia, the “Father of the Constitution” and future President of the United States; (2) Mr. Roger Sherman of Connecticut, the only one of the Founding Fathers to help prepare and sign all four of the most important documents of the early nation, namely the Articles of Association, the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution; (3) Mr. Elias Boudinot of New Jersey, President of the Continental Congress from November 1782 to November 1783; and (4) Mr. Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts, a future Vice President of the United States and a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation.

Five days after its appointment, the first Select Committee on Rules began exercising its responsibilities. It reported four rules on: (1) the duties of the Speaker, (2) decorum and debate, (3) the disposition of bills, and (4) the operations of the Committee of the Whole. Six days later, on April 13, the Select Committee reported an additional eight rules dealing with such matters as the service of Members on committees, Members’ attendance during floor proceedings, the creation of a standing Committee on Elections, the duties of the Clerk, and the duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms. With the adoption by the House of these rules, the Select Committee was dissolved.

During the first 90 years of the House, this pattern continued. The House would establish a Select Committee on Rules, the Select Committee would, for the beginning of each Congress, report any recommended revisions in the standing rules from those of the previous Congress, and then it would dissolve. In some Congresses, the House did not appoint a Select Committee on Rules and, instead, operated under the rules adopted in the preceding Congress.

The status of the Select Committee changed over the next several decades. Although the House in its early years relied primarily on select committees to draft legislation, by the mid-nineteenth century the House established thirty-four standing committees that would take over such responsibilities. The House ultimately converted the Rules Committee into a permanent standing committee in 1880 chaired by the Speaker of the House. It was this Speaker-Chairman position, combined with the newly-emerging role of the Committee to report rules managing consideration of legislation on the floor that cemented the Committee's place in political history.

In 1883, the modern Rules Committee began to emerge when the House upheld the right of the Committee to issue "special orders of business" or "special rules" providing for the consideration of legislation from other committees. By 1890, this new role became the exclusive prerogative of the Rules Committee.

Special rules, which were and are House resolutions reported from the Rules Committee, were important because they required only a majority vote of the House to provide for the consideration of bills out of the order in which they appeared on the floor Calendar. This is notable because, until the use of special rules, a two-thirds vote was required to suspend the general rule and consider a bill out of order. In short, a majority now could do what before required a super-majority. Special rules gained importance because they gave the House flexibility in its legislative agenda, which, in turn, allowed for House leadership to respond to changing judgments about the nation's needs at any given time.

Speaker Thomas Brackett Reed of Maine was the individual most responsible for recognizing and utilizing the full potential of the combined powers of Speaker and Rules Committee chairman; this is because he served in those two roles in the years 1889–91 and in the years 1895–99. Not only did he use his authority as Speaker to make rulings from the Chair that outlawed certain obstructionist tactics on the House floor, but he also proceeded to codify these rulings, known as "Reed's Rules," in the standing rules of the House through his capacity as Rules Committee chairman. Speaker Reed also made regular use of the Rules Committee to report special rules that enabled him to schedule bills he wanted on the floor when he wished, and under his terms of debate and amendment.

This powerful Speaker-Chairman position continued until 1910 in a revolt against Speaker Joseph Cannon of Illinois. Speaker Cannon had served as Speaker and Rules Committee Chairman since 1903. Disaffected by Speaker Cannon's autocratic rule, a group of Republican insurgents joined with the Democratic minority to bypass the Rules Committee and directly amend House Rules from the floor. The group amended the Rules to strip the Speaker of his chairmanship and membership on the Rules Committee, as well as his power to appoint Members to the Committee. They also voted to enlarge the Committee from five to ten members, elected by the House. The following year, a new Democratic majority completed the revolution by taking away the Speaker's power to appoint members to all the other committees of the House. As of that time, the House has elected all members to standing committees.

This revolt had far-reaching and long-lasting consequences. While the Rules Committee continued to serve as the scheduling arm of the House leadership, it developed somewhat of an inde-

pendent streak around the time of the New Deal, when many Rules Committee members were opposed to the post-war policies of President Roosevelt. From 1937 until 1961, the Committee was dominated by a conservative coalition of Southern Democrats and Republicans who sometimes would refuse to report rules on bills that the majority leadership wanted on the floor, or they would report such rules only under their own terms and timing. A successful effort by Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas and President John F. Kennedy in 1961 to enlarge the membership of the Committee did not solve the problem. It was not until the mid-1970s, with a large influx of new Democratic members, that the Rules Committee was fully restored as an arm of the majority leadership.

The reform movement of the mid-seventies also produced further decentralization in the House with the emergence of more independent Members and the proliferation of semi-autonomous subcommittees. This decentralization soon led to pressures to give the majority leadership, particularly the Speaker acting through the Rules Committee, more authority to direct the business of the House.

In 1975, with a Democratic majority in the House, Democratic Caucus rules, which govern how the Democratic members will carry out their roles, gave the Democratic Speaker the authority to appoint all Rules Committee Democrats, subject to Caucus ratification. In 1989, with a Republican minority in the House, the Republican Conference, which governs how Republican members exercise their duties, gave the minority leader the same authority to appoint Republican members to the Rules Committee.

Today, the slates of appointees recommended by the majority and minority leaders still are subject to approval by the whole House in the form of a House resolution. In the 110th Congress, all of the Democratic Members were appointed to the Rules Committee through the adoption of H. Res. 7 and H. Res. 56. The Republican Members of the Committee were appointed through the adoption of H. Res. 8.

While the most high-profile role of the Rules Committee is to direct legislative traffic to the House floor, the Committee also has responsibility for other important business. For instance, in the midst of its gate-keeping work, the Committee must help resolve jurisdictional disputes between other standing committees. As is often the case, committees will report legislation with amendments that impact the jurisdiction of other committees. When legislation with such cross-jurisdictional language comes to the Committee, the Rules Committee must ensure that disputes are worked out so that legislation can reach the floor without controversy between House leaders.

Finally, with the aid of the Office of the Parliamentarian, the Committee plays a role in ensuring compliance with the House Rules. Authorizing and appropriating committees often seek guidance in how to conduct their oversight and legislative responsibilities in accordance with the Rules. When questions arise regarding the propriety of certain courses of action, they turn to the Rules Committee or the Parliamentarian for the answer.

Overall, and notwithstanding changes in majority control, the Rules Committee continues its role of facilitating the deliberation and amending of legislation in the House.

C. COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION DURING THE 110TH CONGRESS

At the beginning of the 94th Congress, the Committee membership was increased from fifteen Members (ten Democrats and five Republicans) to sixteen Members (eleven Democrats and five Republicans). This ratio remained until the 98th Congress, when the membership was reduced to thirteen Members (nine Democrats and four Republicans). The membership has remained at thirteen, through the 110th Congress. The ratio of majority party Members to minority party Members also has remained the same. However, in the 104th through the 109th Congresses, Republicans were in the majority and Democrats were in the minority. During the 110th Congress, Democrats were again in the Majority.

Eight of the thirteen Members of the Rules Committee in the 110th Congress served on the Committee during the previous Congress. The returning Democratic Representatives were Louise McIntosh Slaughter of New York, James McGovern of Massachusetts, Alcee Hastings of Florida, and Doris Matsui of California. The new Democratic Representatives on the Committee for the 110th Congress were Dennis Cardoza of California, Peter Welch of Vermont, Kathy Castor of Florida, Michael Arcuri of New York, and Betty Sutton of Ohio. The returning Republican Representatives were David Dreier of California, Lincoln Diaz-Balart of Florida, Doc Hastings of Washington, and Pete Sessions of Texas.

The Committee held its organizational meeting on January 12, 2007. Chairwoman Louise Slaughter of New York opened the meeting and welcomed back all the returning Members.

Chairwoman Slaughter announced that the proposed Rules Committee rules would be considered as read and open for amendment at any point. She explained that the proposal calls for the adoption of the Committee's rules for the 109th Congress with two minor modifications. First, the Committee's regular meeting hour of 5:00 PM on Tuesday was changed to 10:00 AM on Tuesday. Second, the notifications of meetings could be sent solely by e-mail, rather than in writing as they had in the past.

Mr. McGovern offered a motion that the Rules Committee adopt the proposed Committee rules for the 110th Congress.

Mr. McGovern's motion to adopt the Committee rules was agreed to by a voice vote after rejecting amendments offered by Mr. Diaz-Balart, Mr. Hastings, and Mr. Sessions. Chairwoman Slaughter then designated, pursuant to clause 2(d) of rule XI of the rules of the House, James McGovern as the Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee to act on the Chairwoman's behalf during a temporary absence of the Chairwoman.

Mr. McGovern offered a motion that pursuant to Rule 5(c) of the Rules of the Rules Committee, the Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House and the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process would each be composed of five majority and two minority Members, identical to the ratio used in recent Congresses. Mr. McGovern's motion was adopted by voice vote.

Chairwoman Slaughter subsequently appointed Mr. McGovern as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House, and Mr. Hastings of Florida to chair the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process. Chairwoman Slaughter and Rank-

ing Member Dreier appointed the majority and minority Members of the two subcommittees as follows:

Subcommittee on Rules and Organization the House: Mr. McGovern (Chairman), Ms. Matsui, Ms. Castor, Mr. Arcuri, Ms. Slaughter, Mr. Hastings of Washington, Mr. Sessions.

Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process: Mr. Hastings of Florida (Chairman), Mr. Cardoza, Mr. Welch, Ms. Sutton, Ms. Slaughter, Mr. Diaz-Balart, Mr. Dreier.

At a subsequent meeting on February 7, 2007, the Rules Committee adopted by voice vote the Committee oversight plan for the 110th Congress. On February 26, 2007 Chairwoman Slaughter submitted the Committee's budget to the Committee on House Administration.

D. RULES COMMITTEE ON THE INTERNET

Continuing on the successes of the previous Congresses, the Committee on Rules website (www.rules.house.gov) remained the premier website in the House of Representatives for providing up-to-the-minute information on measures going to the House floor under a rule reported from this committee, including timely postings of introduced or reported measures, amendments, committee prints, amendments between the Houses, conference reports, and special rules reported by the Committee. Posted legislation received the most user requests as Members, staff, and the general public rely on the site for the most current legislative developments. The average daily usage for the 110th Congress was 11,893 page views, with a total of 8,456,234 pages viewed.

The website offers a substantial amount of information on the operations of Congress and on the daily activities of the Rules Committee. The website can be used to access the rules of the House, the rules of the Senate, Brown-Johnson House Practice, Deschler's Precedents, Congressional Research Service reports, detailed information on the budget process, and both House and Senate committee and floor procedures. The website also provides immediate access to the Committee schedule, all special rules reported (including the text of amendments made in order), Committee announcements, the Committee's rules and jurisdiction, all original jurisdiction hearings, and news releases. Additionally, access to the Committee's history, membership, publications, the opening day rules package of each Congress and the reports of the 1993 Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress of which has been updated with the latest reports and legislation affecting the House and Parliamentary process are also provided. The website facilitates the amendment process by providing the necessary forms and instructions for proper amendment filing as well as the ability to submit to the Committee amendments and testimony requests directly and securely online.

In keeping with tradition, the Rules Committee website remained a non partisan tool for legislative research and information on Rules Committee process. One of the most significant changes in the 110th Congress to the Rules Committee website was to group all information related to a particular measure by bill. This allowed for easier perusal by those wishing to research a measure without having to compile and piece together information in the various screens. In addition to some cosmetic changes, the Par-

liamentary Procedure program section of the website, a valued resource for those interested in learning about House and Senate procedure, underwent a much needed streamlining and revamping in conjunction with the ongoing legislative activities of the 110th Congress. In addition to a new reports section and updating of information that reflected the changes in Congress, there have been new additions of video tutorials and explanations of House procedure. Finally, all materials that were presented in the Legislative Process Program classes were uploaded to the website for the public to access and use as a resource.

E. RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

110TH CONGRESS

RULE 1.—GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) The rules of the House are the rules of the Committee and its subcommittees so far as applicable, except that a motion to recess from day to day, and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, are non-debatable privileged motions in the Committee. A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read if it has been available to the members of the Committee for at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such day).

(b) Each subcommittee is a part of the Committee, and is subject to the authority and direction of the Committee and to its rules so far as applicable.

(c) The provisions of clause 2 of rule XI of the rules of the House are incorporated by reference as the rules of the Committee to the extent applicable.

(d) The Committee's rules shall be published in the Congressional Record not later than 30 days after the Committee is elected in each odd-numbered year.

RULE 2.—REGULAR, ADDITIONAL, AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS

(a)(1) The Committee shall regularly meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday of each week when the House is in session.

(2) A regular meeting of the Committee may be dispensed with if, in the judgment of the Chairman of the Committee (hereafter in these rules referred to as the "Chair"), there is no need for the meeting.

(3) Additional regular meetings and hearings of the Committee may be called by the Chair.

NOTICE FOR REGULAR MEETINGS

(b) The Chair shall notify in electronic or written form each member of the Committee of the agenda of each regular meeting of the Committee at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting and shall provide to each member of the Committee, at least 24 hours before the time of each regular meeting.

- (1) for each bill or resolution scheduled on the agenda for consideration of a rule, a copy of—
- (A) the bill or resolution;
 - (B) any committee reports thereon; and
 - (C) any letter requesting a rule for the bill or resolution;
- and
- (2) for each other bill, resolution, report, or other matter on the agenda a copy of—
- (A) the bill, resolution, report, or materials relating to the other matter in question; and
 - (B) any report on the bill, resolution, report, or any other matter made by any subcommittee of the Committee.

EMERGENCY MEETINGS

(c)(1) The Chair may call an emergency meeting of the Committee at any time on any measure or matter which the Chair determines to be of an emergency nature; provided, however, that the Chair has made an effort to consult the ranking minority member, or, in such member's absence, the next ranking minority party member of the Committee.

(2) As soon as possible after calling an emergency meeting of the Committee, the Chair shall notify each member of the Committee of the time and location of the meeting.

(3) To the extent feasible, the notice provided under paragraph (2) shall include the agenda for the emergency meeting and copies of available materials which would otherwise have been provided under subsection (b) if the emergency meeting was a regular meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

(d) Special meetings shall be called and convened as provided in clause 2(c)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the House.

RULE 3.—MEETING AND HEARING PROCEDURES

IN GENERAL

(a)(1) Meetings and hearings of the Committee shall be called to order and presided over by the Chair or, in the Chair's absence, by the member designated by the Chair as the Vice Chair of the Committee, or by the ranking majority member of the Committee present as Acting Chair.

(2) Meetings and hearings of the committee shall be open to the public unless closed in accordance with clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(3) Any meeting or hearing of the Committee that is open to the public shall be open to coverage by television, radio, and still photography in accordance with the provisions of clause 4 of rule XI of the rules of the House (which are incorporated by reference as part of these rules).

(4) When a recommendation is made as to the kind of rule which should be granted for consideration of a bill or resolution, a copy of the language recommended shall be furnished to each member of the Committee at the beginning of the Committee meeting at which the rule is to be considered or as soon thereafter as the proposed language becomes available.

QUORUM

(b)(1) For the purpose of hearing testimony on requests for rules, five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(2) For the purpose of taking testimony and receiving evidence on measures or matters of original jurisdiction before the Committee, three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(3) A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of reporting any measure or matter, of authorizing a subpoena, of closing a meeting or hearing pursuant to clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House (except as provided in clause 2(g)(2)(A) and (B), or of taking any other action.

VOTING

(c)(1) No vote may be conducted on any measure or motion pending before the Committee unless a majority of the members of the Committee is actually present for such purpose.

(2) A record vote of the Committee shall be provided on any question before the Committee upon the request of any member.

(3) No vote by any member of the Committee on any measure or matter may be cast by proxy.

(4) A record of the vote of each Member of the Committee on each record vote on any matter before the Committee shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Committee, and with respect to any record vote on any motion to amend or report, shall be included in the report of the Committee showing the total number of votes cast for and against and the names of those members voting for and against.

HEARING PROCEDURES

(d)(1) With regard to hearings on matters of original jurisdiction, to the greatest extent practicable:

(A) each witness who is to appear before the Committee shall file with the committee at least 24 hours in advance of the appearance a statement of proposed testimony in written and electronic form and shall limit the oral presentation to the Committee to a brief summary thereof; and

(B) each witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity shall include with the statement of proposed testimony provided in written and electronic form a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of any Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or sub-contract thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two preceding fiscal years.

(2) The five-minute rule shall be observed in the interrogation of each witness before the Committee until each member of the Committee has had an opportunity to question the witness.

(3) The provisions of clause 2(k) of rule XI of the Rules of the House shall apply to any hearing conducted by the committee.

SUBPOENAS AND OATHS

(e)(1) Pursuant to clause 2(m) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, a subpoena may be authorized and issued by the Committee or a subcommittee in the conduct of any investigation or series of investigations or activities, only when au-

thorized by a majority of the members voting, a majority being present.

(2) The Chair may authorize and issue subpoenas under such clause during any period in which the House has adjourned for a period of longer than three days.

(3) Authorized subpoenas shall be signed by the Chair or by any member designated by the Committee, and may be served by any person designated by the Chair or such member.

(4) The Chair, or any member of the Committee designated by the Chair, may administer oaths to witnesses before the Committee.

RULE 4.—GENERAL OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) The Committee shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within its jurisdiction.

(b) Not later than February 15 of the first session of a Congress, the committee shall meet in open session, with a quorum present, to adopt its oversight plans for that Congress for submission to the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Government Reform, in accordance with the provisions of clause 2(d) of House rule X.

RULE 5.—SUBCOMMITTEES

ESTABLISHMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUBCOMMITTEES

(a)(1) There shall be two subcommittees of the Committee as follows:

(A) *Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process*, which shall have general responsibility for measures or matters related to relations between the Congress and the Executive Branch.

(B) *Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House*, which shall have general responsibility for measures or matters related to process and procedures of the House, relations between the two Houses of Congress, relations between the Congress and the Judiciary, and internal operations of the House.

(2) In addition, each such subcommittee shall have specific responsibility for such other measures or matters as the Chair refers to it.

(3) Each subcommittee of the Committee shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within its general responsibility.

REFERRAL OF MEASURES AND MATTERS TO SUBCOMMITTEES

(b)(1) In view of the unique procedural responsibilities of the Committee, no special order providing for the consideration of any bill or resolution shall be referred to a subcommittee of the Committee.

(2) The Chair shall refer to a subcommittee such measures or matters of original jurisdiction as the Chair deems appropriate given its jurisdiction and responsibilities.

(3) All other measures or matters of original jurisdiction shall be subject to consideration by the full Committee.

(4) In referring any measure or matter of original jurisdiction to a subcommittee, the Chair may specify a date by which the subcommittee shall report thereon to the Committee.

(5) The Committee by motion may discharge a subcommittee from consideration of any measure or matter referred to a subcommittee of the Committee.

COMPOSITION OF SUBCOMMITTEES

(c) The size and ratio of each subcommittee shall be determined by the Committee and members shall be elected to each subcommittee, and to the positions of chairman and ranking minority member thereof, in accordance with the rules of the respective party caucuses. The Chair of the full committee shall designate a member of the majority party on each subcommittee as its vice chairman.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

(d)(1) Each subcommittee of the Committee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive testimony, mark up legislation, and report to the full Committee on any measure or matter referred to it.

(2) No subcommittee of the Committee may meet or hold a hearing at the same time as a meeting or hearing of the full Committee is being held.

(3) The chairman of each subcommittee shall schedule meetings and hearings of the subcommittee only after consultation with the Chair.

QUORUM

(e)(1) For the purpose of taking testimony, two members of the subcommittee shall constitute a quorum.

(2) For all other purposes, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of a subcommittee.

EFFECT OF A VACANCY

(f) Any vacancy in the membership of a subcommittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the functions of the subcommittee.

RECORDS

(g) Each subcommittee of the Committee shall provide the full Committee with copies of such records of votes taken in the subcommittee and such other records with respect to the subcommittee necessary for the Committee to comply with all rules and regulations of the House.

RULE 6.—STAFF

IN GENERAL

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the professional and other staff of the Committee shall be appointed, by the Chair, and shall work under the general supervision and direction of the Chair.

(2) All professional, and other staff provided to the minority party members of the Committee, shall be appointed, by the ranking minority member of the Committee, and shall work under the general supervision and direction of such member.

(3) The appointment of all professional staff shall be subject to the approval of the Committee as provided by, and subject to the provisions of, clause 9 of rule X of the Rules of the House.

ASSOCIATE STAFF

(b) Associate staff for members of the Committee may be appointed only at the discretion of the Chair (in consultation with the ranking minority member regarding any minority party associate staff), after taking into account any staff ceilings and budgetary constraints in effect at the time, and any terms, limits, or conditions established by the Committee on House Administration under clause 9 of rule X of the Rules of the House.

SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF

(c) From funds made available for the appointment of staff, the Chair of the Committee shall, pursuant to clause 6(d) of rule X of the Rules of the House, ensure that sufficient staff is made available to each subcommittee to carry out its responsibilities under the rules of the Committee, and, after consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee, that the minority party of the Committee is treated fairly in the appointment of such staff.

COMPENSATION OF STAFF

(d) The Chair shall fix the compensation of all professional and other staff of the Committee, after consultation with the ranking minority member regarding any minority party staff.

CERTIFICATION OF STAFF

(e)(1) To the extent any staff member of the Committee or any of its subcommittees does not work under the direct supervision and direction of the Chair, the Member of the Committee who supervises and directs the staff member's work shall file with the Chief of Staff of the Committee (not later than the tenth day of each month) a certification regarding the staff member's work for that member for the preceding calendar month.

(2) The certification required by paragraph (1) shall be in such form as the Chair may prescribe, shall identify each staff member by name, and shall state that the work engaged in by the staff member and the duties assigned to the staff member for the member of the Committee with respect to the month in question met the requirements of clause 9 of rule X of the Rules of the House.

(3) Any certification of staff of the Committee, or any of its subcommittees, made by the Chair in compliance with any provision of law or regulation shall be made—

(A) on the basis of the certifications filed under paragraph (1) to the extent the staff is not under the Chair's supervision and direction, and

(B) on his own responsibility to the extent the staff is under the Chair's direct supervision and direction.

RULE 7.—BUDGET, TRAVEL, PAY OF WITNESSES

BUDGET

(a) The Chair, in consultation with other members of the Committee, shall prepare for each Congress a budget providing amounts for staff, necessary travel, investigation, and other expenses of the Committee and its subcommittees.

TRAVEL

(b)(1) The Chair may authorize travel for any member and any staff member of the Committee in connection with activities or subject matters under the general jurisdiction of the Committee. Before such authorization is granted, there shall be submitted to the Chair in writing the following:

(A) The purpose of the travel.

(B) The dates during which the travel is to occur.

(C) The names of the States or countries to be visited and the length of time to be spent in each.

(D) The names of members and staff of the Committee for whom the authorization is sought.

(2) Members and staff of the Committee shall make a written report to the Chair on any travel they have conducted under this subsection, including a description of their itinerary, expenses, and activities, and of pertinent information gained as a result of such travel.

(3) Members and staff of the Committee performing authorized travel on official business shall be governed by applicable laws, resolutions, and regulations of the House and of the Committee on House Administration.

PAY OF WITNESSES

(c) Witnesses may be paid from funds made available to the Committee in its expense resolution subject to the provisions of clause 5 of rule XI of the Rules of the House.

RULE 8.—COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

REPORTING

(a) Whenever the Committee authorizes the favorable reporting of a bill or resolution from the Committee—

(1) the Chair or acting Chair shall report it to the House or designate a member of the Committee to do so, and

(2) in the case of a bill or resolution in which the Committee has original jurisdiction, the Chair shall allow, to the extent that the anticipated floor schedule permits, any member of the Committee a reasonable amount of time to submit views for in-

clusion in the Committee report on the bill or resolution. Any such report shall contain all matters required by the rules of the House of Representatives (or by any provision of law enacted as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the House) and such other information as the Chair deems appropriate.

RECORDS

(b)(1) There shall be a transcript made of each regular meeting and hearing of the Committee, and the transcript may be printed if the Chair decides it is appropriate or if a majority of the Members of the Committee requests such printing. Any such transcripts shall be a substantially verbatim account of remarks actually made during the proceedings, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections authorized by the person making the remarks. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require that all such transcripts be subject to correction and publication.

(2) The Committee shall keep a record of all actions of the Committee and of its subcommittees. The record shall contain all information required by clause 2(e)(1) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and shall be available for public inspection at reasonable times in the offices of the Committee.

(3) All Committee hearings, records, data, charts, and files shall be kept separate and distinct from the congressional office records of the Chair, shall be the property of the House, and all Members of the House shall have access thereto as provided in clause 2(e)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the House.

(4) The records of the Committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with rule VII of the Rules of the House. The Chair shall notify the ranking minority member of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of the rule, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the Committee for a determination on written request of any member of the Committee.

COMMITTEE PUBLICATIONS ON THE INTERNET

(c) To the maximum extent feasible, the Committee shall make its publications available in electronic form.

CALENDARS

(d)(1) The Committee shall maintain a Committee Calendar, which shall include all bills, resolutions, and other matters referred to or reported by the Committee and all bills, resolutions, and other matters reported by any other committee on which a rule has been granted or formally requested, and such other matters as the Chair shall direct. The Calendar shall be published periodically, but in no case less often than once in each session of Congress.

(2) The staff of the Committee shall furnish each member of the Committee with a list of all bills or resolutions (A) reported from the Committee but not yet considered by the House, and (B) on which a rule has been formally requested but not yet granted. The list shall be updated each week when the House is in session.

(3) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2), a rule is considered as formally requested when the Chairman of a committee which

has reported a bill or resolution (or a member of such committee authorized to act on the Chairman's behalf):

(A) has requested, in writing to the Chair, that a hearing be scheduled on a rule for the consideration of the bill or resolution, and

(B) has supplied the Committee with an adequate number of copies of the bill or resolution, as reported, together with the final printed committee report thereon.

OTHER PROCEDURES

(e) The Chair may establish such other Committee procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out these rules or to facilitate the effective operation of the Committee and its subcommittees in a manner consistent with these rules.

RULE 9.—AMENDMENTS TO COMMITTEE RULES

The rules of the Committee may be modified, amended or repealed, in the same manner and method as prescribed for the adoption of committee rules in clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House, but only if written notice of the proposed change has been provided to each such Member at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting at which the vote on the change occurs. Any such change in the rules of the Committee shall be published in the Congressional Record within 30 calendar days after their approval.

II. HOUSE RULES CHANGES ADOPTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 110TH CONGRESS

A. INTRODUCTION

The rules for the One Hundred Tenth Congress were called up by the Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and adopted on January 4 and 5, 2007, when the House agreed to House Resolution 6 in five divided titles. In addition to a series of changes to various standing rules, House Resolution 6 included separate free-standing orders constituting procedures to be followed in the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

In the beginning of the 110th Congress, a number of major reforms to the House Rules were made in the opening day rules package. These changes represented the commitment made to the American people by the new majority to substantially enhance and improve accountability in the House of Representatives both ethically and in the legislative process. The following reforms were among those adopted with substantial bipartisan support as was demonstrated by a series of rollcall votes taken during the two-day opening day agenda of the 110th Congress:

Banning gifts from lobbyists; lobbyist travel restrictions; major earmark reform including full disclosure and transparency; implementation of a new "Pay-as-You-Go" point of order; prohibiting the House from considering budget resolutions or amendments to budget resolutions that contain reconciliation instructions increasing the budget deficit; applying Budget Act rules against bills that have not been reported by committees; new travel requirements including upfront travel authorization and public disclosure; mandatory ethics training for all staff; conference process reform requiring

that conference committees operate in an open and fair manner and that House conferees sign the final conference papers at one time and in one place; and prohibiting the consideration of a conference report that has been altered after the time it was signed by conferees.

B. SUMMARY OF SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES CONTAINED IN H. RES. 6,
ADOPTING HOUSE RULES FOR THE 110TH CONGRESS

The substantive changes in the standing rules made by House Resolution 6 of the 110th Congress included:

(1) *Committee Designation*. Redesignation of the Committee on Education and the Workforce as the Committee on Education and Labor, of the Committee on Government Reform as the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, of the Committee on International Relations as the Committee on Foreign Affairs, of the Committee on Resources as the Committee on Natural Resources, and of the Committee on Science as the Committee on Science and Technology (clause 1 of rule X);

(2) *Deposition Authority*. Authority for the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to authorize the use of depositions to take testimony (clause 4(c) of rule X);

(3) *Ethics Training*. Requirement that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct offer annual ethics training to Members, Delegates, the Resident Commissioner, officers, and employees of the House (clause 3(a) of rule XI);

(4) *Rules Committee Record*. Exemption for the Committee on Rules from the requirement that committees include certain record votes in committee reports (clause 3(b) of rule XIII);

(5) *Holding Votes Open*. Policy prohibiting holding electronic votes open for the sole purpose of reversing the outcome of such votes (clause 2(a) of rule XX);

(6) *Concurrent Resolutions*. Prohibition against the consideration of a concurrent resolution on the budget containing reconciliation directives that would reduce a surplus or increase a deficit over certain periods (clause 7 of rule XXI);

(7) *Points of Order*. Application of points of order under title III of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to unreported measures (clause 8 of rule XXI);

(8) *Earmark Disclosure*. Prohibition against the consideration of certain measures in the absence of proper disclosure of congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits, and against consideration of a rule or order waiving such prohibition (clause 9 of rule XXI);

(9) *Direct Spending*. Prohibition against the consideration of certain measures containing direct spending and revenues reducing a surplus or increasing a deficit over certain periods (clause 10 of rule XXI);

(10) *Signing of Conference Reports*. Requirement that House managers at conferences have a unitary time and place at which to sign (or not) conference reports and joint explanatory statements (clause 12(a) of rule XXII);

(11) *Conference Report Text*. Prohibition against the consideration of conference reports if their text differs from that agreed to by the conferees (clause 13 of rule XXII);

(12) *Influencing Private Sector*. Restriction on influencing certain private sector hiring practices (clause 14 of rule XXIII);

(13) *Corporate Jet Ban*. Restriction on use of certain funds for flights on certain private aircraft (clause 15 of rule XXIII), such restriction later amended in its entirety (H. Res. 363, 110th Cong., May 2, 2007, p. H4412);

(14) *Earmark Reform*. Prohibition against certain action with regard to the inclusion of a congressional earmark, limited tax benefit, or limited tariff benefit in a measure (clause 16 of rule XXIII);

(15) *Earmark Request Statements*. Requirement that a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner provide a written statement to accompany any request to a committee for a congressional earmark, limited tax benefit, or limited tariff benefit, and a requirement that committees retain such requests (clause 17 of rule XXIII);

(16) *Lobbyist Gift Ban*. Restriction on the acceptance of gifts from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, or from a private entity retaining or employing such individual, except in certain circumstances (clause 5(a)(1)(A)(ii) of rule XXV);

(17) *Gift Valuation*. Clarification of the standard for valuation of gifts of tickets to sporting or entertainment events (clause 5(a)(1)(B)(ii) of rule XXV);

(18) *Lobbyist Travel Ban*. Restriction on the acceptance of reimbursement for travel in any part planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, except for reimbursement for travel from institutions of higher education or for attendance at a one-day event, in the latter case, provided that the involvement of a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal in such event is de minimis (clause 5(b)(1), 5(c)(2), and 5(c)(3) of rule XXV);

(19) *Expense Disclosure*. Acceleration of the time in which to disclose to the Clerk certain reimbursed expenses (clause 5(b)(1)(A)(ii) of rule XXV);

(20) *Travel Description*. Requirement to disclose a description of meetings and events attended when accepting reimbursement for certain travel expenses (clause 5(b)(3)(F) of rule XXV);

(21) *Travel Disclosure*. Requirement that the Clerk make public certain travel authorizations, certifications, and disclosures (clause 5(b)(5) of rule XXV);

(22) *Travel Reimbursement*. Restriction on acceptance of reimbursement, other than from an institution of higher education, for travel when accompanied by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal (clause 5(c)(1) of rule XXV);

(23) *Travel Certification*. Requirement that a certification be filed with, and permission be obtained from, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct prior to accepting permissible travel (clause 5(d) of rule XXV); and

(24) *Gift and Travel Guidelines*. Requirement that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct develop guidelines on various facets of the new gift and travel rules (clause 5(i) of rule XXV).

In addition to the amendments cited above, clause 4(a) of rule X was amended to create a Select Intelligence Oversight Panel of the Committee on Appropriations (H. Res. 35, 110th Cong., Jan. 9, 2007, p. H209), clause 5(a)(3)(Q) of rule XXV was amended to clarify the events for which a gift of free attendance is not prohibited

(sec. 4, H. Res. 437, 110th Cong., May 24, 2007, p. H5747), and changes regarding the Delegates and the Resident Commissioner were made as follows: authority for the Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to preside over (clause 1 of rule XVIII) and to vote in (clause 3 of rule III) the Committee of the Whole, subject to automatic reconsideration by the House on questions on which their votes are decisive (clause 6(h) of rule XVIII) (H. Res. 78, 110th Cong., Jan. 24, 2007, p. H912).

III. COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT PLAN

Pursuant to clause 2(d)(1) of House rule X, the Committee on Rules met in public session on February 7, 2007, and adopted by voice vote, an oversight plan for the 110th Congress for submission to the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Clause 1(d)(3) of rule XI requires the Committee to include in this report a summary of that oversight plan. The following is such a summary.

In addition to the traditional areas of oversight for the Committee on Rules, which include (1) rules and joint rules (other than those relating to the Code of Conduct) and the order of business of the House and (2) recesses and final adjournments of Congress, the Committee oversight plan included a commitment to monitor compliance with new and existing House rules, ensuring strict observance of the intent and spirit of the rules as well as adherence to the rules themselves. The plan also acknowledged the Committee's special oversight responsibility regarding the congressional budget process and its intention to work closely with the Budget Committee on any oversight activities undertaken with regard to the budget process. In addition to the jurisdictional areas contained in the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Rules Committee re-emphasized its major role in the changes to the House rules in the beginning of each new Congress.

The Committee oversight plan pledged the Committee would exercise its oversight responsibilities to ensure full compliance with these new rules and to carefully monitor and determine the effectiveness of these changes with regard to mitigation of the problems that led to their enactment. Because of its key role and involvement in advancing the particularly ambitious agenda of the new Democratic House, the Committee was not able to fully engage in more formal oversight activities in the 110th Congress (The House adopted over 2,000 legislative initiatives in the 110th Congress, over 700 more than in the 109th Congress and was in session for nearly 50 days more than the 109th Congress). On an informal level, the committee staff has maintained constant monitoring of those areas within the oversight responsibilities of the Rules Committee and has been involved with the Leadership on a number of measures that were brought to the House Floor by the Rules Committee to address matters within the jurisdiction of the committee and within its oversight as well. By bringing this legislation to the House Floor, the Committee was able to address and fulfill a number of items within its oversight. Examples include H. Res. 35 which created a Select Intelligence Oversight Panel within the House Appropriations Committee; H. Res. 78 which permitted Delegates & the Resident Commissioner to vote in the Committee of the Whole House; H. Res. 219 which established a Select Com-

mittee on Energy Independence & Global Warming; and H. Res. 1031 which established an Office of Congressional Ethics-outside ethics investigative panel.

IV. COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND ACTIVITIES

A. INTRODUCTION

The jurisdictional mandate of the Committee on Rules is set forth in clause 1(n) of Rule X as follows:

(n) Committee on Rules—

(1) Rules and joint rules (other than those relating to the Code of Official Conduct) and the order of business of the House.

(2) Recesses and final adjournments of Congress.

The special oversight function of the Committee is outlined in clause 3(j) of Rule X as follows:

(j) The Committee on Rules shall review and study on a continuing basis the congressional budget process, and the committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the House from time to time.

The jurisdictional mandate of the Committee for the purposes of this Survey of Activities is broken down into two subcategories: original jurisdiction matters and special rules (or order of business resolutions). In practice, these subgroups are intertwined in a manner that greatly affects the way in which the House conducts its business. Original jurisdiction matters include all measures pertaining to the rules of the House, the budget process and joint rules. These measures are either referred directly to the Committee by the Speaker or originate in the Committee itself. They not only pertain to changes in House procedures, but also cover the Committee's power to establish select committees, authorize certain investigations, provide enforcement procedures for the budget process, and to establish Congressional procedures for considering certain executive branch proposals.

The Committee held one hearing and markup on a matter of original jurisdiction during the 110th Congress. The measure was reported to the House for consideration, and subsequently adopted by the House.

The other subgroup of the Committee's jurisdictional mandate, referred to as order of business resolutions or 'special rules,' is used by the Committee to direct the manner in which a bill or resolution will be considered by the House. 'Special rules,' in the form of House resolutions, tailor the time allotted for debate and the process by which a bill can be amended. This is done to allow the House to consider the subject matter in a way which best suits the bill's individual issues and/or controversies. These 'rules' also may contain waivers of specific House rules or provisions in the Congressional Budget Act. It is sometimes necessary to waive the rules of the House in order to allow the House to consider all the facets of the particular issue or to facilitate the House resolving its differences with the Senate. Special rules also allow the House to consider measures according to the majority leadership's legislative

scheduling priorities rather than the numerical order in which they were reported.

During the 110th Congress, the Committee held 151 days of hearings pursuant to the 165 written requests received from Committee chairs seeking rules. In addition, there were three formal requests ultimately disposed of by procedures other than the Rules Committee (such as unanimous consent or suspension), and three formal requests were pending at the end of the Congress. These formal requests do not reflect additional requests of an emergency nature made in person by the chairs of the various legislative committees. The Committee granted 220 rules: 161 rules provided for consideration of bills and resolutions, 33 dealt with conference reports or consideration of Senate amendments, and 26 rules provided for consideration of measures but stopped short of the amending process (e.g., providing for debate only, creating suspension days for considering specific measures, or waiving the two-thirds requirement to bring up a rule for a certain measure on the same day the rule is reported from the Committee on Rules).

The Committee granted 23 open rules, 83 structured rules, and 53 closed rules. The Committee granted no waivers of specific sections of the Budget Act. The Committee granted 71 rules waiving points of order to permit consideration of either the underlying measure or matter made in order as original text, motions, or against the amendments made in order.

In summary, the Committee on Rules reported 220 rules. Of these the House adopted 202, rejected none, and tabled 18. No rules remained pending on the House Calendar when Congress adjourned in December of 2008. In addition, the Committee on Rules reported three original jurisdiction measures, which were ultimately adopted by the House and did not remain pending on the Union Calendar at the end of the 110th Congress.

B. SPECIAL ORDERS OR RULES

1. RULE REQUESTS

The process of considering requests for special orders or “rules” usually begins when the Committee on Rules receives a letter from a legislative committee chairman requesting that it hold a hearing and recommend a rule for that particular measure. The letter is signed by the full committee chairman and most often makes a specific request for the type of rule desired by the legislative committee. In some cases, the emergency nature of the legislation does not allow adequate time for a formal request to be registered. In these cases, the requests are made in person by the chairman of the committee with jurisdiction. Once a hearing has been scheduled, the Committee on Rules allows any House Member who has an interest in testifying to do so. Under normal circumstances and pursuant to Committee rules, printed copies of the legislation and accompanying committee report or conference report are provided to the Committee Members at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting on the rule request for the legislation.

The Committee gives written notice to its Members and notifies the pertinent committee of the scheduled hearing date at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the hearing, unless an emergency situation exists.

2. HEARINGS

The Rules Committee chairman controls the order in which witnesses appear and also initiates the questioning. Typically, the chairman of the committee of jurisdiction or a designee requesting the rule makes a short statement, followed by the ranking minority member. Sometimes the subcommittee chair and ranking minority member appear on behalf of their full committee counterparts on the rule request. It is often the case that Members wishing to testify in favor of or in opposition to a bill, amendment, or type of procedure may do so as part of a panel of witnesses.

In many cases, the components of the proposed special order form the basis for the dialogue between substantive committee leaders asking for the rule and the Rules Committee Members. More often than not, the questioning escalates into discussions about the merits of the bill itself. If the legislation is particularly wide-ranging or controversial, Representatives who do not sit on the relevant legislative committee seek to testify. (Except in the most unusual circumstances, only House Members are allowed to testify during a rule request hearing.) Questioning of each witness takes place under the five-minute rule until each Committee Member has had an opportunity to question each witness. Questioning is rather informal. The chairman rarely enforces the five-minute rule, and Committee Members yield to one another to allow their colleagues to make a specific point or follow up on a line of questioning.

A quorum, at least seven Members of the thirteen, must be present before a recommendation on a rule can be ordered reported, postponed, or tabled (killed).

After the Committee votes to approve a rule, the chairman and ranking minority member each assign one of their Members to manage the rule on the floor. The majority manager's name appears on the rule and report, and that Member usually files the rule from the House floor, at which time the resolution and report are assigned a number.

Any Member may ask for a record or a division vote. In the past, most decisions of the Committee were made by voice vote, but in the last several Congresses there has been an increase in the number of record votes demanded. For the entire 100th Congress there were 18 roll call votes demanded; in the 101st Congress there were 26; in the 102nd there were 193; in the 103rd there were 533; in the 104th there were 327; in the 105th there were 104; in the 106th there were 119; in the 107th there were 176; in the 108th there were 326; in the 109th there were 254; and in the 110th there were 620.

Once a special rule has been reported, the Majority Leader—working closely with the Speaker, the Rules Committee chairman, and the substantive committee chairman—decides upon an appropriate date and time for the consideration of the rule on the floor. Rules can be considered on the same day they are reported, if the House agrees to consideration of the rule by a two-thirds vote. After a one-day layover, rules may be considered at any time without being subject to a question of consideration. The Committee may occasionally report a rule waiving this requirement with respect to another rule.

3. TYPES OF SPECIAL ORDERS OR RULES

a. Background

Table 1 in the Appendix categorizes all special rules granted by the Committee. These special rules are broken down into a number of different categories dealing with all stages of the legislative process in the House.

During the 110th Congress, the Rules Committee granted special rules that provided for specified amendment and debate structures, which assisted floor managers in managing the schedule and consideration of legislation, that resolved differences among and responded to the legislative actions of committees, and that addressed House-Senate relations. The explanations of these types of special rules and their methods of categorization are outlined below.

b. Categories of rules granted with amendment structures

In categorizing special rules which specified an amendment structure, this report focuses only on those rules that provided for the initial consideration of bills, joint resolutions or budget resolutions and which provided for an amending process. Therefore, rules providing for general debate only, stopping short of consideration of the measure for amendment, or providing for consideration of a conference report (which are otherwise privileged and, under regular order, non-amendable) are not included in these categories. The amendment structure categories are as follows: (1) open rules, (2) structured rules, and (3) closed rules.

(1) *Open Rules*: Under an open rule, Members are not restricted from offering amendments that comply with the Rules of the House and the Congressional Budget Act. Special rules referred to as “Open with a Preprinting Requirement” or “Open Plus” also are included in this category.

“Open with a Preprinting Requirement”: Requires first degree amendments to be printed in the Congressional Record prior to consideration of a bill (or by a specific date), giving members an opportunity to review amendments ahead of their consideration. Second degree amendments do not need to be preprinted in most cases. Any amendment in compliance with House rules and the Congressional Budget Act, and printed on time, may be debated on the House floor.

“Open Plus”: Allows the offering of any amendment normally in order under an open rule plus the consideration of any amendments for which waivers of points of order have been granted by the special rule.

(2) *Structured Rules*: Structured rules allow for amendments designated in the rule, or in the Rules Committee report accompanying the rule, to be offered on the floor. Usually, the chairwoman of the Rules Committee will announce the process for a structured rule by a “Dear Colleague” letter and on the Committee’s website. These announcements will state the intended time for the Rules Committee to meet on the legislation, the deadline, and process for submission to the Rules Committee of amendments to the legislation.

(3) *Closed Rules*: This type of rule is one under which no amendments may be offered other than amendments recommended by the

committee reporting the bill. However, the Rules Committee is prohibited under the rules of the House from reporting a special rule providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution that denies the minority the right to offer amendatory instructions in a motion to recommit if offered by the minority leader or a designee.

c. Categories of rules granted with certain floor management tools

During the 109th Congress, special rules often were utilized to assist the Majority Leader in setting the Floor schedule of the House, as well as to equip committee chairman and ranking minority members with the special procedural tools necessary to efficiently manage the floor consideration of a bill. These categories include (1) expedited procedure rules, (2) suspension day rules, and (3) chairman's en bloc authority rules.

(1) *Expedited Procedure Rules*: This type of rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a special rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. These rules generally specify the resolutions to which the waiver applies, as well as a defined time period for its application.

(2) *Suspension Day Rules*: Under clause 1(a) of House Rule XV, it is in order on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week, and during the last six days of a session, for the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules and pass legislation. This category of rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules on days other than Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Generally, these rules provide that the object of any motion to suspend the rules be announced (sometimes with an hour or two notice) from the floor prior to its consideration or that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the object of any suspension considered under the rule.

(3) *Chairman's En Bloc Authority Rules*: This category of rule authorizes the chairman of a committee (usually the majority floor manager of the bill under consideration) or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments made in order by the special rule that have not earlier been disposed of, as well as germane modifications to any such amendments. With the exception of rules on appropriations bills (which permit en bloc amendments that do not increase budget authority or outlays in the bill), a Member seeking to offer amendments en bloc must obtain unanimous consent if they amend portions of the bill not yet open to amendment, unless a special rule authorizes several amendments to be offered and considered as a group. There usually is a specified time for divided debate on the amendment and a prohibition on amendments to and demands for a division of the question on the en bloc amendment. Generally, the original sponsor of the amendment must agree to having the amendment considered en bloc, and these rules generally provide that the original proponent of an amendment included in such an en bloc amendment may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the en bloc amendment. Such a rule enables the floor manager to maximize efficiency and consensus while minimizing duplicative floor time and consideration.

d. Categories of rules granted to resolve differences among and responding to the legislative actions of committees

As the nexus of the legislative process in the House, the Rules Committee often is the institutional mechanism used to reconcile differences in legislative recommendations among multiple committees. Two often used, and often misunderstood, special rule features utilized to achieve these goals are (1) self-executing rules and (2) original text rules.

(1) *Self-Executing Rules:* This type of rule provides that, upon the adoption of the special rule, the text of a reported or introduced bill, as the case may be, is modified or amended in some specified manner. Therefore, the House's adoption of the rule itself has the effect of amending the underlying bill. Occasionally, a self-executing rule may also provide for the adoption of other unrelated measures or actions, such as adopting another simple resolution. Self-executing rules may be utilized by the Rules Committee for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: the correction of rule or Budget Act violations, the reconciling of multiple committee legislative recommendations, the elimination of procedural votes, the separation of policy issues or the complete redrafting of the legislation.

(2) *Original Text Rules:* When a committee reports a measure, it often will favorably report the measure with a recommendation that an amendment or amendments be adopted by the full House. These amendments reflect the collegial action of the committee on that measure. This type of rule generally provides that the committee recommended amendment be adopted by the House and become the base text for the purpose of further amendment to the bill. This is often done to acknowledge the actions of the committee at the beginning of the consideration of a bill, and also to simplify the amendment process.

e. Categories of rules granted dealing with House-Senate relations

While resolving differences with the Senate often involves privileged motions in the House, the Rules Committee is often called upon to expedite such procedural situations or to address unique procedural circumstances. The categories of such special rules are (1) Senate hook-up rules, (2) motion to go to conference rules, (3) disposition of Senate amendments rules, (4) conference report rules, and (5) engrossment of multiple measures rules.

(1) *Senate Hook-up Rules:* The rules of the House provide for three methods of getting to conference with the Senate: (1) agreeing to a motion to go to conference by unanimous consent; (2) obtaining a special rule from the Rules Committee; or (3) receiving specific authorization from each committee which received an initial referral of and reported the bill (clause 1 of Rule XXII). Most often chairmen obtain conference authority from their committee at the time a bill is ordered reported. Most special rules allowing for a Senate hook-up provide that after passage of a House bill, it shall be in order to take a specific Senate bill from the Speaker's table, consider it in the House, and to move to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the text of the House bill as passed by the House. These special rules further provide that if the motion is adopted and the Senate bill, as amended, is passed, then it shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment and

request a conference with the Senate. These hook-up provisions can be included either in the original rule providing for consideration of the House bill or in a separate special rule only providing for the motion to go to conference.

(2) *Motion to go to Conference Rules:* These special rules are those separate rules that only provide for the motion to go to conference with the Senate.

(3) *Disposition of Senate Amendment Rules:* This type of rule generally provides for the consideration of a Senate amendment or amendments in the House and for a motion to concur in the Senate amendment with or without an amendment. These rules also usually specify a period of time for debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the committee of jurisdiction, as well as any necessary waivers against consideration of either the Senate amendment or against the motion to concur.

(4) *Conference Report Rules:* Under the standing rules of the House, conference reports are privileged matters. Unless the requirement is waived, House rules require that a conference report be available for at least three calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) before it can be called up for consideration. After that time, because it is privileged, it can be called up at any time without a rule from the Rules Committee. However, if a conference report is in violation of a rule of the House or some extraordinary procedure for consideration of the report is desired, a special rule may be necessary for the conference report to be considered. Consequently, conference report rules generally provide waivers of all points of order against consideration of the conference report and provide that the conference report be considered as read, which effectively waives the three day availability requirement.

It should be noted that points of order against a conference report lie against its consideration, not against individual provisions contained within the report. A conference report represents the collective agreement of the House and the Senate. Changing individual components of the agreement violates the sanctity of the agreement itself. Consequently, agreeing to a conference report is an all-or-nothing question. This is also the reason why, even as privileged matters, conference reports are not amendable on the floor of the House (except on recommit).

(5) *Engrossment of Multiple Measures Rules:* These types of special rules generally provide for separate consideration and final passage votes on multiple bills, generally relating to a similar issue. The rule then instructs the House enrolling clerk to enroll the individually-passed bills into one bill before transmitting them to the Senate for consideration.

4. FLOOR CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL RULE

When the time comes to call up a special rule, the majority Member who filed the rule (a privileged House resolution), or another majority Member of the Rules Committee designated by the chairman, is recognized by the Speaker. That Member stands at the majority committee table on the House Floor. Once recognized, the Member states:

Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution _____, and ask for its immediate consideration.

Any Member of the Committee on Rules may be recognized to call up a rule that has been on the House Calendar for at least seven legislative days, and the Speaker is required to recognize the Rules Committee Member as a privilege, as long as the Member has given one day's notice of an intent to seek recognition for that purpose.

Once the Clerk has read the resolution, the Speaker recognizes the majority Rules Committee Member handling the rule for one hour. The majority floor manager then customarily yields thirty minutes to a minority counterpart for the purposes of debate only. The length of debate on the rule varies according to the complexity of the rule and the degree of controversy over the bill, but debate on most non-controversial rules is over within fifteen or twenty minutes and the rule may be adopted by voice vote.

Because a rule is considered in the House under the hour rule, no amendments are in order unless the majority floor manager offers an amendment or yields to another Member for that purpose. At the conclusion of debate on the rule, the floor manager moves the previous question. If no objection is heard, the House proceeds to vote on the rule. If objection is heard, a vote occurs on the previous question. If the previous question is rejected, however, a Member who opposed the previous question (usually the Rules Committee minority floor manager) is recognized. That Member then controls one hour of debate time on the rule. The Member controlling the time may offer an amendment to the rule and then move the previous question on the amendment and on the rule when debate has concluded. Once the rule is adopted (with or without amendments), the legislation it concerns is eligible for consideration under the terms of the rule.

5. RULES REJECTED, TABLED OR PENDING

In the 110th Congress, the Committee on Rules reported 220 rules. The House adopted 202 of these rules and tabled 18 rules. During the 110th Congress, no rules were rejected by the House. There were no rules pending at the end of the 110th Congress.

a. Rules rejected by the House

There were no rules rejected by the House during the 110th Congress.

b. Rules tabled by the House

The following rule was laid on the table on June 15, 2007 by unanimous consent:

- House Resolution 480, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to House Resolution 633, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2786) to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans, the following rules were laid on the table on September 6, 2007 by a vote of 221–178:

- House Resolution 595, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions from the Committee on Rules.

- House Resolution 596, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

- House Resolution 613, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.

- House Resolution 614, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

Pursuant to House Resolution 677, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 52) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, the following rule was laid on the table on September 26, 2007 by voice vote:

- House Resolution 659, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

Pursuant to House Resolution 869, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 69) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, the following rules were laid on the table on December 13, 2007 by voice vote:

- House Resolution 839, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

- House Resolution 850, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

Pursuant to House Resolution 893, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 72) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes, the following rule was laid on the table on December 19, 2007 by voice vote:

- House Resolution 849, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2761) to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to House Resolution 922, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3524) to reauthorize the HOPE VI program for revitalization of severely distressed public housing, and for other purposes, the following rule was laid on the table on January 17, 2008 by voice vote:

- House Resolution 894, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to House Resolution 956, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4137) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act

of 1965, and for other purposes, the following rule was laid on the table on February 7, 2008 by a vote of 214–190:

- House Resolution 941, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

Pursuant to House Resolution 974, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3521) to improve the Operating Fund for public housing of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the following rule was laid on the table on February 26, 2008 by a vote of 218–190:

- House Resolution 955, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1001, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5351) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation, the following rule was laid on the table on February 27, 2008 by a vote of 220–188:

- House Resolution 983, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1419, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3667) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, the following rule was laid on the table on September 9, 2008 by a vote of 223–190:

- House Resolution 1399, providing for proceedings during the period from August 1, 2008, through September 4, 2008.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1502, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7060) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes, the following rules were laid on the table on September 26, 2008 by a vote of 215–188:

- House Resolution 1489, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

- House Resolution 1501, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7060) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1533, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, the following rules were laid on the table on December 10, 2008 by a vote of 226–169:

- House Resolution 1516, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7201) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, and for other purposes and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7202) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.

- House Resolution 1526, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of the rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

c. Rules pending

There were no rules pending in the House at the adjournment of the 110th Congress.

6. WAIVERS OF HOUSE RULES

The following compilation identifies the Rules of the House that were waived in specific resolutions and the legislation that required the waiver. There also is an indication whether the rule was waived against the bill (B), consideration of the bill (CB), original text (OT), an amendment (A), a motion (M), or a conference report (CR).

Rule XXI, clause 2—Prohibiting unauthorized appropriations, reappropriations or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill	
H. Res. 480	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 473	Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 481	Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 498	Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 502	Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 514	Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 517	Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 547	Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 558	Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 562	Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 581	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 596	Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008
H. Res. 1384	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2009
Waiving points of order against the bill, except for provisions specified in the rule: Except for clause 9 and 10 of Rule XXI	
H. Res. 65	The College Student Relief Act of 2007
H. Res. 66	Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation (CLEAN) Act
H. Res. 116	Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007
H. Res. 133	Advanced Fuels Infrastructure and Development Act
H. Res. 195	National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act of 2007
H. Res. 203	Employee Free Choice Act of 2007
H. Res. 214	Water Quality Investment Act of 2007
H. Res. 215	Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007
H. Res. 229	Water Quality Financing Act of 2007
H. Res. 239	Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2007
H. Res. 242	Accountability in Contracting Act
H. Res. 254	Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007

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H. Res. 260	H.R. 1433	District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 261	H.R. 1591	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health, and Iraq Accountability Act, 2007	CB
H. Res. 269	.....	H.R. 835	.....	Hawaiian Homeownership Act of 2007	.....	CB
H. Res. 270	.....	H.R. 1401	.....	Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007	.....	A, CB, OT
H. Res. 274	.....	H.R. 1538	.....	Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2007	.....	A, CB, OT
H. Res. 301	.....	H.R. 1257	.....	Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act	.....	CB
H. Res. 302	.....	H.R. 1361	.....	Relief for Entrepreneurs: Coordination of Objectives and Values for Effective Recovery Act of 2007.	.....	A, CB
H. Res. 317	.....	H.R. 1905	.....	To provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.	.....	CB
		H.R. 1906	.....	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the estimated tax payment safe harbor based on income for the preceding year in the case of individuals with adjusted gross income greater than \$5 million.	.....
H. Res. 318	.....	H.R. 363	.....	Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act	.....	A, CB, OT
H. Res. 319	.....	H.R. 1495	.....	Water Resources Development Act of 2007	.....	A, CB, OT
H. Res. 327	.....	H.R. 362	.....	10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds Science and Math Scholarship Act	.....	CB, OT
H. Res. 330	.....	H.R. 1332	.....	Small Business Lending Improvements Act of 2007	.....	A, CB, OT
H. Res. 331	.....	H.R. 249	.....	To restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.	.....	CB
H. Res. 348	.....	H.R. 1429	.....	Improving Head Start Act of 2007	.....	A, CB, OT
H. Res. 349	.....	H.R. 1867	.....	National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007	.....	CB, OT
H. Res. 350	.....	H.R. 1868	.....	Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007	.....	A, CB, OT
H. Res. 364	.....	H.R. 1592	.....	Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007	.....	CB
H. Res. 377	.....	H.R. 1294	.....	Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2007	.....	CB
H. Res. 382	.....	H.R. 1684	.....	Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008	.....	A, CB, OT

H. Res. 383	H.R. 1873	Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act	A, OT, CB
H. Res. 387	H.R. 2237	To provide for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq.	CB
	H.R. 2206	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007.	
	H.R. 2207	Agricultural Disaster Assistance and Western States Emergency Unfinished Business Appropriations Act, 2007.	A
H. Res. 388	H.R. 2082	Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008	A, CB, OT
H. Res. 403	H.R. 1585	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008	A, CB, OT
H. Res. 404	H.R. 1427	Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007	CB, OT
H. Res. 429	H.R. 1100	Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007	A, CB, OT
H. Res. 437	H.R. 2317	Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007	A, CB, OT
H. Res. 453	H.R. 2316	Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007.	A, CB
H. Res. 465	H.R. 2446	Afghanisthan Freedom and Security Support Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 473	H.R. 65	Lumbee Recognition Act	CB
H. Res. 480	H.R. 2638	Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2008	CB
H. Res. 481	H.R. 2642	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008	CB
H. Res. 498	H.R. 2641	Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008	CB
	H.R. 2764	Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008.	CB
H. Res. 502	H.R. 2771	Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 514	H.R. 2643	Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.	CB
H. Res. 517	H.R. 2829	Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2008	CB
H. Res. 531	H.R. 2669	College Cost Reduction Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 533	H.R. 2956	Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act	CB
H. Res. 534	H.R. 1851	Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 547	H.R. 3043	Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.	CB
H. Res. 558	H.R. 3074	Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.	CB

H. Res. 562	.....	H.R. 3093	.....	Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008	CB
H. Res. 574	.....	H.R. 2419	.....	Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 579	.....	H.R. 2831	.....	Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 580	.....	H.R. 986	.....	Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act	CB
H. Res. 581	.....	H.R. 3161	.....	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008	CB
H. Res. 594	.....	H.R. 3162	.....	Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 596	.....	H.R. 3222	.....	Water Resources Development Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 599	.....	H.R. 3161	.....	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008	A
H. Res. 601	.....	H.R. 3159	.....	Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 615	.....	H.R. 3221	.....	Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007	A, CB
		H.R. 2776	.....	New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act	
H. Res. 633	.....	H.R. 2786	.....	Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 636	.....	H.R. 1908	.....	Patent Reform Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 650	.....	H.R. 1852	.....	Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 660	.....	H.R. 2761	.....	Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 664	.....	H.R. 2881	.....	FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 677	.....	H.J. Res. 52	.....	Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes	CB
H. Res. 678	.....	H.R. 2693	.....	To direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl	A, CB
H. Res. 682	.....	H.R. 3567	.....	Small Business Investment Expansion Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 683	.....	H.R. 3121	.....	Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 701	.....	H.R. 928	.....	Improving Government Accountability Act	A, CB
H. Res. 702	.....	H.R. 2740	.....	MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 703	.....	H.R. 3648	.....	Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 704	.....	H.R. 3246	.....	Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 719	.....	H.R. 3056	.....	Tax Collection Responsibility Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 720	.....	H.R. 2895	.....	National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 724	.....	H.R. 2095	.....	Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 742	.....	H.R. 2102	.....	Free Flow of Information Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 746	.....	H.R. 3773	.....	Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007	CB

H. Res. 763	.....	H.R. 1011	.....	Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 764	.....	H.R. 505	.....	Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 765	.....	H.R. 1483	.....	Celebrating America's Heritage Act	CB
H. Res. 773	.....	H.R. 3867	.....	Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act	A, CB
H. Res. 774	.....	H.R. 3963	.....	Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 780	.....	H.R. 2262	.....	Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 781	.....	H.R. 3920	.....	Trade and Globalization Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 793	.....	H.R. 3685	.....	Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 801	.....	H.R. 3688	.....	United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act	CB
H. Res. 802	.....	H.R. 3355	.....	Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 809	.....	H.R. 3996	.....	Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 818	.....	H.R. 4156	.....	Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008	CB
H. Res. 825	.....	H.R. 3915	.....	Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 861	.....	H.R. 4351	.....	AMT Relief Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 862	.....	H.R. 4299	.....	Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 869	.....	H. J. Res. 69	.....	Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.	CB
H. Res. 893	.....	H.R. 2764	.....	Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008.	CB
		H. J. Res. 72	.....	Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.	
H. Res. 918	.....	H.R. 2768	.....	Supplemental Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 922	.....	H.R. 3524	.....	HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 940	.....	H.R. 1528	.....	New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act	A, CB
H. Res. 956	.....	H.R. 4137	.....	College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 974	.....	H.R. 3521	.....	Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 976	.....	H.R. 5349	.....	To extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 21 days	CB
H. Res. 1001	.....	H.R. 5351	.....	Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008	CB
H. Res. 1014	.....	H.R. 1424	.....	Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 1015	.....	H.R. 2857	.....	Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act	A, CB
H. Res. 1071	.....	H.R. 4847	.....	United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1083	.....	H.R. 2537	.....	Beach Protection Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 1084	.....	H.R. 2016	.....	National Landscape Conservation System Act	A, CB
H. Res. 1102	.....	H.R. 5719	.....	Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act of 2008	CB
H. Res. 1103	.....	H.R. 2634	.....	Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1107	.....	H.R. 5715	.....	Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008	A, CB

H. Res. 1125	.....	H.R. 5819	.....	SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act	A, CB
H. Res. 1126	.....	H.R. 2830	.....	Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 1157	.....	H.R. 5522	.....	Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1174	.....	H.R. 5818	.....	Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1212	.....	H.R. 6049	.....	Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act of 2008	CB
H. Res. 1213	.....	H.R. 5658	.....	Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009	CB
H. Res. 1218	.....	H.R. 5658	.....	Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009	A
H. Res. 1233	.....	H.R. 5540	.....	Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act	A, CB
H. Res. 1234	.....	H.R. 3021	.....	21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act	A, CB
H. Res. 1253	.....	H.R. 6003	.....	Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1257	.....	H.R. 6063	.....	National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1276	.....	H.R. 5876	.....	Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1277	.....	H.R. 5781	.....	Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1285	.....	H.R. 6304	.....	FISA Amendments Act of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1297	.....	H.R. 6275	.....	Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008	CB
H. Res. 1298	.....	H.R. 2176	.....	To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community.	CB
H. Res. 1299	.....	H.R. 3195	.....	ADA Amendments Act of 2008	CB
H. Res. 1304	.....	H.R. 6052	.....	Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1317	.....	H.R. 1286	.....	Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act.	A, CB
H. Res. 1318	.....	H.R. 5811	.....	Electronic Message Preservation Act	CB
H. Res. 1339	.....	H.R. 4156	.....	Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1343	.....	H.R. 5959	.....	Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, Reported from Rules	A
H. Res. 1344	.....	H.R. 3999	.....	National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act of 2007	A, CB
H. Res. 1384	.....	H.R. 6599	.....	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2009	CB
H. Res. 1388	.....	H.R. 1338	.....	Paycheck Fairness Act	A, CB
H. Res. 1419	.....	H.R. 3667	.....	Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1433	.....	H.R. 6899	.....	Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act	CB
H. Res. 1434	.....	H.R. 6842	.....	Second Amendment Enforcement Act	A, CB
H. Res. 1441	.....	H.R. 3036	.....	No Child Left Inside Act of 2008	A, CB
H. Res. 1449	.....	H.R. 6604	.....	Commodity Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2008	CB
H. Res. 1476	.....	H.R. 5244	.....	Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008	CB
				Except for clause 10 of Rule XXI	
H. Res. 203	.....	H.R. 800	.....	Employee Free Choice Act of 2007	A

H. Res. 464	S. 5	Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 534	H.R. 1851	Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 636	H.R. 1908	Patent Reform Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 678	H.R. 2693	To direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl.	OT
H. Res. 701	H.R. 928	Improving Government Accountability Act	OT
H. Res. 702	H.R. 2740	MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 720	H.R. 2895	National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 724	H.R. 2095	Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 780	H.R. 2262	Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 802	H.R. 3355	Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 825	H.R. 3915	Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 846	H.R. 6	Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation Act of 2007	M
H. Res. 849	H.R. 2761	Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007	M
H. Res. 893	H.R. 2764	Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008.	M
	H.J. Res. 72	Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.	
H. Res. 918	H.R. 2768	Supplemental Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 922	H.R. 3524	HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 940	H.R. 1528	New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act	OT
H. Res. 956	H.R. 4137	College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 974	H.R. 3521	Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 1015	H.R. 2857	Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act	OT
H. Res. 1041	H.R. 3773	Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007.	M
H. Res. 1071	H.R. 4847	United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008	OT
H. Res. 1083	H.R. 2537	Beach Protection Act of 2007	CB
H. Res. 1084	H.R. 2016	National Landscape Conservation System Act	OT
H. Res. 1103	H.R. 2634	Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2008	OT
H. Res. 1125	H.R. 5819	SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act	OT
H. Res. 1126	H.R. 2830	Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 1156	H.R. 493	Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007	M
H. Res. 1157	H.R. 5522	Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008	OT
H. Res. 1174	H.R. 5818	Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008	OT

H. Res. 1175	.....	H.R. 3221	.....	New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.	M
H. Res. 1197	.....	H.R. 2642	.....	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008	M
H. Res. 1218	.....	H.R. 5658	.....	Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009	OT
H. Res. 1234	.....	H.R. 3021	.....	21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act	OT
H. Res. 1253	.....	H.R. 6003	.....	Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008	OT
H. Res. 1257	.....	H.R. 6063	.....	National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008	OT
H. Res. 1276	.....	H.R. 5876	.....	Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008	OT
H. Res. 1284	.....	H.R. 2642	.....	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008	M
H. Res. 1317	.....	H.R. 1286	.....	Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act.	OT
H. Res. 1339	.....	H.R. 4156	.....	Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008	OT
H. Res. 1344	.....	H.R. 3999	.....	National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act of 2007	OT
H. Res. 1362	.....	H.R. 5501	.....	Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008.	M
H. Res. 1388	.....	H.R. 1338	.....	Paycheck Fairness Act	OT
H. Res. 1419	.....	H.R. 3667	.....	Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008	OT
H. Res. 1441	.....	H.R. 3036	.....	No Child Left Inside Act of 2008	OT
H. Res. 1501	.....	H.R. 7060	.....	Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008	CB
H. Res. 1502	.....	H.R. 7060	.....	Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008	CB
H. Res. 1507	.....	H.R. 7110	.....	Job Creation and Unemployment Relief Act of 2008	CB
H. Res. 1516	.....	H.R. 7201	.....	Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008	CB
		H.R. 7202	.....	Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2008.	CB
				Except for clause 9 of Rule XXI	
H. Res. 317	.....	H.R. 1905	.....	To provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.	CB
		H.R. 1906	.....	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the estimated tax payment safe harbor based on income for the preceding year in the case of individuals with adjusted gross income greater than \$5 million.	CB, OT
H. Res. 388	.....	H.R. 2082	.....	Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008	A
H. Res. 438	.....	H.R. 2206	.....	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007.	A
H. Res. 1265	.....	H.R. 5749	.....	Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008	CB
H. Res. 1343	.....	H.R. 5959	.....	Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009	CB

H. Res. 1001	H.R. 5351	Except for clause 7 of rule XVI, and clause 9 and 10 of rule XXI	
		Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008	A

7. WAIVERS OF THE BUDGET ACT (EXCEPT FOR THE UNFUNDED MANDATE POINT OF ORDER UNDER SECTION 425 AND 426 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974)

The following compilation identifies the sections of the Budget Act that were waived in specific resolutions and the legislation that required the waiver. There also is an indication whether the rule was waived against the bill (B), consideration of the bill (CB), the original text (OT), an amendment (A), a motion (M), or a conference report (CR).

There were no specific waivers of the Budget Act in the 110th Congress.

8. WAIVING ALL POINTS OF ORDER

The following compilation identifies House Resolutions reported by the Committee on Rules that waived all points of order against consideration of a bill, text, resolution, motion, or conference report. There also is an indication whether the waiver applies to the bill (B), consideration of the bill (CB), original text (OT), an amendment (A), a motion (M), or a conference report (CR).

H. Res. 65	H.R. 5	The College Student Relief Act of 2007	B
H. Res. 66	H.R. 6	Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation (CLEAN) Act	B
H. Res. 86	H. Res. 78	Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to the Congress to cast votes in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.	CB, A
H. Res. 116	H.J. Res. 20	Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007	B
H. Res. 157	H. Con. Res. 63	Disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq.	C
H. Res. 219	H. Res. 202	Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress.	CB
H. Res. 229	H.R. 720	Water Quality Financing Act of 2007	B
H. Res. 254	H.R. 1227	Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007	B
H. Res. 260	H.R. 1433	District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007	B
H. Res. 261	H.R. 1591	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health, and Iraq Accountability Act, 2007	B
H. Res. 269	H.R. 835	Hawaiian Homeownership Act of 2007	B
H. Res. 275	H. Con. Res. 99	Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012.	CB, A
H. Res. 302	H.R. 1361	Relief for Entrepreneurs: Coordination of Objectives and Values for Effective Recovery Act of 2007.	B
H. Res. 317	H.R. 1905	To provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.	B
H. Res. 364	H.R. 1906	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the estimated tax payment safe harbor based on income for the preceding year in the case of individuals with adjusted gross income greater than \$5 million.	B
H. Res. 370	H.R. 1592	Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007	B
H. Res. 377	S. Con. Res. 21	An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.	B, CB
H. Res. 387	H.R. 1294	Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2007	B
	H.R. 2206	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007.	B, CB

H.R. 2207	.....	Agricultural Disaster Assistance and Western States Emergency Unfinished Business Appropriations Act, 2007.	B
H.R. 2237	.....	To provide for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq.	B
H.R. 2316	.....	Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007	B
H.R. 2317	.....	Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007.	B
S. 5	.....	Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007	B
H.R. 65	.....	Lumbee Recognition Act	B
H.R. 2669	.....	College Cost Reduction Act of 2007	B
H.R. 2956	.....	Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act	B
H.R. 2831	.....	Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007	B
H.R. 986	.....	Eighthmile Wild and Scenic River Act	B
H.R. 3162	.....	Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007	B
H.R. 3159	.....	Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability	B
H.R. 2786	.....	Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007.	B
H.R. 1852	.....	Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007	B
H.R. 2761	.....	Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007	B
H.J. Res. 52	.....	Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes	B
H.R. 3567	.....	Small Business Investment Expansion Act of 2007	B
H.R. 3648	.....	Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007	B
H.R. 3246	.....	Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007	B
H.R. 3056	.....	Tax Collection Responsibility Act of 2007	B
H.R. 2102	.....	Free Flow of Information Act of 2007	B
H.R. 3773	.....	Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007.	B
H.R. 1011	.....	Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007	B
H.R. 1483	.....	Celebrating America's Heritage Act	B
H.R. 3867	.....	Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act	B
H.R. 3863	.....	Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007	B
H.R. 3920	.....	Trade and Globalization Act of 2007	B
H.R. 3685	.....	Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007	B
H.R. 3688	.....	United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act	B
H.R. 3996	.....	Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007	B
H.R. 4156	.....	Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008	B
H.R. 4351	.....	AMT Relief Act of 2007	B
H. Res. 437	.....	
H. Res. 464	.....	
H. Res. 465	.....	
H. Res. 531	.....	
H. Res. 533	.....	
H. Res. 579	.....	
H. Res. 580	.....	
H. Res. 594	.....	
H. Res. 601	.....	
H. Res. 633	.....	
H. Res. 650	.....	
H. Res. 660	.....	
H. Res. 677	.....	
H. Res. 682	.....	
H. Res. 703	.....	
H. Res. 704	.....	
H. Res. 719	.....	
H. Res. 742	.....	
H. Res. 746	.....	
H. Res. 763	.....	
H. Res. 765	.....	
H. Res. 773	.....	
H. Res. 774	.....	
H. Res. 781	.....	
H. Res. 793	.....	
H. Res. 801	.....	
H. Res. 809	.....	
H. Res. 818	.....	
H. Res. 861	.....	

H. Res. 862	.....	H.R. 4299	.....	Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007	B
H. Res. 869	.....	H.J. Res. 69	.....	Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.	B
H. Res. 893	.....	H.R. 2764	.....	Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008.	B
		H.J. Res. 72	.....	Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.	B
H. Res. 894	.....	H.R. 3996	.....	Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2007	M
H. Res. 976	.....	H.R. 5349	.....	To extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 21 days	B
H. Res. 1001	.....	H.R. 5351	.....	Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1014	.....	H.R. 1424	.....	Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007	B
H. Res. 1036	.....	H. Con. Res. 312	.....	Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.	CB, A, B, M
H. Res. 1065	.....	H.R. 5501	.....	Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008.	B
H. Res. 1102	.....	H.R. 5719	.....	Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1107	.....	H.R. 5715	.....	Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1212	.....	H.R. 6049	.....	Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1233	.....	H.R. 5540	.....	Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act	B
H. Res. 1265	.....	H.R. 5749	.....	Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1277	.....	H.R. 5781	.....	Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1285	.....	H.R. 6304	.....	FISA Amendments Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1297	.....	H.R. 6275	.....	Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1298	.....	H.R. 2176	.....	To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community.	B
H. Res. 1299	.....	H.R. 3195	.....	ADA Amendments Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1304	.....	H.R. 6052	.....	Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1318	.....	H.R. 5811	.....	Electronic Message Preservation Act	B
H. Res. 1343	.....	H.R. 5959	.....	Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009	OT
H. Res. 1363	.....	H.R. 3221	.....	New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.	M
H. Res. 1433	.....	H.R. 6899	.....	Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act	B
H. Res. 1434	.....	H.R. 6842	.....	Second Amendment Enforcement Act	B
H. Res. 1449	.....	H.R. 6604	.....	Commodity Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2008	B

H. Res. 1476	H.R. 5244	Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1501	H.R. 7060	Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1502	H.R. 7060	Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1507	H.R. 7110	Job Creation and Unemployment Relief Act of 2008	B
H. Res. 1516	H.R. 7201	Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008	B
	H.R. 7202	Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2008	
H. Res. 1534	H.R. 7321	To authorize financial assistance to eligible automobile manufacturers, and for other purposes.	B, CB, A

C. ORIGINAL JURISDICTION MATTER

1. COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION MEASURES

The following is a list of original jurisdiction measures that the Committee considered during the 110th Congress. The list identifies the measures by number and title or subject and includes the action and date the action was taken by the Committee and by the House.

Bill	Title	Reported	Status
1. H. Res. 836	Granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into the deaths of 9 individuals that occurred at the Crandall Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah.	Bill reported 12/5/2007	Passed House 12/5/2007
2. H. Res. 1092	Relating to the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5724) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.	Bill reported 4/9/2008	Passed House 4/10/2008
3. H. Res. 1368	Relating to the House procedures contained in section 803 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003.	Bill reported 7/23/2008	Passed House 7/24/2008

2. ORIGINAL JURISDICTION FULL COMMITTEE HEARINGS

On the morning of Monday, August 6, 2007, coal pillars (essentially the walls) in Crandall Canyon Mine, Huntington, Utah, exploded, trapping six miners inside. Several attempts to bore holes into the mine in search of signs of life failed. In the evening of August 16, 2007, another wall in the mine burst, causing the death of three individuals who were attempting to rescue the initial six miners. Eventually, the rescue effort was called off and the mine was sealed, entombing the miners who had been lost.

Serious questions were raised about the rescue efforts of the Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration ("MSHA") and the mine owner, Murray Energy, and the safety of the mine itself. After the accident, the House Education and Labor Committee initiated an exhaustive investigation into not only any safety problems in the mine that were known to MSHA and Murray Energy prior to the accident but also the conduct of Murray Energy and MSHA in attempting the rescue. The investigation consisted of countless staff interviews, document requests, a subpoena, and a hearing.

While the Committee attempted to obtain needed information through voluntary interviews and document requests, some individuals indicated they would not cooperate voluntarily with the investigation. Whether such recalcitrance was caused by fear of retaliation or by fear of self-incrimination, it was hindering a legitimate, congressional investigation.

Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller (D-CA) introduced House Resolution 836 to provide the Education Committee the ability to investigate the collapse and rescue effort at the Crandall Canyon mine and to determine what needs to be done to prevent future accidents. H. Res. 836 extended authority that already exists in the House Rules and permitted the Committee to call witnesses for Member and staff depositions. The dep-

osition authority in H. Res. 836 was limited to the Committee's investigation of the nine deaths at Crandall Canyon Mine. It did not extend to any other investigation or any accident at any other mine. In addition, the minority Members and staff were to be afforded equitable treatment with respect to notice of and participation in any depositions.

The Education Committee adopted deposition rules in anticipation of H. Res. 836 passing the House. The Committee rules provided protections to witnesses called for depositions. It also ensured that Education and Labor Committee Members were provided with adequate notice of depositions and rulings of the chair regarding such depositions.

Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller introduced H. Res. 836 on December 4, 2007. The measure was referred to the Committee on Rules. On December 5, 2007, the Committee on Rules held a hearing on H. Res. 836 and received testimony from: the Honorable George Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor; the Honorable Howard "Buck" McKeon, Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Education and Labor; and T.J. Halstead, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service.

3. ORIGINAL JURISDICTION MEASURES REPORTED OR DISCHARGED

a. Crandall Canyon Mine accident: congressional investigation into the deaths of nine individuals

As described above, the Committee had under its consideration H. Res. 836, which extended to the Committee on Education and Labor certain deposition authorities already provided to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

On December 5, 2007, the Committee on Rules met on H. Res. 836 in open session and ordered the resolution favorably reported by voice vote to the House without amendment. The Committee filed House Report 110-473, together with minority views, on H. Res. 836. The same day, the House considered H. Res. 836 as a privileged matter and agreed to it without objection.

b. United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement: protecting congressional prerogatives

Under section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974, after the President negotiates a free-trade agreement, he formally notifies Congress of his intent to enter the agreement on behalf of the United States. Not sooner than 90 calendar days thereafter, the President transmits to Congress both the agreement and a draft bill to implement the agreement. On April 7, 2008, the President transmitted to Congress the Colombia Free Trade Agreement and an accompanying implementing bill.

Pursuant to the statute, the implementing bill (H.R. 5724) was introduced in the House by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader (by request) on April 8, 2008. The bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Under section 151(e)(1) of the Trade Act, if the Ways and Means Committee does not report the bill by the close of the 45th day after introduction (excluding any day on which the House is not in session), then it is automatically discharged from further consideration and the bill is placed on the

Union calendar. A vote on final passage of the bill must be taken in the House on or before the 15th day after it is reported by the committee(s) of referral or after it is discharged by such committee(s).

Section 151(f)(1) of the Trade Act subjects House floor consideration of the implementing bill to numerous restrictions. A motion that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of an implementing bill is highly privileged. The motion is neither debatable nor amendable, essentially prohibiting Congress from recommending improvements to the bill. No Member may move to recommit the bill or move to reconsider the vote on its passage.

Because Members believed that the Colombia trade agreement had not been adequately negotiated and was not ready for consideration on the floor of the House, the Committee considered its options under section 5 of Article I of the Constitution. That provision provides that “Each House [of Congress] may determine the Rules of its Proceedings.”

On April 9, 2008, the Committee on Rules met in open session and ordered reported favorably by a vote of 9–3 an original resolution providing that sections 151(e)(1) and 151(f)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 would not apply with respect to H.R. 5724, the “United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.” The Committee filed House Report 110–574 on April 9. On April 10, 2008, the House considered H. Res. 1092 as a privileged matter and agreed to it by a vote of 224–195, with one Member voting Present.

c. Medicare spending: protecting congressional prerogatives

In the 108th Congress, language was inserted into the conference report on Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (“Medicare Modernization Act”) (Public Law 108–173) that provides for expedited procedures that bypass regular order in the House. The procedure would apply if Medicare funding coming from general revenues exceeds 45 percent. Once triggered, the President is required to send legislation to the House and Senate that would address the “disparity.” Pursuant to section 803 of the Medicare Modernization Act, that bill must be introduced by the House Majority and Minority Leaders and referred to the appropriate committees.

If the House fails to act within a specified time on the President’s bill (or any bill meeting the requirements of the Act) any Member may, without notice, offer a privileged motion to discharge (if seconded by 87 House Members). If the motion is adopted, the bill comes to the floor within three legislative days and can be debated with up to 5 hours of general debate and 10 hours of debate on amendments (1 hour maximum on each amendment). Amendments to the bill are provided blanket waivers from points of order under House rules, including those arising under clause 9 (regarding earmark disclosure) and clause 10 (regarding increases in direct spending or decreases in revenues) of rule XXI and clause 7 of rule XVI (germaneness). The only requirement is that the amendment be certified by the Budget Committee to eliminate excess Medicare spending (the “disparity”). Under this extraordinary procedure,

subjects unrelated to the primary measure could be crafted as an amendment to a bill under expedited procedures.

Until a bill is brought up under this process (either the original President's bill as introduced by the Majority and Minority Leaders or any other bill that is titled "To respond to a Medicare funding warning" and is certified by the Budget Committee as "fixing" the funding shortfall) a motion to discharge can be offered without notice every single day until there is a vote on the House floor on a Medicare bill that meets the trigger test. Absent House action, the Senate is not required to initiate or consider any legislation under this process; Senate expedited procedures occur only after the House passes legislation.

Because this is a statutory provision, it can be permanently repealed pursuant only to a public law. Legislation including language to repeal the statute was passed by the House in July of 2007 but did not become public law. A second option to preserve the House's prerogatives with respect to the consideration of legislation would be to adopt a resolution providing that section 803 would not apply for the remainder of the pending Congress.

On July 23, 2008, the Committee on Rules met in open session and ordered reported favorably by a vote of 9–3 an original resolution providing that section 803 of the Medicare Modernization Act would not apply for the remainder of the 110th Congress. On July 24, the House considered H. Res. 1368 and agreed to it by a vote of 231–184.

d. Earmark reform

On June 18, 2007, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D–MD) and House Minority Leader John Boehner (R–OH) introduced H. Res. 491. The resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules only, required conference reports on appropriations bills to include lists of earmarks included in the conference report but not committed to the conference by either House, not in a report on such a bill, and not in a Senate committee report on such a measure. A point of order raised under the resolution was to be resolved by a question of consideration. The resolution provided that it would not be in order to consider a rule or order that waived the application of the earmark requirement.

On the same day the resolution was introduced, Chairwoman Slaughter asked unanimous consent to discharge it from the Rules Committee and consider it on the floor. The resolution was considered and adopted without objection.

e. Judicial impeachment

On September 17, 2008, Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, Jr., (D–MI) and Ranking Member Lamar Smith (R–TX) introduced House Resolution 1448. The resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules only, authorized and directed the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether the House should impeach G. Thomas Porteous, a judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

The resolution was the result of a June 18, 2008 certification from the Judicial Conference of the United States to the Speaker of the House that the impeachment of Judge Porteous may have been warranted.

It was alleged that Judge Porteous (a) committed perjury by signing false financial disclosure statements under oath in violation of 18 U.S.C. section 1621; (b) committed perjury by signing false statements under oath in a personal bankruptcy proceeding in violation of 18 U.S.C. sections 152 and 1621 (and in violation of several judicial canons); (c) willfully and systematically concealed from the public and litigants financial transactions by filing false financial disclosure statements in violation of 18 U.S.C. sections 1001, 5 U.S.C. App. 4 section 104, and judicial canons; (d) violated criminal statutes and ethical canons by presiding over a trial in which he had a conflict of interest; (3) made false representations to gain the extension of a bank loan with intent to defraud the bank in violation of 18 U.S.C. sections 1014 and 1344; and (f) engaged in such conduct to the detriment of the federal judiciary.

On the same day the resolution was introduced, Chairwoman Slaughter asked unanimous consent to discharge it from the Rules Committee and consider it on the floor. The resolution was considered and adopted without objection.

f. Ethics reform

On May 15, 2007, Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) and other Democratic Members of the House introduced H.R. 2316, the “Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007.” The bill, which was referred to Committees on the Judiciary, Rules, and House Administration, was designed to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations.

More specifically, the bill contained provisions to close the revolving door between congressional employment and employment as a lobbyist. It also required enhanced, public disclosures of lobbying activities. It increased civil and criminal penalties for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements. Finally, it imposed other restrictions and disclosure requirements on government officials.

On May 17, the Judiciary Committee held a markup of the bill and ordered it reported favorably to the House. On May 21, the Judiciary Committee reported the bill and the Rules Committee and House Administration Committee were discharged from consideration.

On May 24, H.R. 2316 was considered on the House floor pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 437. The bill passed the House the same day by a vote of 396–22. The provisions that were the subject of H.R. 2316 ultimately were enacted into law on September 24, 2007, through S. 1.

4. OTHER ORIGINAL JURISDICTION MEASURES SUBJECT TO FLOOR CONSIDERATION

a. Permitting Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to the Congress to cast votes in the Committee of the Whole

On January 19, 2007, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn (D-SC), Rules Committee Chairwoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY), Democratic Caucus Chair Rahm Emanuel (D-IL), Democratic Caucus Vice Chair

John B. Larson (D-CT), and Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA) introduced House Resolution 78.

H. Res. 78, which was referred to the Rules Committee only, amended the Rules of the House to grant to each Delegate and the Resident Commissioner the same powers and privileges as Members of the House while in the Committee of the Whole, including the right to vote on measures in the Committee of the Whole. The same right had been granted in the 103rd Congress through passage of H. Res. 5. A new majority in the House took away this right in the 104th Congress through passage of H. Res. 6.

The resolution further provided for the Committee to vote on questions de novo in instances in which a recorded vote was decided by a margin within which the votes of any Delegate or Resident Commissioner have been decisive. In such instances, the resolution directed the Committee of the Whole to rise and the Speaker to put the question de novo without intervening motion. Upon the announcement of the vote, the House would resolve into the Committee of the Whole without intervening motion.

On January 24, 2007, H. Res. 78 was considered on the House floor pursuant to a special order of business reported from the Committee on Rules. H. Res. 86 provided for consideration of H. Res. 78. More specifically, H. Res. 86 provided for one hour of debate on the underlying measure equally divided between the chair and ranking minority member of the Rules Committee. It also provided for 20 minutes of debate on an amendment to H. Res. 78 if offered by Rep. Mark Kirk (R-IL) or his designee. Finally, H. Res. 86 provided for one motion to recommit. H. Res. 78 ultimately passed the House on January 24 by a vote of 226-191.

b. Authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas

On February 13, 2008, Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) introduced House Resolution 980. The resolution, which was referred to the Rules Committee only, authorized the Committee on the Judiciary to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas.

More specifically, the resolution was designed to provide for enforcement of congressional subpoenas issued pursuant to an investigation into the firing of United States Attorneys. H. Res. 980 authorized the chairman of the Judiciary Committee to seek declaratory judgments affirming the duty of any individual to comply with any subpoena that is a subject of House Resolution 979 (holding certain officials in contempt of Congress for failure to comply with congressional subpoenas) issued to such individual by the Committee as part of its investigation into the firing of certain United States Attorneys and related matters, and to seek appropriate ancillary relief, including injunctive relief.

H. Res. 980 directed the Judiciary Committee to report to the House as soon as practicable regarding any judicial proceedings which it initiated or in which it intervened. Finally, the resolution directed the House's Office of General Counsel, at the Speaker's direction, to represent the Judiciary Committee in any litigation.

On February 14, 2008, H. Res. 980 was considered on the House floor pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 982. H. Res. 982 provided for the adoption of H. Res. 980 upon the adoption of

H. Res. 982. Upon adoption in the House of H. Res. 980 by a vote of 223–32 (one Member voting Present), the House also adopted H. Res. 982.

c. Establishing an Office of Congressional Ethics

On December 19, 2007, Rep. Michael Capuano (D–MA) introduced House Resolution 895. Referred to the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Rules, H. Res. 895 established within the House an Office of Congressional Ethics.

More specifically, H. Res. 895 established a bipartisan board consisting of six individuals, three appointed by the Speaker and three appointed by the Minority Leader. Members of the House, employees of the Federal government, lobbyists, and agents of foreign principals were ineligible to serve on the board.

The Office of Congressional Ethics was charged with reviewing allegations of official misconduct on the part of Members, officers, and employees of the House. Upon completion of its review, the Office was directed to report to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct with any recommendations as to whether the matter should be dropped or reviewed further.

On March 11, 2008, H. Res. 895 was adopted on the House floor pursuant to House Resolution 1031. H. Res. 1031 provided for the adoption of H. Res. 895 upon adoption of H. Res. 1031. On March 11, upon adoption of H. Res. 1031 in the House by a vote of 229–182 (four Members voting Present), H. Res. 895 also was adopted.

V. ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES

A. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET PROCESS

1. JURISDICTION AND PURPOSE

The Committee on Rules established its Subcommittee on Legislative Process in 1979, at the outset of the 96th Congress. The Subcommittee has been reestablished in each succeeding Congress. In early 1995, the Committee changed the name of the Subcommittee to better reflect its jurisdiction, and, since that time, the Subcommittee has been known as the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process.

In the 110th Congress, the Subcommittee maintained its previous complement of seven Members, five majority and two minority. Chaired by Rep. Alcee Hastings of Florida, the Majority membership of the Subcommittee included Reps. Dennis Cardoza of California, Peter Welch of Vermont, Betty Sutton of Ohio, and Louise M. Slaughter of New York. The Minority members of the Subcommittee include Reps. Lincoln Diaz-Balart of Florida (ranking member) and David Dreier of California.

Committee Rule 5(a)(1)(A) provides that the Subcommittee “shall have general responsibility for measures or matters related to relations between the Congress and the Executive Branch.” The legislation falling within the panel’s jurisdiction includes resolutions and bills, referred at the discretion of the Chair of the Committee on Rules.

The primary statute within the Subcommittee’s jurisdiction is the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–344 as amended). The Subcommittee also main-

tains jurisdiction over budget process-related provisions found in Part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–177 as amended by Public Laws 100–119, 101–508 and 103–44) and the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990 (Title XIII of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–44)).

2. LEGISLATION REFERRED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
AND BUDGET PROCESS

House Resolutions

H. Res. 50: Representative Conaway of Texas, January 1, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require the reduction of section 302(b) suballocations to reflect floor amendments to general appropriations bills.

H. Res. 776: Representative King of Iowa, October 25, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that rescission bills always be considered under open rules every year, and for other purposes.

H. Res. 1027: Representative Lamborn of Colorado, March 6, 2008. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strike rule XXVIII, popularly known as the “Gephardt rule,” and to require recorded votes on measures that increase the statutory limit on the public debt.

House Bills

H.R. 279: Representative Cubin of Wyoming, January 5, 2007. To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for Congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements.

H.R. 352: Representative Lee of California, January 9, 2007. To require poverty impact statements for certain legislation.

H.R. 473: Representative Wolf of Virginia, January 16, 2007. To establish a commission to develop legislation designed to reform tax policy and entitlement benefit programs and ensure a sound fiscal future for the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 489: Representative McHenry of North Carolina, January 16, 2007. To establish a commission to develop legislation designed to reform entitlement benefit programs and ensure a sound fiscal future for the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 515: Representative Cooper of Tennessee, January 17, 2007. To establish a commission on corporate entitlement reform.

H.R. 595: Representative Udall of Colorado, January 19, 2007. To provide for expedited rescissions of budget authority.

H.R. 689: Representative Ryan of Wisconsin, January 24, 2007. To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

H.R. 905: Representative Udall of Colorado, February 7, 2007. To increase accountability and equity in the Federal budget.

H.R. 1090: Representative Lewis of Kentucky, February 15, 2007. To amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve and strengthen the Social Security Program through the creation of personal Social Security guarantee accounts ensuring full benefits for all workers and their families, restoring

long-term Social Security solvency, to make certain benefit improvements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1121: Representative Barrett of South Carolina, February 16, 2007. To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits through fiscal year 2012, to extend Paygo for direct spending, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1122: Representative Barrett of South Carolina, February 16, 2007. To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to simplify annual concurrent resolutions on the budget and to budget for emergencies.

H.R. 1375: Representative Buchanan of Florida, March 7, 2007. To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1789: Representative Flake of Arizona, March 29, 2007. To require the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation to use dynamic economic modeling in addition to static economic modeling in the preparation of budgetary estimates of proposed changes in Federal revenue law.

H.R. 1998: Representative Ryan of Wisconsin, April 23, 2007. To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

H.R. 2084: Representative Hensarling of Texas, May 1, 2007. To reform Federal budget procedures, to impose spending safeguards, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse, to account for accurate Government agency costs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2372: Representative DeLauro of Connecticut, May 17, 2007. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a temporary windfall profit tax on crude oil, to make the revenues from such tax available for investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2469: Representative Whitfield of Kentucky, May 23, 2007. To provide a biennial budget for the United States Government.

H.R. 2685: Representative Hill of Indiana, June 12, 2007. To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to extend the discretionary spending caps and the pay-as-you-go requirement, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2686: Representative Hill of Indiana, June 12, 2007. To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Control Act of 1985 to extend the pay-as-you-go provisions through fiscal year 2012.

H.R. 2784: Representative Peterson of Pennsylvania, June 20, 2007. To greatly enhance the Nation's environmental, energy, economic, and national security by terminating long-standing Federal prohibitions on the domestic production of abundant offshore supplies of natural gas, to dedicate fixed percentages of the resultant royalties for environmental restoration projects, renewable energy and carbon sequestration research, and weatherization and energy assistance for those in need, and to share a portion of such royalties with producing States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2809: Representative Inslee of Washington, June 21, 2007. To ensure that the United States leads the world baseline in developing and manufacturing next generation energy technologies, to

grow the economy of the United States, to create new highly trained, highly skilled American jobs, to eliminate American over-dependence on foreign oil, and to address the threat of global warming.

H.R. 2941: Representative Poe of Texas, June 28, 2007. To safeguard the Crime Victims Fund.

H.R. 3001: Representative Pallone of New Jersey, July 11, 2007. To amend the Public Health Service Act to help individuals with functional impairments and their families pay for services and supports that they need to maximize their functionality and independence and have choices about community participation, education, and employment, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3654: Representative Cooper of Tennessee, September 25, 2007. To establish a commission to develop legislation designed to reform tax policy and entitlement benefit programs and ensure a sound fiscal future for the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3655: Representative Cooper of Tennessee, September 25, 2007. To establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

H.R. 3724: Representative Fossella of New York, October 2, 2007. To establish a National Commission on Entitlement Solvency.

H.R. 3738: Representative Gingrey of Georgia, October 3, 2007. To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to set a cap on allocated funds for earmarks.

H.R. 3857: Representative Neugebauer of Texas, October 16, 2007. To establish requirements for the consideration of supplemental appropriation bills.

H.R. 4181: Representative Flake of Arizona, November 14, 2007. To reform Social Security retirement and Medicare by establishing a Personal Social Security Savings Program to create a safer, healthier, more secure, and more prosperous retirement for all Americans and to reduce the burden on young Americans.

H.R. 4338: Representative Walberg of Michigan, December 6, 2007. To establish a procedure to safeguard the surpluses of the Social Security and Medicare hospital insurance trust funds.

H.R. 6105: Representative McCotter of Michigan, May 21, 2008. To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require that concurrent resolutions on the budget limit the growth of Federal spending to the mean of annual percentage growth of wages and gross domestic product (GDP) in the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6964: Representative Foxx of North Carolina, September 18, 2008. To amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to ensure that actions taken by regulatory agencies are subject to that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6967: Representative McMorris Rodgers, September 18, 2008. To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require that, for a fiscal year, the total amount of money dedicated for earmarks may not exceed the estimated budget surplus for that year.

B. ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORGANIZATION
OF THE HOUSE

1. JURISDICTION AND PURPOSE

The Subcommittee was first established at the beginning of the 96th Congress as the Subcommittee on Rules of the House. After having fluctuated through several congresses, the name of the Subcommittee in the 109th and 110th Congress has been the Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House.

In the 110th Congress, the Subcommittee maintained its previous complement of seven Members, five majority and two minority. Chaired by Rep. James McGovern of Massachusetts, the Majority membership of the Subcommittee includes Reps. Doris Matsui of California, Kathy Castor of Florida, Michael Arcuri of New York, and Louise M. Slaughter of New York. The Minority membership includes Reps. Doc Hastings of Washington (ranking member) and Pete Sessions of Texas.

Pursuant to clause (a)(2)(B) of Committee Rule 5, the Subcommittee “shall have general responsibility for measures or matters related to process and procedures of the House, relations between the two Houses of Congress, relations between the Congress and the Judiciary, and internal operations of the House.” Referral of matters to the Subcommittee remains within the discretion of the Chair.

2. LEGISLATION REFERRED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON RULES AND
ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE

House Resolutions

H. Res. 14: Representative Conaway of Texas, January 4, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to curtail the growth of Government programs.

H. Res. 38: Representative Dreier of California, January 9, 2007. To enhance intelligence oversight authority.

H. Res. 40: Representative McHenry of North Carolina, January 9, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish a minority bill of rights to require the House to be administered in a bipartisan manner and to require regular order in the legislative process.

H. Res. 48: Representative Dreier of California, January 10, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives by requiring transparency of record votes in the Committee on Rules.

H. Res. 63: Representative Paul of Texas, January 12, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to ensure that Members have a reasonable amount of time to read legislation that will be voted upon.

H. Res. 77: Representative Rehberg of Montana, January 18, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H. Res. 111: Representative King of New York, January 30, 2007. Establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

H. Res. 169: Representative Moore of Kansas, February 15, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that the lists of earmarks be made available to the general public on the Internet.

H. Res. 218: Representative Issa of California, March 7, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that, as of the date of adoption of this resolution, a proportional distribution of committee seats, staff, and financial resources be made.

H. Res. 231: Representative Sessions of Texas, March 9, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require all committees post record votes on their websites within 48 hours of such votes.

H. Res. 249: Representative Flake of Arizona, March 15, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to limit gifts to Members, officers, and employees of the House from State and local governments.

H. Res. 283: Representative Chabot of Ohio, March 29, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit the consideration of conference reports on omnibus appropriations bills.

H. Res. 284: Representative Flake of Arizona, March 29, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strengthen the point of order against the consideration of legislation that contains congressional earmarks.

H. Res. 479: Representative Boehner of Ohio, June 12, 2007. To amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for enforcement of clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

H. Res. 565: Representative Sali of Idaho, July 24, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for division of the question on the legislative proposals involved to allow separate votes on disparate matters.

H. Res. 619: Representative Sali of Idaho, August 3, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that whenever a bill or joint resolution is introduced that amends existing law, the sponsor provide to the Clerk an electronic version of a comparative print, and for other purposes.

H. Res. 727: Representative Flake of Arizona, October 10, 2007. Providing for a moratorium on the consideration of any bill or joint resolution, or amendment thereto or conference report thereon, that contains any congressional earmark until a bipartisan panel is established to provide oversight over the congressional earmarking process and that panel reports its recommendations to the House.

H. Res. 786: Representative Gingrey of Georgia, October 31, 2007. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that general appropriations for military construction and veterans' affairs be considered as stand-alone measures.

H. Res. 920: Representative Marshall of Georgia, January 15, 2008. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strengthen the earmark point of order.

H. Res. 1003: Representative Smith of Texas, February 27, 2008. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide increased accountability and transparency in the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

H. Res. 1018: Representative Hill of Indiana, March 4, 2008. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the House Ethics Commission.

H. Res. 1354: Representative Barrett of South Carolina, July 17, 2008. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require a vote each year on whether to increase Members' pay.

H. Res. 1378: Representative Jones of North Carolina, July 24, 2008. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to authorize and direct the Speaker to issue rules permitting the display outside the offices of Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner in the House office buildings of tributes to members of the Armed Forces killed in United States engagements in Iraq or Afghanistan.

H. Res. 1450: Representative Conaway of Texas, September 17, 2008. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require officers and employees of the House to read the Constitution of the United States each year.

H. Res. 1515: Representative Sali of Idaho, September 27, 2008. Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strengthen the point of order against the consideration of congressional earmarks, and for other purposes.

House Bills

H.R. 334: Representative Castle of Delaware, January 9, 2007. To require the House of Representatives and the Senate to each establish a Subcommittee on Intelligence in the Committee on Appropriations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1733: Representative Bilbray of California, March 28, 2007. To prohibit the inclusion of earmarks in conference reports that were not in the House- or Senate-passed bills.

H.R. 2817: Representative Obey of Wisconsin, June 21, 2007. To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for expenditure limitations and public financing for House of Representatives general elections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3214: Representative Murphy, Patrick, of Pennsylvania, July 27, 2007. To provide greater accountability in reviewing the national security considerations of free trade agreements.

H.R. 3254: Representative Holt of New Jersey, July 31, 2007. To limit cost growth associated with major defense base closures and realignments implemented as part of the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment.

H.R. 4223: Representative Fortenberry of Nebraska, November 15, 2007. To establish the Congressional-Executive Commission on the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

H.R. 5230: Representative Jackson-Lee, February 6, 2008. To amend title 28, United States Code, to grant to the House of Representatives the authority to bring a civil action to enforce, secure a declaratory judgment concerning the validity of, or prevent a threatened refusal or failure to comply with any subpoena or order issued by the House or any committee or subcommittee of the House to secure the production of documents, the answering of any deposition or interrogatory, or the securing of testimony, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5439: Representative Thornberry of Texas, February 14, 2008. To establish the Civil Service Reform Commission.

H.R. 5755: Representative Kind of Wisconsin, April 10, 2008. To establish the Bipartisan Earmark Reform Commission.

H.R. 5995: Representative Ryan of Wisconsin, May 8, 2008. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend the highway fuels taxes, to provide for a Joint Committee on Earmark Reform, and to prohibit earmarking for the remainder of the 110th Congress.

H.R. 6072: Representative Forbes of Virginia, May 15, 2008. To establish a Commission to examine the long-term global challenges facing the United States and develop legislative and administrative proposals to improve interagency cooperation.

H.R. 6148: Representative DeFazio of Oregon, May 22, 2008. To make bills implementing trade agreements subject to a point of order unless certain conditions are met, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6319: Representative Hill of Indiana, June 19, 2008. To establish the Commission on Affordable Health Care to study and provide recommendations for establishing a health care system to provide affordable health care to all citizens of the United States and for the roles of certain health care entities in providing such services under such system, and to provide for expedited Congressional consideration of such recommendations.

House Concurrent Resolutions

H. Con. Res. 263: Representative Kingston of Georgia, November 15, 2007. To establish the Joint Select Committee on Earmark Reform, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 314: Representative Hensarling of Texas, March 11, 2008. Establishing a Joint Select Committee on Earmark Reform.

VI. STATISTICAL PROFILE OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES, 110TH CONGRESS

A. STATISTICS ON SPECIAL ORDERS OR "RULES"

1. Number of formal requests for Rules Committee hearings: 165
 - (a) Number of rules requested for original consideration of measures, rules for further consideration, rules for disposition of Senate amendments: 154
 - (b) Number of rules requested on conference reports: 11
 - (c) Number of rules requested on procedural matters: 0
 - (d) Number of formal rules requests otherwise disposed of by procedures other than the Rules committee: 3
2. Number of formal requests pending at adjournment: 3
3. Number of hearing days: 151
 - (a) 1st Session: 88
 - (1) Regular meetings: 47
 - (2) Emergency meetings: 31
 - (3) Regular/Emergency meetings: 10
 - (b) 2nd Session: 63
 - (1) Regular meetings: 32
 - (2) Emergency meetings: 26
 - (3) Regular/Emergency meetings: 5
4. Number of bills, resolutions, and conference reports on which hearings were held for the purpose of considering special orders or "rules"—
 - (a) Number of rules granted: 220
 - (1) Bills and resolutions: 161

- (2) Conference Reports or consideration of Senate Amendments: 33
 - (3) Providing for general debate only, waiving $\frac{2}{3}$ requirement or creating suspension days: 26
 - (b) Types of amendment structures for consideration of bills and resolutions—
 - (1) Open: 23
 - (2) Structured: 83
 - (3) Closed: 53
 - (c) Categories of Rules Granted with Certain Floor Management Tools—
 - (1) Expedited Procedures Rules: 17
 - (2) Suspension Day Rules: 12
 - (3) Chairman's en bloc authority: 3
 - (d) Categories of Rules Granted to Resolve Differences Among and Responding to the Legislative Actions of Committees—
 - (1) Self-Executing Rules: 53
 - (2) Original Text Rules: 67
 - (e) Categories of Rules Granted Dealing with House-Senate Relations—
 - (1) Senate Hook-up Rules: 4
 - (2) Disposition of Senate Amendments: 19
 - (3) Conference Report Rules: 15
 - (4) Engrossment of Multiple Measures Rules: 6
 - (5) Motions to go to Conference: 0
 - (f) Dispositions of the 220 rules granted:
 - (1) Adopted by the House: 202
 - (2) Rejected by the House: 0
 - (3) Laid on the Table: 18
 - (4) Pending on the House Calendar at Adjournment: 0
5. Rules of the House waivers granted (waivers may be underlying measures, matters made in order as original text, motions, or amendments)—
- (a) Types of waivers (number of resolutions waiving each rule)—
 - (1) Waiver of all Rules of the House: 79
 - (2) Waiving all points of order against provisions in the bill, except as specified in the rule: 0
 - (3) Rule XXI, clause 2: 13

B. STATISTICS ON ORIGINAL JURISDICTION MEASURES

- 1. Full Committee
 - (a) Number of bills and resolutions referred: 170
 - (b) Number of measures referred to the subcommittees: 76
 - (1) Exclusive Referrals to the Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House: 40
 - (2) Exclusive Referrals to the Subcommittee on the Legislative and Budget Process: 36
 - (3) Joint referrals: 0
 - (c) Number of original jurisdiction measures heard by the full committee: 3
 - (d) Number of hearings and markups held by the full committee: 1
 - (e) Number of measures reported by the full committee: 3

- (1) Disposition of measures reported
 (a) Measures adopted by the House: 3
 (b) Measures reported and pending floor action at adjournment: 0
 (c) Measures rejected by the House: 0
 (d) Measures tabled by the House: 0
2. Subcommittee on the Legislative and Budget Process
 (a) Measures referred: 36
 (b) Days of hearings and markups: 0
 (c) Measures reported: 0
3. Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House
 (a) Measures referred: 40
 (b) Days of hearings and markups: 0
 (c) Measures reported: 0

VII. APPENDICES

A. TABLE 1.—TYPES OF RULES GRANTED

Open:		
H. Res. 133	H.R. 547	Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act.
H. Res. 195	H.R. 556	National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act of 2007.
H. Res. 214	H.R. 569	Water Quality Investment Act of 2007.
H. Res. 215	H.R. 700	Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007.
H. Res. 301	H.R. 1257	Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act.
H. Res. 331	H.R. 249	To restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.
H. Res. 349	H.R. 1867	National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 404	H.R. 1427	Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007.
H. Res. 473	H.R. 2638	Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.
H. Res. 480	H.R. 2642	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 481	H.R. 2641	Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 498	H.R. 2764	Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 514	H.R. 2643	Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 517	H.R. 2829	Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 547	H.R. 3043	Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 558	H.R. 3074	Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 562	H.R. 3093	Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 581	H.R. 3161	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 596	H.R. 3162	Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007.
H. Res. 633	H.R. 2786	Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 802	H.R. 3355	Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1083	H.R. 2537	Beach Protection Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1384	H.R. 6599	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2009.
Structured:		
H. Res. 86	H. Res. 78	Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to the Congress to cast votes in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
H. Res. 203	H.R. 800	Employee Free Choice Act of 2007
H. Res. 229	H.R. 720	Water Quality Financing Act of 2007.
H. Res. 239	H.R. 985	Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2007.

A. TABLE 1.—TYPES OF RULES GRANTED—Continued

H. Res. 242	H.R. 1362	Accountability in Contracting Act.
H. Res. 254	H.R. 1227	Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007.
H. Res. 270	H.R. 1401	Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007.
H. Res. 302	H.R. 1361	Relief for Entrepreneurs: Coordination of Objectives and Values for Effective Recovery Act of 2007.
H. Res. 318	H.R. 363	Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act.
H. Res. 319	H.R. 1495	Water Resources Development Act of 2007.
H. Res. 330	H.R. 1332	Small Business Lending Improvements Act of 2007.
H. Res. 429	H.R. 1100	Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007.
H. Res. 453	H.R. 2446	Afghanistan Freedom and Security Support Act of 2007.
H. Res. 502	H.R. 2771	Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 274	H.R. 1538	Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2007.
H. Res. 275	H. Con. Res. 99	Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012.
H. Res. 327	H.R. 362	10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds Science and Math Scholarship Act.
H. Res. 348	H.R. 1429	Improving Head Start Act of 2007.
H. Res. 350	H.R. 1868	Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007.
H. Res. 382	H.R. 1684	Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.
H. Res. 383	H.R. 1873	Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act.
H. Res. 388	H.R. 2082	Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.
H. Res. 403	H.R. 1585	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.
H. Res. 437	H.R. 2317	Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007.
	H.R. 2316	Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007.
H. Res. 531	H.R. 2669	College Cost Reduction Act of 2007.
H. Res. 534	H.R. 1851	Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007.
H. Res. 574	H.R. 2419	Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007.
H. Res. 599	H.R. 3161	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 615	H.R. 3221	Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007.
	H.R. 2776	New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.
H. Res. 636	H.R. 1908	Patent Reform Act of 2007.
H. Res. 650	H.R. 1852	Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007.
H. Res. 660	H.R. 2761	Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007.
H. Res. 664	H.R. 2881	FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 678	H.R. 2693	To direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl.
H. Res. 682	H.R. 3567	Small Business Investment Expansion Act of 2007.
H. Res. 683	H.R. 3121	Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 701	H.R. 928	Improving Government Accountability Act.
H. Res. 702	H.R. 2740	MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007.
H. Res. 720	H.R. 2895	National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007.
H. Res. 724	H.R. 2095	Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act of 2007.
H. Res. 742	H.R. 2102	Free Flow of Information Act of 2007.
H. Res. 763	H.R. 1011	Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007.
H. Res. 764	H.R. 505	Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 773	H.R. 3867	Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act.
H. Res. 780	H.R. 2262	Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007.
H. Res. 781	H.R. 3920	Trade and Globalization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 793	H.R. 3685	Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007.
H. Res. 809	H.R. 3996	Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007.
H. Res. 825	H.R. 3915	Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007.
H. Res. 918	H.R. 2768	Supplemental Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2007.
H. Res. 922	H.R. 3524	HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007 Reported from Rules.
H. Res. 940	H.R. 1528	New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act.
H. Res. 956	H.R. 4137	College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007.
H. Res. 974	H.R. 3521	Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007.

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H. Res. 1001	H.R. 5351	Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1015	H.R. 2857	Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act.
H. Res. 1036	H. Con. Res. 312	Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.
H. Res. 1065	H.R. 5501	Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1071	H.R. 4847	United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1084	H.R. 2016	National Landscape Conservation System Act.
H. Res. 1103	H.R. 2634	Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2008.
H. Res. 1107	H.R. 5715	Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1125	H.R. 5819	SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.
H. Res. 1126	H.R. 2830	Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1157	H.R. 5522	Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1174	H.R. 5818	Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1218	H.R. 5658	Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.
H. Res. 1233	H.R. 5540	Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act.
H. Res. 1234	H.R. 3021	21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act.
H. Res. 1253	H.R. 6003	Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1257	H.R. 6063	National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1276	H.R. 5876	Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1277	H.R. 5781	Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1304	H.R. 6052	Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1317	H.R. 1286	Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act.
H. Res. 1339	H.R. 4156	Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 1343	H.R. 5959	Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.
H. Res. 1344	H.R. 3999	National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1388	H.R. 1338	Paycheck Fairness Act.
H. Res. 1419	H.R. 3667	Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1434	H.R. 6842	Second Amendment Enforcement Act.
H. Res. 1441	H.R. 3036	No Child Left Inside Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1534	H.R. 7321	To authorize financial assistance to eligible automobile manufacturers, and for other purposes.
Closed:		
H. Res. 65	H.R. 5	The College Student Relief Act of 2007.
H. Res. 66	H.R. 6	Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation (CLEAN) Act.
H. Res. 260	H.R. 1433	District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007
H. Res. 269	H.R. 835	Hawaiian Homeownership Act of 2007.
H. Res. 377	H.R. 1294	Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2007.
H. Res. 464	S. 5	Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007.
H. Res. 465	H.R. 65	Lumbee Recognition Act.
H. Res. 219	H. Res. 202	Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress.
H. Res. 157	H. Con. Res. 63	Disapproving the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq.
H. Res. 116	H.J. Res. 20	Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007.
H. Res. 261	H.R. 1591	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health, and Iraq Accountability Act, 2007.
H. Res. 317	H.R. 1905	To provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

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	H.R. 1906	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the estimated tax payment safe harbor based on income for the preceding year in the case of individuals with adjusted gross income greater than \$5 million.
H. Res. 364	H.R. 1592	Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007.
H. Res. 370	S. Con. Res. 21	An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.
H. Res. 387	H.R. 2237	To provide for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq.
	H.R. 2206	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007.
	H.R. 2207	Agricultural Disaster Assistance and Western States Emergency Unfinished Business Appropriations Act, 2007.
H. Res. 533	H.R. 2956	Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act.
H. Res. 579	H.R. 2831	Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007.
H. Res. 580	H.R. 986	Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act.
H. Res. 594	H.R. 3162	Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007.
H. Res. 601	H.R. 3159	Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act of 2007.
H. Res. 677	H.J. Res. 52	Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 703	H.R. 3648	Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007.
H. Res. 704	H.R. 3246	Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007.
H. Res. 719	H.R. 3056	Tax Collection Responsibility Act of 2007.
H. Res. 741	H. Res. 734	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the withholding of information relating to corruption in Iraq.
H. Res. 746	H.R. 3773	Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007.
H. Res. 765	H.R. 1483	Celebrating America's Heritage Act.
H. Res. 774	H.R. 3963	Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 801	H.R. 3688	United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.
H. Res. 824	H.R. 3773	FISA Amendments Act of 2008.
H. Res. 818	H.R. 4156	Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 861	H.R. 4351	AMT Relief Act of 2007.
H. Res. 862	H.R. 4299	Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 869	H.J. Res. 69	Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 893	H.R. 2764	Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008.
	H.J. Res. 72	Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 976	H.R. 5349	To extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 21 days.
H. Res. 982	H. Res. 979	Recommending that the House of Representatives find Harriet Miers and Joshua Bolten, Chief of Staff, White House, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary.
H. Res. 1014	H.R. 1424	Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1102	H.R. 5719	Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1212	H.R. 6049	Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1265	H.R. 5749	Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1285	H.R. 6304	FISA Amendments Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1297	H.R. 6275	Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1298	H.R. 2176	To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community.
H. Res. 1299	H.R. 3195	ADA Amendments Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1318	H.R. 5811	Electronic Message Preservation Act.

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H. Res. 1433	H.R. 6899	Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act.
H. Res. 1449	H.R. 6604	Commodity Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2008
H. Res. 1476	H.R. 5244	Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1501	H.R. 7060	Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1502	H.R. 7060	Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1507	H.R. 7110	Job Creation and Unemployment Relief Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1516	H.R. 7201	Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008.
	H.R. 7202	Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2008.
Special Procedures		
Waiving Rule XIII, clause 6(a), requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules:		
H. Res. 595		Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Wednesday August 1, 2007 providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 614		Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Monday August 6, 2007 providing for consideration of any of the following measures: (1) The bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. (2) A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain electronic surveillance.
H. Res. 659		Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Wednesday September 19, 2007 providing for consideration of a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and for medical devices, to enhance the postmarket authorities of the Food and Drug Administration with respect to the safety of drugs, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 839		Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Wednesday December 5, 2007 providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 850		Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Tuesday December 11, 2007 providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 873		Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Monday December 17, 2007 providing for consideration of any of the following measures: (1) The Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes. (2) The Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

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H. Res. 876	Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Wednesday December 19, 2007 providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures: (1) A bill relating to the Children's Health Insurance Program, or an amendment thereto. (2) A bill relating to Medicare, or an amendment thereto. (3) A bill relating to the alternative minimum tax, or an amendment thereto. (4) A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, or an amendment thereto. (5) The bill (H.R. 2764) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, or an amendment thereto.
H. Res. 941	Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Tuesday January 29, 2008 providing for consideration of a bill to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits.
H. Res. 955	Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Thursday February 7, 2008 to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of Thursday, February 7, 2008, relating to a bill to provide economic stimulus.
H. Res. 983	Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Thursday February 14, 2008 to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of Thursday, February 14, 2008, relating to a bill addressing foreign intelligence surveillance.
H. Res. 1281	Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Thursday June 19, 2008 providing for consideration or disposition of a measure making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.
H. Res. 1489	Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Wednesday September 24, 2008 providing for consideration or disposition of a measure to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 1490	Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Saturday September 27, 2008 providing for consideration or disposition of a measure to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 1503	Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Friday September 26, 2008 providing for consideration or disposition of a measure making supplemental appropriations for job creation and preservation, infrastructure investment, and economic and energy assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 1514	Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Sunday September 28, 2008 to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported on the legislative day of September 28, 2008, or September 29, 2008.
H. Res. 1526	Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Friday October 3, 2008 providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

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H. Res. 1533		Special Rule Reported on the Legislative day of Monday December 9, 2008 providing for consideration or disposition of a measure relating to financial assistance to eligible automobile manufacturers, and for other purposes.
Makes in order suspensions on special days:		
H. Res. 161		Suspensions in order on Friday, February 16, 2007.
H. Res. 600		Suspensions in order on Friday, August 3, 2007.
H. Res. 613		Suspensions in order on Saturday, August 4, 2007.
H. Res. 983		Suspensions in order on Thursday, February 14, 2008.
H. Res. 1167		Suspensions in order on Thursday, May 1, 2008.
H. Res. 1218	H.R. 5658	Suspensions in order on Thursday, May 22, 2008.
H. Res. 1304	H.R. 6052	Suspensions in order on Thursday, June 26, 2008.
H. Res. 1350		Suspensions in order on Thursday, July 17, 2008.
H. Res. 1367		Suspensions in order on Thursday, July 24, 2008.
H. Res. 1491		Suspensions in order on Thursday, September 25, 2008.
H. Res. 1500		Suspensions in order on Sunday, September 28, 2008.
H. Res. 1526		Suspensions in order on Friday, October 3, 2008.
Senate Hook-up:		
H. Res. 370	S. Con. Res. 21	An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.
H. Res. 1036	H. Con. Res. 312	Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.
H. Res. 1190	S. Con. Res. 70	An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013.
H. Res. 1339	S. 2062	Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007.
Disposition of Senate amendments:		
H. Res. 438	H.R. 2206	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007.
H. Res. 675	H.R. 976	Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007.
H. Res. 794	H.R. 3043	Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 846	H.R. 6	Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation Act of 2007.
H. Res. 849	H.R. 2761	Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007.
H. Res. 877	H.R. 6	Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation Act of 2007.
H. Res. 878	H.R. 2764	Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 893	H.R. 2764	Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 894	H.R. 3996	Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1041	H.R. 3773	Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1156	H.R. 493	Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1175	H.R. 3221	New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.
H. Res. 1197	H.R. 2642	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 1284	H.R. 2642	Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 1362	H.R. 5501	Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1363	H.R. 3221	New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.
H. Res. 1488	H.R. 2638	Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

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H. Res. 1517	H.R. 3997	Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2007
H. Res. 1525	H.R. 1424	Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2008
Conference Reports:		
H. Res. 332	H.R. 1591	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007.
H. Res. 409	S. Con. Res. 21	Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007
H. Res. 567	H.R. 1	Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007. Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act of 2007.
H. Res. 597	H.R. 1495	Water Resources Development Act of 2007.
H. Res. 602	H.R. 2272	America COMPETES Act.
H. Res. 637	H.R. 2669	College Cost Reduction and Access Act.
H. Res. 794	H.R. 3043	Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 806	H.R. 3222	Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 813	H.R. 1429	Improving Head Start Act of 2007.
H. Res. 817	H.R. 3074	Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 859	H.R. 2082	Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.
H. Res. 860	H.R. 1585	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.
H. Res. 1189	H.R. 2419	Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1214	S. Con. Res. 70	An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013.
H. Res. 1389	H.R. 4137	Higher Education Opportunity Act.
Chairman's en bloc authority:		
H. Res. 403	H.R. 1585	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.
H. Res. 956	H.R. 4137	College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1218	H.R. 5658	Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.
Self-executing amendments:		
H. Res. 219	H. Res. 202	Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress.
H. Res. 229	H.R. 720	Water Quality Financing Act of 2007.
H. Res. 239	H.R. 985	Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2007.
H. Res. 254	H.R. 1227	Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007.
H. Res. 260	H.R. 1433	District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007.
H. Res. 261	H.R. 1591	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health, and Iraq Accountability Act, 2007.
H. Res. 302	H.R. 1361	Relief for Entrepreneurs: Coordination of Objectives and Values for Effective Recovery Act of 2007.
H. Res. 364	H.R. 1592	Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007.
H. Res. 370	S. Con. Res. 21	An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.
H. Res. 377	H.R. 1294	Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2007.
H. Res. 387	H.R. 2206	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007.
	H.R. 2207	Agricultural Disaster Assistance and Western States Emergency Unfinished Business Appropriations Act, 2007.
	H.R. 2237	To provide for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq.
H. Res. 404	H.R. 1472	Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007.
H. Res. 437	H.R. 2316	Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007.
	H.R. 2317	Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007.
H. Res. 465	H.R. 65	Lumbee Recognition Act.
H. Res. 531	H.R. 2669	College Cost Reduction Act of 2007.
H. Res. 574	H.R. 2419	Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007.
H. Res. 579	H.R. 2831	Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007.
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H. Res. 599	H.R. 3161	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 601	H.R. 3159	Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act of 2007.
H. Res. 615	H.R. 2766 H.R. 3221	Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007. New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.
H. Res. 650	H.R. 1852	Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007.
H. Res. 660	H.R. 2761	Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007.
H. Res. 664	H.R. 2881	FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 683	H.R. 3121	Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007.
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H. Res. 719	H.R. 3056	Tax Collection Responsibility Act of 2007.
H. Res. 742	H.R. 2102	Free Flow of Information Act of 2007.
H. Res. 746	H.R. 3773	Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007.
H. Res. 763	H.R. 1011	Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007.
H. Res. 765	H.R. 1483	Celebrating America's Heritage Act.
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H. Res. 982	H. Res. 979	Recommending that the House of Representatives find Harriet Miers and Joshua Bolten, Chief of Staff, White House, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary.
	H. Res. 980	Authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas.
H. Res. 1014	H.R. 1424	Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1031	H. Res. 895	Establishing within the House of Representatives an Office of Congressional Ethics, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 1102	H.R. 5719	Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1107	H.R. 5715	Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008.
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H. Res. 1212	H.R. 6049	Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1265	H.R. 5749	Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1277	H.R. 5781	Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1297	H.R. 6275	Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1298	H.R. 2176	To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community.
H. Res. 1299	H.R. 3195	ADA Amendments Act of 2008.
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H. Res. 1318	H.R. 5811	Electronic Message Preservation Act.
H. Res. 1434	H.R. 6842	Second Amendment Enforcement Act.
H. Res. 1449	H.R. 6604	Commodity Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1476	H.R. 5244	Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008.
Makes in order original text:		
H. Res. 133	H.R. 547	Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act.
H. Res. 195	H.R. 556	National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act of 2007.
H. Res. 203	H.R. 800	Employee Free Choice Act of 2007.
H. Res. 214	H.R. 569	Water Quality Investment Act of 2007.
H. Res. 229	H.R. 720	Water Quality Financing Act of 2007.
H. Res. 239	H.R. 985	Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2007.
H. Res. 242	H.R. 1362	Accountability in Contracting Act.
H. Res. 254	H.R. 1227	Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007.
H. Res. 270	H.R. 1401	Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007.
H. Res. 274	H.R. 1538	Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2007.

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H. Res. 301	H.R. 1257	Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act.
H. Res. 302	H.R. 1361	Relief for Entrepreneurs: Coordination of Objectives and Values for Effective Recovery Act of 2007.
H. Res. 318	H.R. 363	Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act.
H. Res. 319	H.R. 1495	Water Resources Development Act of 2007.
H. Res. 327	H.R. 362	10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds Science and Math Scholarship Act.
H. Res. 330	H.R. 1332	Small Business Lending Improvements Act of 2007.
H. Res. 348	H.R. 1429	Improving Head Start Act of 2007.
H. Res. 349	H.R. 1867	National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 382	H.R. 1684	Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.
H. Res. 383	H.R. 1873	Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act.
H. Res. 388	H.R. 2082	Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.
H. Res. 403	H.R. 1585	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.
H. Res. 404	H.R. 1427	Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007.
H. Res. 437	H.R. 2317	Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007.
	H.R. 2316	Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007.
H. Res. 534	H.R. 1851	Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007.
H. Res. 574	H.R. 2419	Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.
H. Res. 615	H.R. 3221	Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.
	H.R. 2776	Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007.
H. Res. 636	H.R. 1908	Patent Reform Act of 2007.
H. Res. 650	H.R. 1852	Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007.
H. Res. 660	H.R. 2761	Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 664	H.R. 2881	FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 678	H.R. 2693	Popcorn Workers Lung Disease Prevention Act.
H. Res. 683	H.R. 3121	Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 701	H.R. 928	Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 702	H.R. 2740	MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007.
H. Res. 720	H.R. 2895	National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007.
H. Res. 724	H.R. 2095	Railroad Safety Enhancement Act of 2008.
H. Res. 780	H.R. 2262	Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007.
H. Res. 802	H.R. 3355	Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007.
H. Res. 825	H.R. 3915	Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007.
H. Res. 918	H.R. 2768	S-MINER Act.
H. Res. 922	H.R. 3524	HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 940	H.R. 1528	New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act.
H. Res. 956	H.R. 4137	Higher Education Opportunity Act.
H. Res. 974	H.R. 3521	Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1015	H.R. 2857	Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act.
H. Res. 1071	H.R. 4847	United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1083	H.R. 2537	Beach Protection Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1084	H.R. 2016	National Landscape Conservation System Act.
H. Res. 1103	H.R. 2634	Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2008.
H. Res. 1107	H.R. 5715	Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1125	H.R. 5819	SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act.
H. Res. 1126	H.R. 2830	Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1157	H.R. 5522	Worker Protection Against Combustible Dust Explosions and Fires Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1174	H.R. 5818	Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1218	H.R. 5658	Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.
H. Res. 1233	H.R. 5540	Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act.
H. Res. 1234	H.R. 3021	21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act.
H. Res. 1253	H.R. 6003	Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1257	H.R. 6063	National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1276	H.R. 5876	Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1317	H.R. 1286	Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act.

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H. Res. 1339	H.R. 4156	Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 1344	H.R. 3999	National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1388	H.R. 1338	Paycheck Fairness Act.
H. Res. 1419	H.R. 3667	Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1441	H.R. 3036	No Child Left Inside Act of 2008.
Providing for the Consideration of Multiple Measures:		
H. Res. 317	H.R. 1905	District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007.
	H.R. 1906	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the estimated tax payment safe harbor based on income for the preceding year in the case of individuals with adjusted gross income greater than \$5 million.
H. Res. 982	H. Res. 979	Recommending that the House of Representatives find Harriet Miers and Joshua Bolten, Chief of Staff, White House, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary.
	H. Res. 980	Authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas.
Providing for the Engrasment of Multiple Measures:		
H. Res. 387	H.R. 2206	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007.
	H.R. 2207	Agricultural Disaster Assistance and Western States Emergency Unfinished Business Appropriations Act, 2007.
	H.R. 2237	To provide for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq.
H. Res. 437	H.R. 2316	Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007.
	H.R. 2317	Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007.
H. Res. 615	H.R. 2776	Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007.
	H.R. 3221	Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1014	H.R. 1424	Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007
	H.R. 493	Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.
H. Res. 1126	H.R. 2830	Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007.
	H.R. 2399	Alien Smuggling and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007.
H. Res. 1218	H.R. 5658	Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.
	H.R. 6048	To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the protection of child custody arrangements for parents who are members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a contingency operation.
Miscellaneous:		
H. Res. 794	H.R. 3043	Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.
H. Res. 1092	H. R. 5724	United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act
H. Res. 1368 .....	.....	Relating to the House procedures contained in section 803 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003.

B. TABLE 2.—RESOLUTIONS REPORTED

Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
H. Res. 65, H. Rept. 110-1	H.R. 5	The College Student Relief Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 225-191 Rule Adopted record vote 223-190	1/16/2007 1/17/2007 1/17/2007	Matsui/Sessions
H. Res. 66, H. Rept. 110-2	H.R. 6	Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation (CLEAN) Act. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 231-194 Rule Adopted record vote 230-194	1/16/2007 1/18/2007 1/18/2007	McGovern/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 86, H. Rept. 110-3	H. Res. 78	Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to the Congress to cast votes in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007.	1/23/2007 1/24/2007	Hastings (FL)/Dreier
H. Res. 116, H. Rept. 110-6	H.J. Res. 20	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 227-192 Rule Adopted record vote 225-191	1/30/2007 1/31/2007 1/31/2007	Slaughter/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 133, H. Rept. 110-9	H.R. 547	Advanced Fuels Infrastructure and Development Act. Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote	2/7/2007 2/8/2007	Weich/Dreier
H. Res. 157, H. Rept. 110-12	H. Con. Res. 63	Disapproving of the decision of the President announced on January 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 227-197 Rule Adopted record vote 232-192	2/12/2007 2/13/2007 2/13/2007	Slaughter/Dreier
H. Res. 161, H. Rept. 110-13		Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 218-188 Rule Adopted record vote 220-184	2/14/2007 2/16/2007 2/16/2007	Arcuri/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 195, H. Rept. 110-25	H.R. 556	National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote Employee Free Choice Act of 2007.	2/27/2007 2/28/2007	Arcuri/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 203, H. Rept. 110-26	H.R. 800	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 228-197	2/28/2007 3/1/2007	Sutton/Sessions

H. Res. 214, H. Rept. 110-31	H.R. 569	Rule Adopted record vote 230-195 Water Quality Investment Act of 2007.	3/1/2007	
H. Res. 215, H. Rept. 110-32	H.R. 700	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007.	3/6/2007 3/7/2007	Matsui/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 219, H. Rept. 110-34	H. Res. 202	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress.	3/6/2007 3/7/2007	Cardoza/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 229, H. Rept. 110-36	H.R. 720	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 228-195 Rule Adopted voice vote Water Quality Financing Act of 2007.	3/7/2007 3/8/2007 3/8/2007	Slaughter/Dreier
H. Res. 239, H. Rept. 110-48	H.R. 985	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 229-179 Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2007.	3/8/2007 3/9/2007	Castor/Sessions
H. Res. 242, H. Rept. 110-49	H.R. 1362	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 224-197 Rule Adopted record vote 223-193 Accountability in Contracting Act.	3/13/2007 3/14/2007 3/14/2007	Hastings (FL)/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 254, H. Rept. 110-53	H.R. 1227	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 223-190 Gulf Coast Hurricane Housing Recovery Act of 2007.	4/14/2007 4/15/2007	Castor/Sessions
H. Res. 260, H. Rept. 110-63	H.R. 1433	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 230-194 District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007.	3/19/2007 3/20/2007	Weich/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 261, H. Rept. 110-64	H.R. 1591	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 228-198 Rule Adopted record vote 226-195 U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health, and Iraq Accountability Act, 2007.	3/21/2007 3/22/2007 3/22/2007	Accuri/Sessions
H. Res. 269, H. Rept. 110-73	H.R. 835	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 225-201 Hawaiian Homeownership Opportunity Act of 2007.	3/22/2007 3/22/2007	Slaughter/Dreier
H. Res. 270, H. Rept. 110-74	H.R. 1401	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 234-188 Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007.	3/27/2007 3/28/2007	Hastings (FL)/Sessions
H. Res. 274, H. Rept. 110-78	H.R. 1538	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 222-199 Rule Adopted record vote 223-199 Wounded Warrior Assistance Act of 2007.	3/26/2007 3/27/2007 3/27/2007	Hastings (FL)/Diaz-Balart

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Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
H. Res. 275, H. Rept. 110-79	H. Con. Res. 99	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 243-179 Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 through 2012.	3/27/2007 3/28/2007	Castor/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 301, H. Rept. 110-96	H.R. 1257	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 225-196 Rule Adopted record vote 229-197 Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act.	3/27/2007 3/28/2007 3/28/2007	Sutton/Sessions
H. Res. 302, H. Rept. 110-97	H.R. 1361	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 226-199 Rule Adopted record vote 227-195 Relief for Entrepreneurs: Coordination of Objectives and Values for Effective Recovery Act of 2007.	4/17/2007 4/18/2007 4/18/2007	McGovern/Sessions
H. Res. 317, H. Rept. 110-98	H.R. 1905 H.R. 1906	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the estimated tax payment safe harbor based on income for the preceding year in the case of individuals with adjusted gross income greater than \$5 million.	4/17/2007 4/18/2007	Hastings (FL)/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 318, H. Rept. 110-99	H.R. 363	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 219-196 Rule Adopted record vote 219-196 Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act.	4/18/2007 4/25/2007 4/25/2007	Arcuri/Sessions
H. Res. 319, H. Rept. 110-100	H.R. 1495	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 219-187 Water Resources Development Act of 2007.	4/18/2007 4/24/2007	Cardoza/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 327, H. Rept. 110-105	H.R. 362	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote 10 000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds Science and Math Scholarship Act.	4/18/2007 4/19/2007	Matsui/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 330, H. Rept. 110-108	H.R. 1332	Reported from Rules Small Business Lending Improvement Act of 2007. Previous question agreed to 226-196	4/23/2007 4/24/2007 4/24/2007 4/24/2007	Weich/Hastings (WA) Arcuri/Hastings (WA)

H. Res. 331, H. Rept. 110-109	H.R. 249	Rule Adopted voice vote To restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros.	4/25/2007	
H. Res. 332, H. Rept. 110-110	H.R. 1591	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health, and Iraq Accountability Act, 2007—CONFERENCE REPORT.	4/24/2007 4/26/2007	Sutton/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 348, H. Rept. 110-116	H.R. 1429	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 226-195 Improving Head Start Act of 2007.	4/24/2007 4/25/2007	Slaughter/Dreier
H. Res. 349, H. Rept. 110-117	H.R. 1867	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 226-194 Rule Adopted record vote 226-196 National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007.	5/1/2007 5/2/2007 5/2/2007	Castor/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 350, H. Rept. 110-118	H.R. 1868	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007.	5/1/2007 5/2/2007	Matsui/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 364, H. Rept. 110-120	H.R. 1592	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 226-189 Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007.	5/1/2007 5/2/2007	Sutton/Sessions
H. Res. 370, H. Rept. 110-121	S. Com. Res. 21	Previous question agreed to 217-196 Rule Adopted record vote 213-199 An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012.	5/2/2007 5/3/2007 5/3/2007	McGovern/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 377, H. Rept. 110-130	H.R. 1294	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 221-197 Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2007.	5/3/2007 5/8/2007	Slaughter/Sessions
H. Res. 382, H. Rept. 110-136	H.R. 1684	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 228-186 Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.	5/7/2007 5/8/2007	Hastings (FL)/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 383, H. Rept. 110-137	H.R. 1873	Previous question agreed to 217-199 Rule Adopted record vote 222-197 Small Business Fairness in Contracting Act.	5/8/2007 5/9/2007 5/9/2007	Matsui/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 387, H. Rept. 110-143	H.R. 2206	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 223-197 U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007.	5/8/2007 5/9/2007	Cardoza/Diaz-Balart

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Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
H.R. 2207	H.R. 2207	Agricultural Disaster Assistance and Western States Emergency Unfinished Business Appropriations Act, 2007.		
H.R. 2237	H.R. 2237	To provide for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq.		
		Reported from Rules	5/9/2007	Slaughter/Dreier
		Previous question agreed to 222–201	5/10/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 219–199	5/10/2007	
H. Res. 388	H. Res. 388	Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.		
		Reported from Rules	5/9/2007	Hastings (FL)/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 223–199	5/10/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 226–198	5/10/2007	
H. Res. 403	H. Res. 403	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008.		
		Reported from Rules	5/15/2007	Castor/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 225–198	5/9/2007	
H. Res. 404	H. Res. 404	Rule Adopted record vote 229–194	5/9/2007	
		Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007.		
		Reported from Rules	5/15/2007	Weich/Sessions
		Rule Adopted record vote 230–194	5/17/2007	
H. Res. 409	S. Con. Res. 21	An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 and 2009 through 2012—CONFERENCE REPORT.		
		Reported from Rules	5/16/2007	Sutton/Sessions
		Previous question agreed to 224–193	5/17/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 225–194	5/17/2007	
H. Res. 429	H. Res. 429	Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007.		
		Reported from Rules	5/22/2007	Arcuri/Hastings (WA)
		Rule Adopted record vote 228–198	5/23/2007	
H. Res. 437	H. Res. 437	Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007.		
		Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007.		
		Reported from Rules	5/24/2007	Castor/Dreier
		Previous question agreed to 224–195	5/24/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 224–197	5/23/2007	
H. Res. 438	H. Res. 438	U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007—SENATE AMENDMENT.		
		Reported from Rules	5/24/2007	Slaughter/Dreier

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Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
H. Res. 533, H. Rept. 110–226	H.R. 2956	Rule Adopted record vote 222–197 Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act. Reported from Rules	7/11/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 225–197	7/11/2007	Slaughter/Dreier
		Rule Adopted record vote 221–196	7/12/2007	
H. Res. 534, H. Rept. 110–227	H.R. 1851	Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007. Reported from Rules	7/11/2007	Castor/Diaz-Balart
		Rule Adopted voice vote	7/12/2007	
H. Res. 547, H. Rept. 110–235	H.R. 3043	Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008. Reported from Rules	7/16/2007	Matsui/Hastings (WA)
		Rule Adopted record vote 232–178	7/17/2007	
H. Res. 558, H. Rept. 110–242	H.R. 3074	Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008. Reported from Rules	7/19/2007	Weich/Sessions
		Previous question agreed to 210–179	7/23/2007	
H. Res. 562, H. Rept. 110–255	H.R. 3093	Rule Adopted voice vote Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008. Reported from Rules	7/23/2007	Arcuri/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 221–195	7/25/2007	
H. Res. 567, H. Rept. 110–260	H.R. 1	Rule Adopted voice vote Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act of 2007—CONFERENCE REPORT. Reported from Rules	7/25/2007	Hastings (FL)/Sessions
		Rule Adopted voice vote	7/27/2007	
H. Res. 574, H. Rept. 110–261	H.R. 2419	Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007. Reported from Rules	7/26/2007	Cardoza/Hastings (WA)
		Rule Adopted record vote 222–202	7/26/2007	
H. Res. 579, H. Rept. 110–263	H.R. 2831	Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2007. Reported from Rules	7/27/2007	McGovern/Dreier
		Previous question agreed to 215–190	7/30/2007	
H. Res. 580, H. Rept. 110–264	H.R. 986	Rule Adopted record vote 215–187 Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act. Reported from Rules	7/30/2007	Castor/Sessions
		Previous question agreed to 216–188	7/30/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 222–184	7/30/2007	

H. Res. 581, H. Rept. 110–265	H.R. 3161	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008. Reported from Rules	7/27/2007	McGovern/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 228–197	7/31/2007	
		Rule Adopted voice vote	7/31/2007	
H. Res. 594, H. Rept. 110–285	H.R. 3162	Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007. Reported from Rules	8/1/2007	Castor/Sessions
		Rule Adopted record vote 224–197	8/1/2007	
H. Res. 595, H. Rept. 110–286 .....	.....	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions from the Committee on Rules. Reported from Rules	8/1/2007	Slaughter/Hastings (WA)
		Laid on the table	9/6/2007	
H. Res. 596, H. Rept. 110–287	H.R. 3222	Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008. Reported from Rules	8/1/2007	Slaughter/Diaz-Balart
		Laid on the table	9/6/2007	
H. Res. 597, H. Rept. 110–288	H.R. 1495	Water Resources Development Act of 2007—CONFERENCE REPORT. Reported from Rules	8/1/2007	Matsui/Hastings (WA)
		Rule Adopted voice vote	8/1/2007	
H. Res. 599, H. Rept. 110–290	H.R. 3161	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008—2nd RULE. Reported from Rules	8/1/2007	McGovern/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 225–197	8/2/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 224–194	8/2/2007	
H. Res. 600, H. Rept. 110–291 .....	.....	Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules. Reported from Rules	8/1/2007	Weich/Sessions
		Rule Adopted record vote 228–196	8/3/2007	
H. Res. 601, H. Rept. 110–292	H.R. 3159	Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act of 2007. Reported from Rules	8/1/2007	Slaughter/Dreier
		Previous question agreed to 225–201	8/2/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 224–200	8/2/2007	
H. Res. 602, H. Rept. 110–293	H.R. 2272	21st Century Competitiveness Act of 2007—CONFERENCE REPORT. Reported from Rules	8/1/2007	Sutton/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 225–198	8/2/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 229–194	8/2/2007	
H. Res. 613, H. Rept. 110–298 .....	.....	Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules. Reported from Rules	8/3/2007	McGovern/Hastings (WA)
		Laid on the table	9/6/2007	
H. Res. 614, H. Rept. 110–299	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.		

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Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
H. Res. 615, H. Rept. 110–300	H.R. 2776 H.R. 3221	Reported from Rules Laid on the table Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007. New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act.	8/3/2007 9/6/2007	McGovern/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 633, H. Rept. 110–316	H.R. 2786	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 220–186 Rule Adopted record vote 215–191 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007.	8/3/2007 8/4/2007 8/4/2007	Weich/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 636, H. Rept. 110–319	H.R. 1908	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 221–178 Patent Reform Act of 2007.	9/5/2007 9/6/2007	McGovern/Sessions
H. Res. 637, H. Rept. 110–320	H.R. 2669	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 222–181 College Cost Reduction Act of 2007—CONFERENCE REPORT.	9/6/2007 9/7/2007	Weich/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 650, H. Rept. 110–330	H.R. 1852	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 220–185 Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007.	9/6/2007 9/7/2007	Sutton/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 659, H. Rept. 110–332		Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 226–191 Rule Adopted record vote 227–190 Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.	9/17/2007 9/18/2007 9/18/2007	Matsui/Sessions
H. Res. 660, H. Rept. 110–333	H.R. 2761	Reported from Rules Laid on the table Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007.	9/18/2007 9/26/2007	Arcuri/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 664, H. Rept. 110–335	H.R. 2881	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 224–197 Rule Adopted record vote 223–195 FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007.	9/18/2007 9/19/2007 9/19/2007	Arcuri/Sessions
H. Res. 675, H. Rept. 110–346	H.R. 976	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 223–189 Rule Adopted record vote 218–196 Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007—SENATE AMENDMENT.	9/19/2007 9/20/2007 9/20/2007	Weich/Diaz-Balart
		Reported from Rules	9/24/2007	McGovern/Sessions

H. Res. 677, H. Rept. 110-348	H.J. Res. 52	Previous question agreed to 218-197 Rule Adopted record vote 215-199 Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 220-192 Rule Adopted voice vote To direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl.	9/25/2007 9/25/2007	Slaughter/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 678, H. Rept. 110-349	H.R. 2693	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 221-193 Rule Adopted voice vote Small Business Investment Expansion Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 220-190 Rule Adopted record vote 222-181 Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 220-193 Rule Adopted record vote 220-188 Improving Government Accountability Act. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 216-192 Rule Adopted voice vote MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 218-192 Rule Adopted record vote 217-193 Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 223-194 Rule Adopted record vote 222-193 Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 224-194 Rule Adopted record vote 227-188 Tax Collection Responsibility Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 220-198 Rule Adopted record vote 217-198 National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007.	9/25/2007 9/26/2007 9/26/2007	Sutton/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 682, H. Rept. 110-350	H.R. 3567		9/26/2007 9/27/2007 9/27/2007	Cardoza/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 683, H. Rept. 110-351	H.R. 3121		9/26/2007 9/27/2007 9/27/2007	Matsui/Sessions
H. Res. 701, H. Rept. 110-358	H.R. 928		10/2/2007 10/3/2007 10/3/2007	Sutton/Sessions
H. Res. 702, H. Rept. 110-359	H.R. 2740		10/2/2007 10/3/2007 10/3/2007	Sutton/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 703, H. Rept. 110-360	H.R. 3648		10/2/2007 10/4/2007 10/4/2007	Cardoza/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 704, H. Rept. 110-361	H.R. 3246		10/2/2007 10/4/2007 10/4/2007	Accuri/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 719, H. Rept. 110-368	H.R. 3056		10/9/2007 10/10/2007 10/10/2007	Cardoza/Sessions
H. Res. 720, H. Rept. 110-369	H.R. 2895			

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Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
		Reported from Rules	10/9/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 223—195	10/10/2007	Castor/Hastings (WA)
		Rule Adopted record vote 224—194	10/10/2007	
H. Res. 724, H. Rept. 110—371	H.R. 2095	Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act of 2007.		
		Reported from Rules	10/10/2007	Matsui/Diaz-Balart
		Previous question agreed to 218—194	10/17/2007	
		Rule Adopted voice vote	10/17/2007	
H. Res. 741, H. Rept. 110—382	H. Res. 734	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the withholding of information relating to corruption in Iraq.		
		Reported from Rules	10/15/2007	Weich/Dreier
		Previous question agreed to 223—196	10/16/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 225—195	10/16/2007	
H. Res. 742, H. Rept. 110—383	H.R. 2102	Free Flow of Information Act of 2007.		
		Reported from Rules	10/15/2007	Slaughter/Diaz-Balart
		Previous question agreed to 224—196	10/16/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 222—194	10/16/2007	
H. Res. 746, H. Rept. 110—385	H.R. 3773	Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007.		
		Reported from Rules	10/16/2007	Hastings (FL)/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 221—199	10/17/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 223—196	10/17/2007	
H. Res. 763, H. Rept. 110—403	H.R. 1011	Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007.		
		Reported from Rules	10/22/2007	Cardoza/Sessions
		Previous question agreed to 225—190	10/23/2007	
		Rule Adopted voice vote	10/23/2007	
H. Res. 764, H. Rept. 110—404	H.R. 505	Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007.		
		Reported from Rules	10/22/2007	Hastings (FL)/Sessions
		Previous question agreed to 218—175	10/24/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 217—179	10/24/2007	
H. Res. 765, H. Rept. 110—405	H.R. 1483	Celebrating America's Heritage Act.		
		Reported from Rules	10/22/2007	Sutton/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 228—191	10/23/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 231—186	10/23/2007	
H. Res. 773, H. Rept. 110—407	H.R. 3867	Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act.		
		Reported from Rules	10/24/2007	Cardoza/Diaz-Balart
		Previous question agreed to 216—180	10/30/2007	

H. Res. 774, H. Rept. 110-408	H.R. 3953	Rule Adopted voice vote Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007.	10/30/2007	
		Reported from Rules	10/24/2007	Slaughter/Sessions
		Previous question agreed to 221-188	10/25/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 215-187	10/25/2007	
H. Res. 780, H. Rept. 110-416	H.R. 2262	Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007.	10/30/2007	McGovern/Sessions
		Reported from Rules	11/1/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 221-194	11/1/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 224-195	11/1/2007	
H. Res. 781, H. Rept. 110-417	H.R. 3920	Trade and Globalization Act of 2007.	10/30/2007	Weich/Dreier
		Reported from Rules	10/31/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 224-190	10/31/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 222-193	10/31/2007	
H. Res. 793, H. Rept. 110-422	H.R. 3685	Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007.	11/5/2007	Castor/Hastings (WA)
		Reported from Rules	11/7/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 224-190	11/7/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 222-193	11/7/2008	
H. Res. 794, H. Rept. 110-427	H.R. 3043	Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008—CONFERENCE REPORT.	11/5/2007	Matsui/Hastings (WA)
		Reported from Rules	11/6/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 218-183	11/6/2007	
H. Res. 801, H. Rept. 110-432	H.R. 3688	United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.	11/6/2007	Matsui/Dreier
		Reported from Rules	11/7/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 349-55	11/6/2007	Castor/Sessions
H. Res. 802, H. Rept. 110-433	H.R. 3355	Homeowners' Defense Act of 2007.	11/6/2007	
		Reported from Rules	11/8/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 222-191	11/8/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 225-190	11/8/2007	
H. Res. 806, H. Rept. 110-435	H.R. 3222	Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008—CONFERENCE REPORT.	11/7/2007	Slaughter/Diaz-Balart
		Reported from Rules	11/8/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 217-196	11/8/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 226-184	11/8/2007	
H. Res. 809, H. Rept. 110-438	H.R. 3996	Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007.	11/8/2007	McGovern/Hastings (WA)
		Reported from Rules	11/9/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 215-185	11/9/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 220-185	11/9/2007	
H. Res. 813, H. Rept. 110-440	H.R. 1429	Improving Head Start Act of 2007—CONFERENCE REPORT.	11/9/2007	Castor/Diaz-Balart
		Reported from Rules	11/14/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 224-190		

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Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
H. Res. 817, H. Rept. 110-447	H.R. 3074	Rule Adopted voice vote Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008—CONFERENCE REPORT. Reported from Rules	11/14/2007	
H. Res. 818, H. Rept. 110-448	H.R. 4156	Previous question agreed to 224-194 Rule Adopted record vote 213-194 Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008. Reported from Rules	11/13/2007 11/14/2007 11/14/2007	Arcuri/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 824, H. Rept. 110-449	H.R. 3773	Previous question agreed to 209-185 Rule Adopted record vote 219-190 Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007—SECOND RULE. Reported from Rules	11/13/2007 11/14/2007 11/14/2007	McGovern/Dreier
H. Res. 825, H. Rept. 110-450	H.R. 3915	Previous question agreed to 221-195 Rule Adopted record vote 224-192 Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007. Reported from Rules	11/14/2007 11/15/2007 11/15/2007	Hastings (FL)/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 839, H. Rept. 110-471		Previous question agreed to 224-195 Rule Adopted voice vote Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. Reported from Rules	11/14/2007 11/15/2007 11/15/2007	Arcuri/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 846, H. Rept. 110-474	H.R. 6	Laid on table Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation Act of 2007—SENATE AMENDMENT. Reported from Rules	12/4/2007 12/13/2007	Weich/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 849, H. Rept. 110-487	H.R. 2761	Previous question agreed to 216-192 Rule Adopted record vote 218-195 Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision and Extension Act of 2007—SENATE AMENDMENT. Reported from Rules	12/5/2007 12/6/2007 12/6/2007	Weich/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 850, H. Rept. 110-487		Laid on table Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. Reported from Rules	12/6/2007 12/19/2007	Arcuri/Sessions
		Laid on table	12/6/2007 12/13/2007	Slaughter/Diaz-Balart

H. Res. 859, H. Rept. 110-487	H.R. 2082	Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008—CONFERENCE REPORT. Reported from Rules	12/11/2007	Hastings (FL)/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 226-189	12/13/2007	
H. Res. 860, H. Rept. 110-488	H.R. 1585	Rule Adopted record vote 227-191 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008—CONFERENCE REPORT. Reported from Rules	12/13/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 226-191	12/11/2007	Castor/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 861, H. Rept. 110-489	H.R. 4351	Rule Adopted voice vote AMT Relief Act of 2007. Reported from Rules	12/12/2007	
		Previous question agreed to 222-193	12/11/2007	Cardoza/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 862, H. Rept. 110-490	H.R. 4299	Rule Adopted record vote 225-191 Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007. Reported from Rules	12/12/2007	
		Rule Adopted record vote 223-189	12/12/2007	
H. Res. 869, H. Rept. 110-492	H.J. Res. 69	Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes. Reported from Rules	12/11/2007	Arcuri/Sessions
		Previous question agreed to 222-184	12/12/2007	
H. Res. 873, H. Rept. 110-493		Rule Adopted voice vote Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. Reported from Rules	12/13/2007	Slaughter/Diaz-Balart
		Previous question agreed to 215-183	12/13/2007	
H. Res. 876, H. Rept. 110-495		Rule Adopted record vote 212-185 Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. Reported from Rules	12/17/2007	McGovern/Diaz-Balart
		Rule Adopted voice vote 214-189	12/17/2007	
H. Res. 877, H. Rept. 110-496	H.R. 6	CLEAN Energy Act of 2007—SENATE AMENDMENT. Reported from Rules	12/19/2007	Weich/Sessions
		Previous question agreed to 220-187	12/17/2007	
H. Res. 878, H. Rept. 110-497	H.R. 2764	Rule Adopted record vote 215-190 Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008—SENATE AMENDMENT. Reported from Rules	12/18/2007	Weich/Diaz-Balart
		Previous question agreed to 216-186	12/18/2007	
H. Res. 893, H. Rept. 110-498	H.R. 2764	Rule Adopted record vote 214-189 Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008—SENATE AMENDMENT. Reported from Rules	12/17/2007	Slaughter/Diaz-Balart
		Previous question agreed to 214-189	12/17/2007	

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Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
H. Res. 894, H. Rept. 110-499	H.R. 3996	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007—SENATE AMENDMENT. Reported from Rules Laid on the table	12/19/2007 12/19/2007	McGovern/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 918, H. Rept. 110-508	H.R. 2768	Supplemental Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 222-191 Rule Adopted voice vote	1/17/2008 1/15/2008 1/16/2008 1/16/2008	Slaughter/Hastings (WA) Slaughter/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 922, H. Rept. 110-509	H.R. 3524	HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote	1/16/2008 1/17/2008	Castor/Sessions
H. Res. 940, H. Rept. 110-519	H.R. 1528	New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act. Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote	1/28/2008 1/29/2008	Cardoza/Dreier
H. Res. 941, H. Rept. 110-520		Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. Reported from Rules Laid on the table	1/28/2008 2/7/2008	Slaughter/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 955, H. Rept. 110-522		Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of Rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. Reported from Rules Laid on the table	2/6/2008 2/26/2008	Slaughter/Dreier
H. Res. 956, H. Rept. 110-523	H.R. 4137	College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 204-196 Rule Adopted record vote 214-190	2/6/2008 2/7/2008 2/7/2008	Sutton/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 974, H. Rept. 110-524	H.R. 3521	Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 212-198 Rule Adopted record vote 218-190	2/12/2008 2/26/2008 2/26/2008	Sutton/Sessions
H. Res. 976, H. Rept. 110-525	H.R. 5349	To extend the Protect America Act of 2007 for 21 days. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 210-195 Rule Adopted record vote 206-199	2/12/2008 2/13/2008 2/13/2008	Arcuri/Hastings (WA)

H. Res. 982, H. Rept. 110–526	H. Res. 979	Recommending that the House of Representatives find Harriet Miers and Joshua Bolton, Chief of Staff, White House, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary. Authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas.	2/13/2008 2/14/2008	Slaughter/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 983, H. Rept. 110–527	H. Res. 980	Reported from Rules		
		Rule Adopted record vote 223–32, 1 present		
H. Res. 983, H. Rept. 110–527		Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.		
		Reported from Rules		
H. Res. 1001, H. Rept. 110–530	H.R. 5351	Laid on the table	2/13/2008 2/27/2008	Arcurr/Hastings (WA)
		Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008.		
		Reported from Rules		
		Previous question agreed to 214–189	2/26/2008 2/27/2008	Matsui/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 1014, H. Rept. 110–538	H.R. 1424	Rule Adopted record vote 220–188		
		Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007.		
		Reported from Rules	3/4/2008 3/5/2008 3/5/2008	Castor/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 215–195		
		Rule Adopted record vote 209–198		
H. Res. 1015, H. Rept. 110–539	H.R. 2857	Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act.		
		Reported from Rules		
		Previous question agreed to 217–193, 1 present	3/4/2008 3/6/2008 3/6/2008	Matsui/Diaz-Balart (WA)
H. Res. 1031, H. Rept. 110–547	H. Res. 895	Rule Adopted record vote 222–190		
		Establishing within the House of Representatives an Office of Congressional Ethics, and for other purposes.		
		Reported from Rules	3/10/2008 3/11/2008 3/11/2008	Sutton/Dreier
		Previous question agreed to 207–206		
		Rule Adopted record vote 229–182, 4 present		
H. Res. 1036, H. Rept. 110–548	H. Con. Res. 312	Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.		
		Reported from Rules	3/11/2008 3/12/2008 3/12/2008	McGovern/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 222–196		
		Rule Adopted record vote 223–195		
H. Res. 1041, H. Rept. 110–549	H.R. 3773	Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007—SENATE AMENDMENT.		
		Reported from Rules	3/12/2008 3/14/2008	Arcurr/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 217–190		

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Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
H. Res. 1065, H. Rept. 110-562	H.R. 5501	Rule Adopted record vote 221-188 Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008.	3/14/2008	
		Reported from Rules	4/1/2008	McGovern/Diaz-Balart
		Previous question agreed to 215-199	4/2/2008	
H. Res. 1071, H. Rept. 110-563	H.R. 4847	Rule Adopted record vote 221-192 United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008.	4/2/2008	
		Reported from Rules	4/2/2008	Sutton/Hastings (WA)
		Rule Adopted voice vote	4/3/2008	
H. Res. 1083, H. Rept. 110-572	H.R. 2537	Beach Protection Act of 2007.	4/8/2008	Matsui/Diaz-Balart
		Reported from Rules	4/10/2008	
H. Res. 1084, H. Rept. 110-573	H.R. 2016	Rule Adopted record vote 224-192 National Landscape Conservation System Act.	4/8/2008	Hastings (FL)/Hastings (WA)
		Reported from Rules	4/9/2009	
		Previous question agreed to 220-190	4/9/2009	
H. Res. 1102, H. Rept. 110-585	H.R. 5719	Rule Adopted record vote 220-188 Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act of 2008.	4/9/2008	
		Reported from Rules	4/14/2008	Sutton/Sessions
		Rule Adopted record vote 222-195	4/15/2008	
H. Res. 1103, H. Rept. 110-586	H.R. 2634	Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2008.	4/14/2008	Weich/Sessions
		Reported from Rules	4/16/2008	
		Previous question agreed to 217-196	4/16/2008	
H. Res. 1107, H. Rept. 110-590	H.R. 5715	Rule Adopted record vote 220-190 Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008.	4/16/2008	
		Reported from Rules	4/15/2008	Castor/Diaz-Balart
		Previous question agreed to 218-198	4/16/2008	
H. Res. 1125, H. Rept. 110-603	H.R. 5819	Rule Adopted record vote 223-192 SBR/STR Reauthorization Act.	4/16/2008	
		Reported from Rules	4/22/2008	Weich/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 222-194	4/23/2008	
H. Res. 1126, H. Rept. 110-604	H.R. 2830	Rule Adopted record vote 221-190 Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007.	4/23/2008	
		Reported from Rules	4/23/2008	
		Previous question agreed to 220-187	4/23/2008	Arcuri/Sessions
H. Res. 1156, H. Rept. 110-612	H.R. 493	Rule Adopted record vote 223-183 Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007—SENATE AMENDMENT.	4/23/2008	

H. Res. 1157, H. Rept. 110-613	H.R. 5522	Reported from Rules	4/29/2008	Slaughter/Sessions
		Rule Adopted voice vote	5/1/2008	
		Combustible Dust Explosion and Fire Prevention Act of 2008.		
		Reported from Rules	4/29/2008	McGovern/Diaz-Balart
		Previous question agreed to 226-194	4/30/2008	
		Rule Adopted record vote 222-193	4/30/2008	
		Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.		
		Reported from Rules	4/30/2008	Slaughter/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 226-190	5/1/2008	
		Rule Adopted record vote 228-189	5/1/2008	
		Neighborhood Stabilization Act of 2008.		
		Reported from Rules	5/6/2008	Castor/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 220-187	5/7/2008	
		Rule Adopted record vote 223-192	5/7/2008	
		New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act—SENATE AMENDMENT.	5/7/2008	
		Reported from Rules	5/6/2008	Weich/Sessions
		Previous question agreed to 226-198	5/7/2008	
		Rule Adopted record vote 224-198, 1 present	5/7/2008	
		Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007—CONFERENCE REPORT.		
		Reported from Rules	5/13/2008	Cardoza/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 232-188	5/14/2008	
		Rule Adopted record vote 228-193	5/14/2008	
		An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013.		
		Reported from Rules	5/13/2008	McGovern/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 225-187	5/14/2008	
		Rule Adopted record vote 214-203	5/14/2008	
		Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008—SENATE AMENDMENT.		
		Reported from Rules	5/14/2008	Slaughter/Dreier
		Previous question agreed to 224-195	5/15/2008	
		Rule Adopted record vote 221-200	5/15/2008	
		Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act of 2008.		
		Reported from Rules	5/20/2008	Arcurr/Hastings (WA)
		Previous question agreed to 223-190	5/21/2008	
		Rule Adopted record vote 223-194	5/21/2008	
		Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009.		
		Reported from Rules	5/20/2008	Hastings (FL)/Sessions
H. Res. 1167, H. Rept. 110-614	H.R. 2771			
H. Res. 1174, H. Rept. 110-621	H.R. 5818			
H. Res. 1175, H. Rept. 110-622	H.R. 3221			
H. Res. 1189, H. Rept. 110-629	H.R. 2419			
H. Res. 1190, H. Rept. 110-630	S. Com. Res. 70			
H. Res. 1197, H. Rept. 110-636	H.R. 2642			
H. Res. 1212, H. Rept. 110-660	H.R. 6049			
H. Res. 1213, H. Rept. 110-661	H.R. 5658			

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Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
H. Res. 1214, H. Rept. 110-662	S. Com. Res. 70	Previous question agreed to 235-186 Rule Adopted voice vote	5/21/2008 5/21/2008	
H. Res. 1218, H. Rept. 110-666	H.R. 5658	An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013—CONFERENCE REPORT. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 229-186 Rule Adopted record vote 220-199 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009—2nd RULE. Reported from Rules	5/21/2008 5/21/2008 5/21/2008 5/21/2008 5/22/2008 5/22/2008	McGovern/Diaz-Balart Cardoza/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 1233, H. Rept. 110-677	H.R. 5540	Previous question agreed to 228-192 Rule Adopted record vote 223-197 Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Continuing Authorization Act. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 221-194 Rule Adopted record vote 225-195 21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 221-196 Rule Adopted record vote 223-193 Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 227-185 Rule Adopted record vote 227-187 National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008. Reported from Rules	6/3/2008 6/5/2008 6/5/2008 6/3/2008 6/4/2008 6/4/2008 6/9/2008 6/10/2008 6/10/2008	Arcuri/Hastings (WA) Sutton/Diaz-Balart Matsui/Sessions
H. Res. 1234, H. Rept. 110-678	H.R. 3021	Previous question agreed to 226-183 Rule Adopted record vote 221-188 Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 225-186 Rule Adopted record vote 227-192 Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 220-179	6/10/2008 6/12/2008 6/12/2008 6/11/2008 6/12/2008 6/12/2008 6/17/2008 6/20/2008	Hastings (FL)/Diaz-Balart Arcuri/Hastings (WA) Cardoza/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 1253, H. Rept. 110-703	H.R. 6003			
H. Res. 1257, H. Rept. 110-707	H.R. 6063			
H. Res. 1265, H. Rept. 110-710	H.R. 5749			
H. Res. 1276, H. Rept. 110-717	H.R. 5876			

H. Res. 1277, H. Rept. 110-718	H.R. 5781	Rule Adopted record vote 223-185 Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2008. Reported from Rules	6/20/2008	
H. Res. 1281, H. Rept. 110-719		Previous question agreed to 222-197 Rule Adopted record vote 230-194 Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.	6/17/2008 6/19/2008 6/19/2008	McGovern/Sessions
H. Res. 1284, H. Rept. 110-720	H.R. 2642	Rule Adopted voice vote Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008—SENATE AMENDMENT.	6/18/2008 6/19/2008	Slaughter/Dreier
H. Res. 1285, H. Rept. 110-721	H.R. 6304	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted record vote 342-83 FISA Amendments Act of 2008.	6/19/2008 6/19/2008	Slaughter/Dreier
H. Res. 1297, H. Rept. 110-731	H.R. 6275	Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008.	6/19/2008 6/20/2008	Arcurr/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 1298, H. Rept. 110-732	H.R. 2176	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 225-194 Rule Adopted record vote 224-193 To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community.	6/24/2008 6/25/2008 6/25/2008	Weich/Sessions
H. Res. 1299, H. Rept. 110-733	H.R. 3195	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 226-194 Rule Adopted record vote 207-204 ADA Amendments Act of 2008.	6/24/2008 6/25/2008 6/25/2008	Hastings (FL)/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 1304, H. Rept. 110-734	H.R. 6052	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 221-194 Rule Adopted voice vote Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act of 2008.	6/24/2008 6/25/2008 6/25/2008	Sutton/Sessions
H. Res. 1317, H. Rept. 110-744	H.R. 1286	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 228-198 Rule Adopted record vote 230-196 Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Designation Act.	6/25/2008 6/26/2008 6/26/2008	Castor/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 1318, H. Rept. 110-745	H.R. 5811	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 226-185 Rule Adopted record vote 224-182 Electronic Message Preservation Act.	6/25/2008 6/26/2008 6/26/2008	Cardoza/Hastings (WA)
		Reported from Rules	7/8/2008	Weich/Diaz-Balart

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Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
H. Res. 1339, H. Rept. 110-758	H.R. 4156	Previous question agreed to 228-193 Rule Adopted record vote 229-193 Orderly and Responsible Iraq Redeployment Appropriations Act, 2008. Reported from Rules	7/9/2008 7/9/2008	
H. Res. 1343, H. Rept. 110-759	H.R. 5959	Previous question agreed to 223-198 Rule Adopted record vote 224-195 Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009. Reported from Rules	7/14/2008 7/16/2008 7/16/2008	McGovern/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 1344, H. Rept. 110-760	H.R. 3999	Previous question agreed to 226-192 Rule Adopted record vote 226-193 National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act of 2007. Reported from Rules	7/15/2008 7/16/2008 7/16/2008	Hastings (FL)/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 1350, H. Rept. 110-761		Rule Adopted record vote 228-193 Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules. Reported from Rules	7/15/2008 7/23/2008	Arcuri/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 1362, H. Rept. 110-766	H.R. 5501	Previous question agreed to 228-188 Rule Adopted record vote 229-194 Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008—SENATE AMENDMENT. Reported from Rules	7/16/2008 7/17/2008 7/17/2008	Weich/Sessions
H. Res. 1363, H. Rept. 110-767	H.R. 3221	Previous question agreed to 231-185 Rule Adopted voice vote New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act—SENATE AMENDMENT. Reported from Rules	7/22/2008 7/24/2008 7/24/2008	Hastings (FL)/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 1367, H. Rept. 110-768		Previous question agreed to 226-183 Rule Adopted record vote 223-201 Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules. Reported from Rules	7/23/2008 7/23/2008	Castor/Sessions
H. Res. 1384, H. Rept. 110-800	H.R. 6599	Previous question agreed to 232-184 Rule Adopted record vote 226-190 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2009. Reported from Rules	7/23/2008 7/24/2008 7/24/2008	Weich/Sessions
H. Res. 1388, H. Rept. 110-807	H.R. 1338	Previous question agreed to 243-181 Rule Adopted record vote 230-186 Paycheck Fairness Act. Reported from Rules	7/29/2008 7/31/2008 7/31/2008	Castor/Hastings (WA)

H. Res. 1389, H. Rept. 110-808	H.R. 4137	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 232-191	7/30/2008	Slaughter/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 1399, H. Rept. 110-816		Rule Adopted record vote 229-194 Higher Education Opportunity Act—CONFERENCE REPORT. Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote Providing for proceedings during the period from August 1, 2008, through September 4, 2008.	7/31/2008 7/31/2008	Matsui/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 1419, H. Rept. 110-834	H.R. 3667	Reported from Rule Laid on the table Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008.	7/31/2008 9/10/2008	McGovern/Sessions
H. Res. 1433, H. Rept. 110-853	H.R. 6899	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 224-189 Rule Adopted record vote 223-190 Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 238-185 Rule Adopted record vote 229-194 Second Amendment Enforcement Act.	9/9/2008 9/10/2008 9/10/2008	Weich/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 1434, H. Rept. 110-852	H.R. 6842	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 241-183 Rule Adopted voice vote No Child Left Inside Act of 2008.	9/16/2008 9/16/2008 9/16/2008	Slaughter/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 1441, H. Rept. 110-854	H.R. 3036	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 227-188 Rule Adopted record vote 221-182 Commodity Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2008.	9/15/2008 9/16/2008 9/16/2008	McGovern/Sessions
H. Res. 1449, H. Rept. 110-876	H.R. 6604	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 224-187 Rule Adopted record vote 218-190 Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2008. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 221-192 Rule Adopted record vote 220-194 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2008—SENATE AMENDMENT.	9/17/2008 9/18/2008 9/18/2008	Castor/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 1476, H. Rept. 110-876	H.R. 5244	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 231-198 Rule Adopted record vote 228-202 Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.	9/22/2008 9/23/2008 9/23/2008	Sutton/Sessions Weich/Sessions
H. Res. 1488, H. Rept. 110-875	H.R. 2638	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 231-198 Rule Adopted record vote 228-202 Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.	9/24/2008 9/24/2008 9/24/2008	McGovern/Hastings (WA)

B. TABLE 2.—RESOLUTIONS REPORTED—Continued

Rule	Bill	Floor Action	Date	Managers
H. Res. 1490, H. Rept. 110-879		Reported from Rules Laid on table Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.	9/24/2008 9/25/2008	Arcuri/Sessions
H. Res. 1491, H. Rept. 110-897		Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 227-198 Rule Adopted record vote 222-198 Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, and for other purposes.	9/24/2008 9/25/2008 9/25/2008	Arcuri/Sessions
H. Res. 1500, H. Rept. 110-897		Reported from Rules Rule Adopted voice vote Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.	9/24/2008 9/25/2008	Cardoza/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 1501, H. Rept. 110-884	H.R. 7060	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 225-192 Rule Adopted record vote 222-196 Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008.	9/25/2008 9/26/2008 9/26/2008	Weich/Diaz-Balart
H. Res. 1502, H. Rept. 110-897	H.R. 7060	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 223-200 Laid on table Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008—SECOND RULE.	9/25/2008 9/25/2008 9/26/2008	Arcuri/Sessions
H. Res. 1503, H. Rept. 110-888		Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 206-186 Rule Adopted record vote 215-188 Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.	9/25/2008 9/26/2008 9/26/2008	Arcuri/Sessions
H. Res. 1507, H. Rept. 110-891	H.R. 7110	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 222-198 Rule Adopted record vote 216-203 Making supplemental appropriations for job creation and preservation, infrastructure investment, and economic and energy assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.	9/25/2008 9/26/2008 9/26/2008	Castor/Hastings (WA)
H. Res. 1514, H. Rept. 110-897		Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 218-204 Rule Adopted record vote 213-208 Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.	9/26/2008 9/26/2008 9/26/2008	McGovern/Hastings (WA)
		Reported from Rules	9/27/2008	Slaughter/Dreier

H. Res. 1516, H. Rept. 110-902	H.R. 7201	Previous question agreed to 211-201 Rule Adopted record vote 216-200 Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008.	9/28/2008 9/28/2008
	H.R. 7202	Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2008. Reported from Rules Withdrawn	9/28/2008 Arcuri/Sessions 9/28/2008 12/10/2008
H. Res. 1517, H. Rept. 110-903	H.R. 3997	Laid on table Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2007—SENATE AMENDMENT. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 217-196	9/29/2008 Slaughter/Dreier 9/29/2008 9/29/2008
H. Res. 1525, H. Rept. 110-907	H.R. 1424	Rule Adopted record vote 220-198 Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007—SENATE AMENDMENT. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 235-190	10/2/2008 Slaughter/Dreier 10/3/2008 10/3/2008
H. Res. 1526, H. Rept. 110-908		Rule Adopted record vote 223-205 Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of Rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.	
H. Res. 1533, H. Rept. 110-918		Reported from Rules Laid on table Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of Rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.	10/2/2008 Sutton/Hastings (WA) 12/10/2008
H. Res. 1534, H. Rept. 110-922	H.R. 7321	Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 224-174 Rule Adopted record vote 226-169 To authorize financial assistance to eligible automobile manufacturers, and for other purposes. Reported from Rules Previous question agreed to 225-180, 1 Present Rule Adopted record vote 225-179, 1 Present	12/9/2008 Slaughter/Dreier 12/10/2008 12/10/2008 12/10/2008 12/10/2008 12/10/2008 12/10/2008

C. TABLE 3.—RESOLUTIONS DISCHARGED

H. Res. 491 .....	.....	Providing for earmark reform.
H. Res. 1448 .....	.....	Authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether the House should impeach G. Thomas Porteous, a judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.
H.R. 2316	H. Res. 437	Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007.

D. TABLE 4.—RESOLUTIONS LAID ON THE TABLE

H. Res. 480	H.R. 2642	Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 595 .....	.....	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions from the Committee on Rules.
H. Res. 596	H.R. 3222	Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3222) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 613 .....	.....	Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.
H. Res. 614 .....	.....	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.
H. Res. 659 .....	.....	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.
H. Res. 839 .....	.....	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.
H. Res. 849	H.R. 2761	Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2761) to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 850 .....	.....	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.
H. Res. 894	H.R. 3996	Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 941 .....	.....	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.
H. Res. 955 .....	.....	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of Rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.
H. Res. 983 .....	.....	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.
H. Res. 1399 .....	.....	Providing for proceedings during the period from August 1, 2008, through September 4, 2008.
H. Res. 1489 .....	.....	Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.
H. Res. 1501 .....	.....	Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7060) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.

D. TABLE 4.—RESOLUTIONS LAID ON THE TABLE—Continued

H. Res. 1516	Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7201) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, and for other purposes and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7202) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide individual income tax relief, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 1526	Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of the rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

E. TABLE 5.—RESOLUTIONS AMENDED

H. Res. 219	H. Res. 202	Providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 202) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress.
H. Res. 453	H.R. 2446	Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2446) to reauthorize the Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2002, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 517	H.R. 2829	Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2829) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.
H. Res. 600 .....	.....	Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules.

F. TABLE 6.—LIST OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION REFERRALS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

H. Res. 14: Representative Conaway of Texas, January 4, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to curtail the growth of Government programs.

H. Res. 27: Representative Spratt of South Carolina, January 4, 2007. A resolution to institute a Pay-As-You-Go rule in the House of Representatives for the 110th Congress.

H. Res. 28: Representative Spratt of South Carolina, January 4, 2007. A resolution to institute a reconciliation rule in the House of Representatives for the 110th Congress.

H. Res. 35: Representative Obey of Wisconsin, January 5, 2007. A resolution to enhance intelligence oversight authority.

H. Res. 38: Representative Dreier of California, January 9, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish a minority bill of rights to require the House to be administered in a bipartisan manner and to require regular order in the legislative process.

H. Res. 40: Representative McHenry of North Carolina, January 9, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish a minority bill of rights to require the House to be administered in a bipartisan manner and to require regular order in the legislative process.

H. Res. 48: Representative Dreier of California, January 10, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives by requiring transparency of record votes in the Committee on Rules.

H. Res. 50: Representative Conaway of Texas, January 10, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require the reduction of section 302(b) suballocations to reflect floor amendments to general appropriation bills.

H. Res. 63: Representative Paul of Texas, January 12, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to ensure that Members have a reasonable amount of time to read legislation that will be voted upon.

H. Res. 77: Representative Rehberg of Montana, January 18, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H. Res. 78: Representative Hoyer of Maryland, January 19, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to the Congress to cast votes in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

H. Res. 111: Representative King of New York, January 30, 2007. A resolution establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

H. Res. 169: Representative Moore of Kansas, February 15, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that the lists of earmarks be made available to the general public on the Internet.

H. Res. 218: Representative Issa of California, February 7, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that, as of the date of adoption of this resolution, a proportional distribution of committee seats, staff, and financial resources be made.

H. Res. 220: Representative Sam Johnson of Texas, February 7, 2007. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 511) to pledge the faithful support of Congress to members of the United States Armed Forces serving in harm's way.

H. Res. 231: Representative Sessions of Texas, February 9, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require all committees post record votes on their Web sites within 48 hours of such votes.

H. Res. 249: Representative Flake of Arizona, February 15, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to limit gifts to Members, officers, and employees of the House from State and local governments.

H. Res. 283: Representative Chabot of Ohio, February 29, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strengthen the point of order against the consideration of legislation that contains congressional earmarks.

H. Res. 284: Representative Flake of Arizona, February 29, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strengthen the point of order against the consideration of legislation that contains congressional earmarks.

H. Res. 451: Representative Hoyer of Maryland, June 5, 2007. A resolution directing the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to respond to the indictment of, or the filing of charges of criminal conduct in a court of the United States or any State against, any Member of the House of Representatives by empanelling an investigative subcommittee to review the allega-

tions not later than 30 days after the date the Member is indicted or the charges are filed.

H. Res. 479: Representative Boehner of Ohio, June 12, 2007. A resolution to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for enforcement of clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

H. Res. 484: Representative Shuler of North Carolina, June 12, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strengthen the budget process.

H. Res. 491: Representative Hoyer of Maryland, June 18, 2007. A resolution providing for earmark reform.

H. Res. 504: Representative Baird of Washington, June 20, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that legislation and conference reports be available on the Internet for 72 hours before consideration by the House, and for other purposes.

H. Res. 559: Representative Boehner of Ohio, July 19, 2007. A resolution providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 479) to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for enforcement of clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

H. Res. 565: Representative Sali of Idaho, July 24, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for division of the question on the legislative proposals involved to allow separate votes on disparate matters.

H. Res. 589: Representative Inslee of Washington, July 31, 2007. A resolution directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General of the United States, should be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors.

H. Res. 619: Representative Sali of Idaho, August 3, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that whenever a bill or joint resolution is introduced that amends existing law, the sponsor provide to the Clerk an electronic version of a comparative print, and for other purposes.

H. Res. 622: Representative Blunt of Missouri, August 4, 2007. A resolution providing for the correction of the events of August 2, 2007.

H. Res. 694: Representative Pence of Indiana, October 1, 2007. A resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2905) to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

H. Res. 727: Representative Flake of Arizona, October 10, 2007. A resolution providing for a moratorium on the consideration of any bill or joint resolution, or amendment thereto or conference report thereon, that contains any congressional earmark until a bipartisan panel is established to provide oversight over the congressional earmarking process and that panel reports its recommendations to the House.

H. Res. 748: Representative Aderholt of Alabama, October 16, 2007. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3584) to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend funding for 18 months for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), and for other purposes.

H. Res. 775: Representative English of Pennsylvania, October 25, 2007. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R.

1366) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alternative minimum tax on individuals.

H. Res. 776: Representative King of Iowa, October 25, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that rescission bills always be considered under open rules every year, and for other purposes.

H. Res. 786: Representative Gingrey of Georgia, October 31, 2007. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that general appropriations for military construction and veterans' affairs be considered as stand-alone measures.

H. Res. 836: Representative George Miller of California, December 4, 2007. A resolution granting the authority provided under clause 4(c)(3) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for purposes of its investigation into the deaths of 9 individuals that occurred at the Crandall Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah.

H. Res. 895: Representative Capuano of Massachusetts, December 12, 2007. A resolution establishing within the House of Representatives an Office of Congressional Ethics, and for other purposes.

H. Res. 920: Representative Marshall of Georgia, January 15, 2008. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strengthen the earmark point of order.

H. Res. 967: Representative Kingston of Georgia, February 7, 2008. A resolution providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 263) to establish the Joint Select Committee on Earmark Reform, and for other purposes.

H. Res. 980: Representative Conyers of Michigan, February 13, 2008. A resolution authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to initiate or intervene in judicial proceedings to enforce certain subpoenas.

H. Res. 1003: Representative Smith of Texas, February 27, 2008. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide increased accountability and transparency in the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

H. Res. 1018: Representative Hill of Indiana, March 4, 2008. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the House Ethics Commission.

H. Res. 1025: Representative Boustany of Louisiana, March 6, 2008. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1843) to extend the termination date for the exemption of returning workers from numerical limitations for temporary workers.

H. Res. 1027: Representative Lamborn of Colorado, March 6, 2008. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strike rule XXVIII, popularly known as the "Gephardt rule", and to require recorded votes on measures that increase the statutory limit on the public debt.

H. Res. 1183: Representative Jones of North Carolina, May 8, 2008. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to observe a moment of silence in the House on the first legislative day of each month for those killed or wounded in United States engagements in Iraq or Afghanistan.

H. Res. 1240: Representative Tancredo of Colorado, June 4, 2008. A resolution providing for the consideration of the resolution (H.

Res. 111) establishing a Select Committee on POW and MIA Affairs.

H. Res. 1252: Representative Hensarling of Texas, June 9, 2008. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5724) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

H. Res. 1331: Representative Souder of Indiana, July 10, 2008. A resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1399) to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

H. Res. 1354: Representative Barrett of South Carolina, July 17, 2008. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require a vote each year on whether to increase Members' pay.

H. Res. 1378: Representative Jones of North Carolina, July 24, 2008. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to authorize and direct the Speaker to issue rules permitting the display outside of the offices of Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner in the House office buildings of tributes to members of the Armed Forces killed in United States engagements in Iraq or Afghanistan.

H. Res. 1391: Representative Fortenberry of Nebraska, July 30, 2008. A resolution prohibiting the House of Representatives from adjourning until it has approved a bill to establish a comprehensive national energy plan that addresses energy conservation and the expansion of renewable and conventional energy sources.

H. Res. 1448: Representative Conyers of Michigan, September 17, 2008. A resolution authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether the House should impeach G. Thomas Porteous, a judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

H. Res. 1450: Representative Conaway of Texas, September 17, 2008. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require officers and employees of the House to read the Constitution of the United States each year.

H. Res. 1452: Representative Garrett of New Jersey, September 17, 2008. A resolution establishing the Select Committee on Financial Bailouts.

H. Res. 1515: Representative Sali of Idaho, September 27, 2008. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strengthen the point of order against the consideration of congressional earmarks, and for other purposes.

HOUSE BILLS

H.R. 6: Representative Rahall of West Virginia, January 12, 2007. A bill to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 93: Representative Brown-Waite of Florida, January 4, 2007. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security beneficiaries against any reduction in benefits.

H.R. 97: Representative Castle of Delaware, January 4, 2007. A bill to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to reform the ethics process, and for other purposes.

H.R. 170: Representative King of Iowa, January 4, 2007. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 and the Rules of the House of Representatives to strengthen financial disclosures and to require pre-certification of privately-funded travel, and for other purposes.

H.R. 279: Representative Cubin of Wyoming, January 5, 2007. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for Congressional oversight and approval of totalization agreements.

H.R. 334: Representative Cubin of Wyoming, January 9, 2007. A bill to require the House of Representatives and the Senate to each establish a Subcommittee on Intelligence in the Committee on Appropriations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 352: Representative Lee of California, January 9, 2007. A bill to require poverty impact statements for certain legislation.

H.R. 422: Representative Meehan of Massachusetts, January 11, 2007. A bill to establish the Office of Public Integrity as an independent office within the legislative branch of the Government, to reduce the duties of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct of the House of Representatives and the Select Committee on Ethics of the Senate, and for other purposes.

H.R. 473: Representative Wolf of Virginia, January 16, 2007. A bill to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 489: Representative McHenry of North Carolina, January 16, 2007. A bill to establish a commission to develop legislation designed to reform entitlement benefit programs and ensure a sound fiscal future for the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 506: Representative Baldwin of Wisconsin, January 17, 2007. A bill to provide for innovation in health care through State initiatives that expand coverage and access.

H.R. 508: Representative Woolsey of California, January 17, 2007. A bill to require United States military disengagement from Iraq, to provide United States assistance for reconstruction and reconciliation in Iraq, and for other purposes.

H.R. 515: Representative Cooper of Tennessee, January 17, 2007. A bill to establish a commission on corporate entitlement reform.

H.R. 595: Representative Udall of Colorado, January 19, 2007. A bill to provide for expedited rescissions of budget authority.

H.R. 689: Representative Ryan of Wisconsin, January 24, 2007. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

H.R. 708: Representative English of Pennsylvania, January 29, 2007. A bill to amend United States trade laws to address more effectively import crises, and for other purposes.

H.R. 773: Representative McCollum of Minnesota, January 19, 2007. A bill to reduce and prevent the sale and use of fraudulent degrees in order to protect the integrity of valid higher education degrees that are used for Federal purposes.

H.R. 787: Representative Thompson of California, January 31, 2007. A bill to state United States policy for Iraq, and for other purposes.

H.R. 905: Representative Udall of Colorado, February 7, 2007. A bill to increase accountability and equity in the Federal budget.

H.R. 1040: Representative Burgess of Texas, February 14, 2007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide taxpayers a flat tax alternative to the current income tax system.

H.R. 1042: Representative Hensarling of Texas, February 14, 2007. A bill to extend trade promotion authority.

H.R. 1050: Representative Lee of California, February 14, 2007. A bill to establish a living wage, jobs for all policy for all peoples in the United States and its territories, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1054: Delegate Norton of the District of Columbia, February 14, 2007. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to eliminate Congressional review of newly-passed District laws.

H.R. 1062: Representative Boehner of Ohio, February 15, 2007. A bill to require the President to report to Congress on the extent to which the Government of Iraq is fully cooperating with United States stability efforts in Iraq and is making demonstrable progress toward achieving stability and security for the people of Iraq and denying terrorists a sanctuary in Iraq, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1090: Representative Lewis of Kentucky, February 15, 2007. A bill to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve and strengthen the Social Security Program through the creation of personal Social Security guarantee accounts ensuring full benefits for all workers and their families, restoring long-term Social Security solvency, to make certain benefit improvements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1121: Representative Barrett of South Carolina, February 16, 2007. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits through fiscal year 2012, to extend paygo for direct spending, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1122: Representative Barrett of South Carolina, February 16, 2007. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to simplify annual concurrent resolutions on the budget and to budget for emergencies.

H.R. 1136: Representative Blumenauer of Oregon, February 16, 2007. A bill to abolish the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the House of Representatives, establish an Independent Ethics Commission, and provide for the transfer of the duties and functions of the committee to the Commission.

H.R. 1229: Representative Davis of Alabama, February 28, 2007. A bill to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1263: Representative Berman of California, March 1, 2007. A bill to redeploy United States Armed Forces from the non-Kurdish areas of Iraq if certain security, political, and economic benchmarks relating to Iraq are not met, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1300: Representative Hoyer of Maryland, March 1, 2007. A bill to strengthen national security and promote energy independence by reducing the Nation's reliance on foreign oil, improving vehicle technology and efficiency, increasing the distribution of alternative fuels, bolstering rail infrastructure, and expanding access to public transit.

H.R. 1359: Representative Shadegg of Arizona, March 6, 2007. A bill to require Congress to specify the source of authority under the United States Constitution for the enactment of laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1375: Representative Buchanan of Florida, March 7, 2007. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1688: Representative Scott of Virginia, March 26, 2007. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide health insurance coverage for children and pregnant women throughout the United States by combining the children and pregnant woman health coverage under Medicaid and SCHIP into a new All Healthy Children Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1733: Representative Bilbray of California, March 28, 2007. A bill to prohibit the inclusion of earmarks in conference reports that were not in the House- or Senate-passed bills.

H.R. 1754: Representative Hill of Indiana, March 29, 2007. A bill establish the House Ethics Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1789: Representative Flake of Arizona, March 29, 2007. A bill to require the Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation to use dynamic economic modeling in addition to static economic modeling in the preparation of budgetary estimates of proposed changes in Federal revenue law.

H.R. 1910: Representative Michaud of Maine, April 18, 2007. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1992: Representative Michaud of Maine, April 23, 2007. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to prohibit the import, export, and sale of goods made with sweatshop labor, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1998: Representative Ryan of Wisconsin, April 23, 2007. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority.

H.R. 2062: Representative Langevin of Rhode Island, April 26, 2007. A bill to set forth limitations on the United States military presence in Iraq and on United States aid to Iraq for security and reconstruction, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2084: Representative Hensarling of Texas, May 1, 2007. A bill to reform Federal budget procedures, to impose spending safeguards, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse, to account for accurate Government agency costs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2316: Representative Conyers of Michigan, May 15, 2007. A bill to provide more rigorous requirements with respect to disclosure and enforcement of lobbying laws and regulations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2351: Representative Kaptur of Ohio, May 16, 2007. A bill to expand the number of individuals and families with health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2372: Representative DeLauro of Connecticut, May 17, 2007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a temporary windfall profit tax on crude oil, to make the revenues

from such tax available for investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2416: Representative Tiahrt of Kansas, May 21, 2007. A bill to establish a commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Federal agencies and programs and to recommend the elimination or realignment of duplicative, wasteful, or outdated functions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2469: Representative Whitfield of Kentucky, May 23, 2007. A bill to provide a biennial budget for the United States Government.

H.R. 2544: Representative Sestak of Pennsylvania, May 24, 2007. A bill to establish an Independent Ethics Commission within the House of Representatives composed of former Federal judges.

H.R. 2685: Representative Hill of Indiana, June 12, 2007. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to extend the discretionary spending caps and the pay-as-you-go requirement, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2686: Representative Hill of Indiana, June 12, 2007. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Control Act of 1985 to extend the pay-as-you-go provisions through fiscal year 2012.

H.R. 2784: Representative Peterson of Pennsylvania, June 20, 2007. A bill to greatly enhance the Nation's environmental, energy, economic, and national security by terminating long-standing Federal prohibitions on the domestic production of abundant offshore supplies of natural gas, to dedicate fixed percentages of the resultant royalties for environmental restoration projects, renewable energy and carbon sequestration research, and weatherization and energy assistance for those in need, and to share a portion of such royalties with producing States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2809: Representative Inslee of Washington, June 21, 2007. A bill to ensure that the United States leads the world baseline in developing and manufacturing next generation energy technologies, to grow the economy of the United States, to create new highly trained, highly skilled American jobs, to eliminate American overdependence on foreign oil, and to address the threat of global warming.

H.R. 2817: Representative Obey of Wisconsin, June 21, 2007. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for expenditure limitations and public financing for House of Representatives general elections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2822: Representative Sestak of Pennsylvania, June 21, 2007. A bill to establish an Independent Ethics Commission within the House of Representatives composed of former Federal judges.

H.R. 2941: Representative Poe of Texas, June 28, 2007. A bill to safeguard the Crime Victims Fund.

H.R. 3001: Representative Pallone of New Jersey, July 11, 2007. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help individuals with functional impairments and their families pay for services and supports that they need to maximize their functionality and independence and have choices about community participation, education, and employment, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3214: Representative Patrick Murphy of Pennsylvania, July 27, 2007. A bill to provide greater accountability in reviewing the national security considerations of free trade agreements.

H.R. 3254: Representative Holt of New Jersey, July 31, 2007. A bill to limit cost growth associated with major defense base closures and realignments implemented as part of the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment.

H.R. 3654: Representative Cooper of Tennessee, September 25, 2007. A bill to establish a commission to develop legislation designed to reform tax policy and entitlement benefit programs and ensure a sound fiscal future for the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3655: Representative Cooper of Tennessee, September 25, 2007. A bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

H.R. 3724: Representative Fossella of New York, October 2, 2007. A bill to establish a National Commission on Entitlement Solvency.

H.R. 3738: Representative Gingrey of Georgia, October 3, 2007. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to set a cap on allocated funds for earmarks.

H.R. 3857: Representative Neugebauer of Texas, October 16, 2007. A bill to establish requirements for the consideration of supplemental appropriation bills.

H.R. 3888: Representative Musgrave of Colorado, October 18, 2007. A bill to provide for a 5-year SCHIP reauthorization for coverage of low-income children, an expansion of child health care insurance coverage through tax fairness, and a health care Federalism initiative, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4181: Representative Flake of Arizona, November 14, 2007. A bill to reform Social Security retirement and Medicare by establishing a Personal Social Security Savings Program to create a safer, healthier, more secure, and more prosperous retirement for all Americans and to reduce the burden on young Americans.

H.R. 4223: Representative Fortenberry of Nebraska, November 15, 2007. A bill to establish the Congressional-Executive Commission on the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

H.R. 4239: Representative Murphy of Connecticut, November 15, 2007. A bill to establish a House ethics commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4338: Representative Walberg of Michigan, December 6, 2007. A bill to establish a procedure to safeguard the surpluses of the Social Security and Medicare hospital insurance trust funds.

H.R. 4664: Representative Kuhl of New York, December 13, 2007. A bill to provide for investment and protection of the Social Security surplus.

H.R. 5230: Representative Jackson-Lee of Texas, February 6, 2008. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to grant to the House of Representatives the authority to bring a civil action to enforce, secure a declaratory judgment concerning the validity of, or prevent a threatened refusal or failure to comply with any subpoena or order issued by the House or any committee or subcommittee of the House to secure the production of documents, the answering of any deposition or interrogatory, or the securing of testimony, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5439: Representative Thornberry of Texas, February 14, 2008. A bill to establish the Civil Service Reform Commission.

H.R. 5509: Representative Buyer of Indiana, February 28, 2008. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance procedures for the retirement of members of the Armed Forces for disability and to improve and enhance authorities for the rating and compensation of service-connected disabilities in veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5515: Representative Sam Johnson of Texas, February 28, 2008. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to prevent unauthorized earnings from being credited toward benefits under title II of such Act and to make improvements in provisions governing totalization agreements, to amend the Social Security Act and the Immigration and Nationality Act to prevent unauthorized employment, and to improve coordination of the provisions of such Acts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5755: Representative Kind of Wisconsin, April 10, 2008. A bill to establish the Bipartisan Earmark Reform Commission.

H.R. 5761: Representative Castle of Delaware, April 10, 2008. A bill to withhold Federal financial assistance from each country that denies or unreasonably delays the acceptance of nationals of such country who have been ordered removed from the United States and to prohibit the issuance of visas to nationals of such country.

H.R. 5918: Representative Barrow of Georgia, April 29, 2008. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a nationwide health insurance purchasing pool for small businesses and the self-employed that would offer a choice of private health plans and make health coverage more affordable, predictable, and accessible.

H.R. 5960: Representative Altmire of Pennsylvania, May 5, 2008. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide for a limitation on presidential discretion with respect to actions to address market disruption.

H.R. 5995: Representative Ryan of Wisconsin, May 8, 2008. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend the highway fuels taxes, to provide for a Joint Committee on Earmark Reform, and to prohibit earmarking for the remainder of the 110th Congress.

H.R. 6072: Representative Forbes of Virginia, May 15, 2008. A bill to establish a Commission to examine the long-term global challenges facing the United States and develop legislative and administrative proposals to improve interagency cooperation.

H.R. 6105: Representative McCotter of Michigan, May 21, 2008. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require that concurrent resolutions on the budget limit the growth of Federal spending to the mean of annual percentage growth of wages and gross domestic product (GDP) in the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6110: Representative Ryan of Wisconsin, May 21, 2008. A bill to provide for the reform of health care, the Social Security system, the tax code for individuals and business, and the budget process.

H.R. 6148: Representative DeFazio of Oregon, May 22, 2008. A bill to make bills implementing trade agreements subject to a point of order unless certain conditions are met, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6161: Representative Rogers of Michigan, May 22, 2008. A bill to provide for American energy independence by July 4, 2015.

H.R. 6180: Representative Michaud of Maine, June 4, 2008. A bill to require a review of existing trade agreements and renegotiation of existing trade agreements based on the review, to set terms for future trade agreements, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the role of Congress in trade policy-making should be strengthened, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6186: Representative Markey of Massachusetts, June 4, 2008. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6207: Representative Akin of Missouri, June 9, 2008. A bill to develop American energy independence, lower gas prices, and open reliable national sources of energy.

H.R. 6210: Representative Kind of Wisconsin, June 9, 2008. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a nationwide health insurance purchasing pool for small businesses and the self-employed that would offer a choice of private health plans and make health coverage more affordable, predictable, and accessible.

H.R. 6319: Representative Hill of Indiana, June 19, 2008. A bill to establish the Commission on Affordable Health Care to study and provide recommendations for establishing a health care system to provide affordable health care to all citizens of the United States and for the roles of certain health care entities in providing such services under such system, and to provide for expedited Congressional consideration of such recommendations.

H.R. 6385: Representative Kirk of Illinois, June 26, 2008. A bill to provide a large-scale national effort to improve the state of our national security, economy and environment by providing market incentives to produce and deploy alternative energy solutions and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

H.R. 6420: Representative Sherman of California, June 26, 2008. A bill to toll the congressional notification period for removing North Korea from the state sponsors of terrorism list.

H.R. 6421: Representative Shuster of Pennsylvania, June 26, 2008. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish and implement a competitive oil and gas leasing program for the Coastal Plain of Alaska, to provide for expanded leasing of the oil and gas resources of the outer Continental Shelf for exploration, to eliminate certain impediments to the development of nuclear energy sources, to promote coal-to-liquid fuel activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6530: Representative Rangel of New York, July 17, 2008. A bill to amend United States trade laws to eliminate foreign barriers to exports of United States goods and services, to restore rights under trade remedy laws, to strengthen enforcement of United States intellectual property rights and health and safety laws at United States borders, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6552: Representative Terry of Nebraska, July 17, 2008. A bill to provide incentives for the reduction of greenhouse gases.

H.R. 6709: Representative Peterson of Pennsylvania, July 31, 2008. A bill to greatly enhance the Nation's path toward energy independence and environmental, energy, economic, and national security, by amending Federal policy to increase the production of domestic energy sources, to dedicate fixed percentages of the royalties received for conservation programs, environmental restoration

projects, renewable energy research and development, clean energy technology research and development, increased development of existing energy sources, and energy assistance for those in need, and to share a portion of such royalties with producing States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6846: Representative Lee of California, September 9, 2008. A bill to ensure that any agreement with Iraq containing a security commitment or arrangement is concluded as a treaty or is approved by Congress.

H.R. 6858: Representative Cannon of Utah, September 10, 2008. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make amendments to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act.

H.R. 6899: Representative Rahall of West Virginia, September 15, 2008. A bill to advance the national security interests of the United States by reducing its dependency on oil through renewable and clean, alternative fuel technologies while building a bridge to the future through expanded access to Federal oil and natural gas resources, revising the relationship between the oil and gas industry and the consumers who own those resources and deserve a fair return from the development of publicly owned oil and gas, ending tax subsidies for large oil and gas companies, and facilitating energy efficiencies in the building, housing, and transportation sectors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6964: Representative Foxx of North Carolina, September 18, 2008. A bill to amend the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 to ensure that actions taken by regulatory agencies are subject to that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6967: Representative McMorris Rodgers of Washington, September 18, 2008. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require that, for a fiscal year, the total amount of money dedicated for earmarks may not exceed the estimated budget surplus for that year.

H.R. 7014: Representative English of Pennsylvania, September 23, 2008. A bill to provide for the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

H.R. 7022: Representative Larson of Connecticut, September 23, 2008. A bill to reform the financing of House elections, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7039: Representative Ros-Lehtinen of Florida, September 24, 2008. A bill to approve the United States-India Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7061: Representative Berman of California, September 25, 2008. A bill to approve the United States-India Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7071: Representative Sullivan of Oklahoma, September 25, 2008. A bill to establish a commission to recommend the elimination or realignment of Federal agencies that are duplicative or perform functions that would be more efficient on a non-Federal level, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7081: Representative Berman of California, September 25, 2008. A bill to approve the United States-India Agreement for Co-

operation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7086: Representative Barrett of South Carolina, September 25, 2008. A bill to help our Nation meet our growing energy needs and strengthen our energy security through the development of nuclear power in the United States.

H.R. 7129: Representative Andrews of New Jersey, September 26, 2008. A bill to provide for innovation in health care through a demonstration program to expand coverage under the State Child Health Insurance Program through an employer buy-in, through access to health benefits through regional State arrangements, and through State initiatives that expand coverage and access, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7206: Representative Brady of Texas, September 28, 2008. A bill to cap discretionary spending, eliminate wasteful and duplicative agencies, reform entitlement programs, and reform the congressional earmark process.

H.R. 7223: Representative Hensarling of Texas, September 29, 2009. A bill to suspend the capital gains tax, schedule the government-sponsored enterprises for privatization, repeal the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Act, and suspend mark-to-market accounting requirements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7265: Representative Maloney of New York, October 3, 2008. A bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to require the Presidential designee responsible for carrying out Federal functions under the Act to have experience in election administration and be approved by the Senate, to establish the Overseas Voting Advisory Board to oversee the administration of the Act so that American citizens who live overseas or serve in the military can participate in elections for public office, and for other purposes.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

H. Con. Res. 263: Representative Kingston of Georgia, November 15, 2007. A concurrent resolution to establish the Joint Select Committee on Earmark Reform, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 314: Representative Hensarling of Texas, March 11, 2008. A concurrent resolution establishing a Joint Select Committee on Earmark Reform.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

H.J. Res. 53: Representative Jones of North Carolina, September 25, 2007. A joint resolution to amend the War Powers Resolution to ensure the collective judgment of both the Congress and the President will apply to the initiation of hostilities by the Armed Forces, the continued use of the Armed Forces in hostilities, and the participation of the Armed Forces in military operations of the United Nations.

VIII. PUBLICATIONS

A. PRINTED PUBLICATIONS

1. Rules of the Committee on Rules. One Hundred Tenth Congress (2007–2008). Committee Print.

2. Rules Adopted by the Committees of the House of Representatives. One Hundred Tenth Congress (2007–2008). Committee Print.

3. Journal and History of Legislation, Interim Edition. One Hundred Tenth Congress (February 26, 2008).

4. H. Res. 836—Granting the Authority Provided under Clause 4(c)(3) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for Purposes of its Investigation into the Deaths of 9 Individuals that Occurred at the Crandall Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah—Staff Deposition. (December 5, 2007)

B. ELECTRONIC PUBLICATIONS

1. H. Res. 836—Granting the Authority Provided under Clause 4(c)(3) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Education and Labor for Purposes of its Investigation into the Deaths of 9 Individuals that Occurred at the Crandall Canyon Mine near Huntington, Utah—Original Jurisdiction Markup (December 5, 2007).

IX. MINORITY VIEWS

The new Democratic Majority began the 110th Congress with high hopes. They campaigned on the promise of running the House more openly, with greater input and room for dissenting voices. Their promises in large part were leveled at what they viewed as Republican excesses during the 12 years we were in the Majority, and were described in great detail in their document “A New Direction for America” (<http://www.speaker.gov/pdf/thebook.pdf>). The Speaker repeatedly promised to deliver “the most honest, ethical, and open Congress in history” (Christian Science Monitor, November 14, 2006).

The new Democratic Majority set high benchmarks for themselves. In their document and their rhetoric, they promised:

- Regular order for legislation, including subcommittee and full committee markups;
- Bills would generally come to the floor under a procedure that allows “open, full, and fair debate consisting of a full amendment process that grants the Minority the right to offer its alternatives, including a substitute.” (New Direction, p. 24);
- Members should have 24 hours to examine bills and conference reports prior to floor consideration, and special orders of business had to be reported by the Rules Committee no later than 10 p.m. for consideration the next day.
- All Members of House-Senate conference committees should meet regularly and have opportunities for input and debate as negotiations move forward to final bill language; and,
- Bills considered under suspension should be noncontroversial, and legislation authored by Minority Members should be scheduled in relation to the party ratio in the House.

Additionally, they promised “pay-as-you-go” budgeting and a “bipartisan” administration of the House.

As the following table demonstrates, on virtually every empirical measure they not only failed to meet their own promises, but even failed to better the record of the 109th Congress which they campaigned against. Ironically, senior Members of the Rules Committee repeatedly referred to the 109th Congress as the “most closed Congress in the history of the country,” (Rep. James McGovern, Congressional Record, September 29, 2006), a distinction which is now held by the 110th Congress.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY TABLE

	109th	110th	% Change
Bills considered under closed rules	49	64	24
Bills considered under open rules (including appropriations measures)	22	10	-55
Bills rewritten by the Rules Committee	30	40	25
Minority substitutes made in order	13	10	-23
Average amendments per bill	9.22	7.68	-17

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY TABLE—Continued

	109th	110th	% Change
Average number of business days to review legislation considered under a structured rule	2.53	1.53	-40

The Rules Committee was the focal point for this failure. Time and again, the Members of this Committee had a choice: either live up to the promises they made and provide the House with a real opportunity to consider differing viewpoints, or choose the more expedient route of denying the Minority—and House Members in general—an opportunity for real debate on the floor.

A fair and unbiased look at both the statistical record and anecdotal evidence reveals just how far the new Democratic Majority fell from this mark.

Definitions

In any discussion of “open rules” vs. “closed rules,” definitions are important. The Survey of Activities traditionally contains a discussion of the definitions used in the analysis of activity for that congress. Looking at the Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules of the 103rd Congress, the most previous congress in which Democrats held the Majority, then Chairman John Joseph Moakley (D–MA) defined an “open rule” as, “essentially silent on the amendment process, allowing any amendment to be offered so long as it does not violate the standing rules of the House.” (H. Rept. 103–891, p. 21) In the Survey of Activities of the House Committee on Rules of the 109th Congress, then Chairman David Dreier (R–CA), described an “open rule” as follows, “Under an open rule, any Member may offer an amendment that complies with the standing rules of the House and the Budget Act.” (H. Rept. 109–743, p. 24.)

The Minority has also traditionally weighed in on the definitions used in describing special orders of business. In March of 2005, then-Ranking Minority Member Louise Slaughter (D–NY) and the other then-Minority members of the Rules Committee released a report entitled “Broken Promises: The Death of Deliberative Democracy” detailing how the then Majority had broken promises made in 1993 to open up the rules process and restore deliberative democracy. On page 9 of that report, then-Ranking Member Slaughter states, “The most basic measure of how a majority is managing the House is the percentage of special rules it approves for an open debate and amendment process versus the number of times it considers legislation under a closed process.” Then-Ranking Member Slaughter went on to define an “open rule” on page 10 of the report as “a rule that allows Members with germane, properly drafted amendments to bring their amendments to the floor, debate them under the five-minute rule, and call for votes on them if they desire.” When they were in the Minority, Democrats judged the Republican Majority by the measure of truly “open rules” versus truly “closed rules”. As they assumed the mantle of the Majority, they promised to do better than the Republicans. Accordingly, in order to evaluate their performance, we must compare their record using the same definitions by which they judged us.

“Open with pre-printing” vs. “modified open”. The definitions of an open rule historically used by both Democrats and Republicans have differed in little more than description; in each case they describe the same kind of rule. We became understandably concerned when the Majority began referring to what were traditionally called “modified-open rules” or “amendments printed in the Congressional Record rules”—rules which have a requirement that amendments be pre-printed in the Congressional Record or other similar restriction—as truly open rules. This is a practice that the Majority has continued in this report.

This change is particularly ironic given the emphasis placed on the subject by the Chairwoman in the Democrats’ March 2005 report. As then-Ranking Member Slaughter wrote “Rules with Pre-Printing Requirements are not ‘Open Rules.’” (Broken Promises, p. 26.) We never disagreed with this definition while in the Majority, and continue to believe that it is the correct measure of open rules.

However, now that they are in the Majority, the Democrats are changing the definitions. The obvious question is: “why?” Given that in 2005 the Democrats felt that:

The most basic measure of how a Majority is managing the House is the percentage of special rules it approves for an open debate and amendment process versus the number of times it considers legislation under a closed process. (Id., p. 9.)

There is really only one explanation: if the new Majority changes the time-honored definition of “open” to include rules which were not traditionally counted as open rules, they can artificially inflate the percentage of open versus closed rules. That means they can skew the statistics to say their record of openness in the Majority was not as dismal as a traditional view would indicate.

For that reason Rules Committee Republicans will continue to use the strict and previously agreed upon definition of “open rule” and not count as open any rule which requires any Member to pre-print their amendments in the Congressional Record or otherwise limits the ability of a Member to offer an amendment which otherwise conforms to the basic rules of the House.

Special Orders of Business

In analyzing the performance of the new Democratic Majority, it is important to keep in mind the point of comparison—the 109th Congress, the last Congress in which Republicans held the Majority. Mr. McGovern, the second-most senior Democrat on the Rules Committee, said in September of 2006 that “This is probably the most closed Congress in the history of the country.” (Congressional Record, September 29, 2006). This oft-repeated refrain highlighted one of the failures of the Republican Majority to run a more open legislative process, and was correct in that no Congress had ever reported more closed rules than the 109th. That is, until the 110th Congress.

The Republican-led Rules Committee in the 109th Congress reported 49 closed rules, the most closed rules ever reported in a single Congress. Subsequently the Democratic-led Rules Committee in the 110th Congress reported 64 closed rules, a 31 percent increase.

Using their definition, the Democratic-controlled 110th Congress is indisputably more “closed” than the 109th Congress ever was.

Open Rules. In the 109th Congress, Minority Members of the Rules Committee repeatedly criticized the Majority for providing only one open rule for the consideration of a non-appropriations bill. In their document “A New Direction for America,” they stated, “Bills should generally come to the floor under a procedure that allows open, full, and fair debate.” Because of past criticism and declarations such as this from the new Majority, we had high hopes that the number of true open rules would increase exponentially in the 110th Congress.

Unfortunately, the types of rules that proliferated in this Congress were closed and restrictive. The Democrats’ Rules Committee reported only one true open rule for a non-appropriations bill in the 110th Congress—H. Res. 133, which provided for consideration of H.R. 547, the Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act.

If appropriations bills are taken into account the Majority’s record is even worse. The 109th Congress considered a total of 22 bills under open rules, while the 110th Congress considered only 10 bills total under a truly open process. By the new Majority’s own standard stated above, they didn’t even come close to delivering on their promise to open up the legislative process for a full and fair debate.

The Amendment Process

Members of Congress represent constituents. While voting is perhaps the most fundamental manifestation of a Member’s obligation to represent his or her district, the ability to amend and perfect legislative proposals runs a close second. As the volume of legislation increased, the role of the Rules Committee as traffic cop and gatekeeper has similarly expanded. Thus, the ability of all Members to submit amendments to—and have them considered by—the Rules Committee has developed into one of the cornerstones of legislative procedure in the House.

As described below, the Majority’s record in providing Members with the opportunity to offer amendments on the floor in a structured rule process has been every bit as bad as their record in providing opportunities to debate measures under open rules.

Substitutes. The new Majority was unambiguous about their promises. If they were elected, they promised “a full amendment process that grants the Minority the right to offer its alternatives, including a substitute.” (New Direction, p. 24) The Minority’s ability to offer a substitute amendment for consideration by the Rules Committee is one of the very few opportunities that the House has for consideration of an alternative proposal. When in the Minority in the 109th Congress, Mr. McGovern correctly pointed out that those in the Majority, “do not have a monopoly on good ideas.” (Congressional Record, Sept. 29, 2006.)

More than one hundred and twenty million Americans are represented by Republicans in the House and those citizens deserve a voice in the legislative process. Astonishingly, the new Majority actually decreased the number of alternatives allowed for consideration from 13 in the 109th Congress to 10 in the 110th Congress.

Even in the rare instance when the Democratic Rules Committee granted the Minority a substitute, it was sometimes limited. During consideration of H.R. 5351, the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008, the Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Committee was given only one hour to prepare a substitute for printing in the Congressional Record.

Despite the new Majority's rhetoric, they have allowed fewer alternatives and have gone so far as to restrict the ones that they do permit.

Average amendments per bill. There is one obvious way for the new Majority to fulfill its promise to open up the legislative process—allow more amendments per bill. On average, Republicans made in order 9.22 amendments per bill considered under a structured rule in the 109th Congress. Democrats accused Republicans of restricting the legislative process in the House and undermining the rights of Members to offer amendments.

Though it's hard to believe, the Democrats' record in the 110th Congress is actually worse. On bills considered under structured rules, they made in order an average of only 7.68 amendments per bill. Permitting 1½ fewer amendments per bill than Republicans does not afford Members greater opportunity to amend legislative proposals. Rather, it leads to the impression that the Democratic Leadership is not interested in the ideas of both Minority and Majority rank and file Members.

Time to prepare amendments. When the Rules Committee meets to consider a bill and announces a deadline for the acceptance of amendments, all Members have an opportunity to submit one or more amendments to improve the bill. However, on those rare occasions when the Majority invites Member input, they have averaged almost a full day less time for Members to read the bill, prepare amendments, and submit them to the Rules Committee for consideration.

While Members of the 109th Congress had on average 2.5 business days to draft amendments for submission to the Rules Committee, Members of the 110th Congress were restricted to little more than 1.5 business days—a full business day less. This restriction leaves little time for Members to review legislation and propose changes to enhance a particular bill. Having one less business day also increases the likelihood that the Office of Legislative Counsel will be overburdened as the deadline nears while they work with Members' offices to draft their amendments. Reducing the amount of time for amendments to be drafted and submitted to the Rules Committee stands in direct contradiction to the new Majority's promise to enhance debate in the House.

Amendment deadline enforcement. Along with less time to prepare their amendments, they have gone further by turning Members away at the Rules Committee door if they do not meet the Majority's arbitrary amendment submission deadline. In the 109th Congress, Members of both parties were always encouraged to provide their amendments in a timely manner. But because there are unforeseen events such as Members being delayed in their return to Washington due to official duties in their district or inclement weather when they travel, the Rules Committee while under Republican control always accepted amendments. If amendments

were submitted after the deadline, they were then marked “late,” and that was another criteria that the Members of the Rules Committee could use in considering whether to make a particular amendment in order.

The new Majority in the 110th Congress adopted a new precedent where unelected Majority staffers would reject amendments from duly-elected Members of the House if they were as little as a single minute past the amendment deadline, with virtually no exceptions. Members’ amendments were literally turned away at the door and Members were denied the opportunity to even have their amendment denied by the Democrat-controlled Rules Committee, regardless of any reasons behind the late submission.

If the Rules Committee is going to function as a Member’s gateway to the floor, the Committee has an obligation to actually allow Members to submit amendments. We don’t argue with the need to establish procedures to streamline Committee consideration of amendments, but turning Members way at the door due to their failure to meet an arbitrary deadline—a deadline which is on average a full day less than prior deadlines—deprives Members and their constituents from even the opportunity of exercising their rights in our democracy. This practice violates the letter and spirit of providing a “full, fair, and open amendment process.”

Amendment self-executions—“rewriting the bill.” In the 110th Congress, the new Majority self-executed, or rewrote the bill, approximately 40 times at the Rules Committee. In the previous Congress, self-execution was used 30 times, often to make minor or technical corrections to major legislation.

In the 110th Congress, the Rules Committee became the editing room for the Democrat Leadership as they steamrolled bills to the House floor, like children’s health insurance and intelligence reform. This departure from regular order often came in the dead of night, or in the early morning hours, breaking yet another promise to report special rules before 10 p.m.

In one particular instance, the Rules Committee reported a rule that self-executed text of H.R. 3162, the Children’s Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007 at 3:30 a.m. so that it could be on the House floor that same calendar day. The Democratic Majority enhanced self-execution in the 110th Congress, a process they openly decried when they were in the Minority.

Commitment to Regular Order

In “New Direction,” the new Democratic Majority proposed regular order for legislation, including subcommittee and full committee markups. They also promised that Members would have at least 24 hours to examine bills. Once in charge, however, the Democratic Majority chose political expediency over their commitment to carry out regular order and give members the time they need to examine legislation before casting their vote.

Bills considered outside of regular order. Committees in the House of Representatives are responsible for holding hearings and developing legislation. Despite their rhetoric that legislation should go through regular order, the new Majority brought 54 bills to the House floor under special rules that did not have legislative hearings or committee mark ups. In fact, nearly one-fourth of all special

rules adopted by the new Majority in the 110th Congress provided for consideration of bills that did not go through regular order.

Comprehensive Democratic policy initiatives such as H.R. 6, the CLEAN Energy Act of 2007; H.R. 2237, to provide for the redeployment of United States Armed Forces and defense contractors from Iraq; H.R. 3963, the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 67899, the Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act were all considered on the House floor despite regular committee action. In addition, 62 bills were considered under special rules despite not being available to members for at least 24 hours.

As previously noted, the final language of H.R. 3162, the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007 was made available only when the Rules Committee reported a rule for the bill's consideration at 3:30 a.m. Both the rule and the bill were considered on the House floor later that same day. Members that left the Capitol the evening before the language was made available only had hours to examine the 465 page bill before casting their vote.

The appropriations process. One of the most important responsibilities of the House of Representatives is to initiate the appropriation of funds. In the 2nd Session of the 109th Republican-led Congress, Democrats continually expressed their concern that the House failed to bring the Labor, Health and Human Services appropriation bill to the floor for consideration. However, in the 2nd Session of the 110th Congress, the Democratic Majority was only able to bring a single regular appropriations bill to the House floor.

Even more abysmal, the floor process for this lone appropriations bill abandoned the traditional truly open rule and instead put in place a process which restricted consideration of amendments to those which had been pre-printed in the Congressional Record on the day prior to beginning debate on the bill. While the Majority would have us believe that this practice is only to allow Members to have notice of proposed amendments, it has real-world consequences for Members trying to amend bills.

During consideration of H.R. 6599, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2009, Mr. Buyer (R-IN), Ranking Republican of the Veterans' Affairs committee, offered a series of amendments dealing with the use of alternative energy by the Veterans' Administration. While both amendments were printed in the Congressional Record, his second amendment had technical issues, one of which gave rise to a point of order. When he tried to fix the problem by unanimous consent, the Chairman of the appropriations subcommittee objected. (See Congressional Record, July 31, 2008, pp. H7752-4)

Under a truly open rule, Mr. Buyer could have submitted a new amendment which addressed the problem either at that point in the process, or at the end of the bill. However, the Majority's choice to provide for the restrictive consideration of this appropriations bill (along with the unwillingness of the Majority to consent to modifications of the printed amendment) shut off the ability of the Ranking Republican of the authorizing committee to have a matter of national importance considered by the House.

Lack of conference process. After routinely criticizing Republicans for closing the conference committee process, the new Majority

promised a new way of conducting conference committee business to ensure “ample opportunity for input and debate as decisions are made toward final bill language.” (New Direction, p. 24) Not only was the new Majority successful at forming fewer House-Senate conference committees in the 110th Congress—24, compared to 31 in the 109th Congress, but they were especially victorious at employing new legislative tactics to avoid conference committees, input and debate altogether.

Rather than actually establishing conference committees, where they might have felt obligated to live up to their promises to include the Minority, they used an old construct where the House and Senate send each other amendments, commonly referred to as “ping-pong.” By combining this mechanism with a closed rule, the Majority is able avoid a number of inconvenient legislative tools that would otherwise be available to the Minority, such as a motion to recommit or the transparency provided by the earmark rule.

The use of the ping-pong procedure was a rare occurrence in most recent Congresses; however the new Majority turned it into their go-to process. In fact in the 110th Congress, 16 House bills with Senate amendments were considered by rules compared to one in the Republican-led 109th Congress (which provided the Minority with an amendment to compensate for the loss of the motion to recommit) and two in the 108th Congress.

However, just when we thought that the Majority couldn’t close off debate any more, they surprised us by cleverly conceiving of a more draconian process. Due to the enactment of the Fiscal Year 2008 “omnibus” appropriations at the end of 2007, there were several appropriations measures remaining on the Senate calendar that were essentially moot in calendar year 2008. Rather than tabling the measures which were no longer relevant, the Democratic leadership made the conscious decision to leave the bills sitting at the Speaker’s desk, despite numerous opportunities to rectify the situation. We inquired of the Chair of the Committee in early May 2008 as to the reasoning behind leaving these measures sitting at the desk; we even offered an amendment at the Committee to table the bills (Rules Committee Roll Call Vote 490), but in each case were rebuffed. However, when the Democratic leadership on both sides of the Capitol used these as “shell” vehicles for the FY2008 supplemental appropriations bill and the FY2009 “omnibus” appropriations, they moved from the merely harsh to the unprecedented (See H.R. 2638 and H.R. 2642 of the 110th Congress).

The only attributes that these bills shared with their calendar year 2007 namesakes were bill numbers. The entire text was stricken to make way for the supplemental and omnibus appropriations bills. By using this procedure, the Majority was able to bring new legislation before the House and Senate—with little opportunity for review by anyone other than the Democratic leadership—without the opportunity for consideration, debate, or even the motion to recommit.

Abuse of the suspension process. While the scheduling and consideration of measures under the suspension calendar is not normally a matter of concern for the Committee on Rules, the Majority’s promise to restrict the consideration of measures under “suspension of the rules” to “non-controversial legislation” (New Direction,

p. 24)—and their subsequent abuse of that process—deserves mention.

When a measure is considered under suspension of the rules, it is not subject to points of order, is not vulnerable to any perfecting or substitute amendments, is debatable for only 40 minutes, equally divided between proponents and opponents, and ultimately requires a two-thirds vote for passage. The process was always intended to facilitate the consideration of non-controversial or routine legislative business, and not to be used as a political cudgel against the Minority party.

It is important to note that among those points of order that are suspended during consideration of measures through this process are earmarks, germaneness, the Budget Act, and, of course, PAYGO. During the 110th Congress, the Majority has consistently used the suspension process in one of two ways: either to protect Members from the repercussions of difficult votes, or to create political issues that could be used in the upcoming elections.

Nowhere was this clearer than the consideration of energy legislation. Rather than having real energy alternatives come to the floor under a process which allowed competing ideas to be heard and voted on, the Majority would often bring the same bill to the floor time and again under the suspension process, only to watch it fail each time because it could not garner the requisite two-thirds majority for passage. Often, the only involvement for the Rules Committee was to provide for motions to suspend the rules on Thursdays and Fridays, which are not usually suspension days.

If the Majority was truly serious about its commitment to fairness and openness, they would have allowed the Rules Committee to provide for consideration of energy legislation under a structured—or even open—amendment process which allowed Members to bring their ideas to the floor and get a fair vote.

Other Commitments—Spotty at Best

Pay-as-you-go budgeting (PAYGO). When the Democrats officially took control of the House of Representatives in January 2007, they passed a new “pay-as-you-go” budget rule that was aimed at preventing deficit spending. We agree that deficit spending must be curbed, but believe the new Majority’s “pay-as-you-go” rule is deeply flawed. We are concerned that the rule requires an offset be provided in order to maintain current tax laws in effect, but ones that are set to expire. We believe the PAYGO rule should not require offsets to continue current tax policies.

In addition, the new Majority decided that the PAYGO rule is only necessary when furthering their tax and spend agenda, but can be waived for political expediency. For instance, the new Majority waived their PAYGO rule in order to quickly pass an extension of Unemployment Insurance, Alternative Minimum Tax relief, an extension of certain expired tax provisions, the financial rescue package and auto industry financing assistance. (For a list of measures that waived the PAYGO rule in 2008, see table 2 below.) These proposals cost billions in deficit spending ultimately putting taxpayers on the hook to foot the bill.

This flawed rule also prevents the Minority from offering Motions to Recommit that do not comply with the PAYGO rule despite Majority support of the proposal.

In just the second session of the 110th Congress alone, the new Majority has passed legislation through the House exempting \$363.4 billion from their deeply-flawed “pay-as-you-go” requirements (according to the House Budget Republicans’ website; this figure does not “double-count” amounts included in other legislation). How can the new Majority exempt one-third of a trillion dollars in spending from their own “pay-as-you-go” rules and still make the absurd claim that they are not “deficit spending?” (New Direction, p. 25) The simple answer is they cannot.

TABLE 2.—BILLS IN VIOLATION OF PAYGO IN 2008 (WITH WAIVERS FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE OR CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION)

	Date passed	Non-offset spending increase (over 10 years)
H.R. 7321, Auto Industry Financing and Restructuring Act	Dec. 10, 2008	\$1.7 billion
H.R. 6867, Unemployment Compensation Extension Act	Oct. 3, 2008	5.7 billion
H.R. 1424, Emergency Economic Stabilization Act	Oct. 3, 2008	110.4 billion
H.R. 7110, Economic Stimulus II ¹	Sep. 26, 2008	23.9 billion
H.R. 7006, Disaster Tax Relief Act ²	Sep. 24, 2008	8.1 billion
H.R. 7005, AMT Patch ³	Sep. 24, 2008	64.6 billion
H.R. 3221, Housing and Economic Recovery Act	Jul. 23, 2008	24.9 billion
H.R. 2642, Supplemental Appropriations Act	Jun. 19, 2008	70.9 billion
H.R. 5749, Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act ⁴	Jun. 12, 2008	10.0 billion
H.R. 2419, Farm Bill	May 14, 2008	2.9 billion
H.R. 5140, Economic Stimulus I	Feb. 7, 2008	124.4 billion

Source: House Budget Committee Republicans.

¹This bill was not enacted.

²This bill was not enacted. Disaster tax relief was later included in H.R. 1424, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act.

³This bill was not enacted. An AMT patch was later included in H.R. 1424, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act.

⁴This bill was not enacted. The first UI extension was later included in H.R. 2642, the Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Earmarks. In the 109th Congress, Republicans initiated earmark reform to bring transparency and accountability to the earmark process with the adoption of H.Res. 1000. While the Democrats’ reforms at the beginning of this Congress optically appeared to build on the Republican reforms, they lacked one important element contained in the mechanism used by the Republican Majority: enforceability.

The system established in the 109th Congress made certain assumptions about the kinds of rules reported by the Rules Committee, namely that they almost always contained a waiver of all points of order. Under the 109th Congress, this automatically armed the earmark point of order against the rule, giving a Member so disposed an opportunity to bring the question of earmarks before the House prior to consideration of the bill.

The Democratic Majority argued that they did not like the optics of waiving the earmark rule against the bill, and so the waiver contained in virtually every rule reported by the Rules Committee waived all points of order except the earmark and PAYGO rules. The net effect of this exception from the waiver was to effectively turn off the ability of a member to debate the question of earmarks on a particular measure, rendering the improvements in the earmark rule worse than meaningless.

Aside from rules which were merely flawed, the new Majority also went out of its way to block challenges to earmarks. In Sep-

tember 2008, the House completed action on Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations bills by agreeing with an amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009. Because the Appropriations Committee failed to complete its work and bring forth individual appropriations bills for House consideration, Members did not have the ability to challenge earmarks in those bills under the traditional open rule. That right was denied again during consideration of the Fiscal Year 2009 continuing appropriations measure because the new Majority chose to “ping-pong” the bill denying Members the opportunity to challenge earmarks. The Fiscal Year 2009 continuing appropriations measure contained over 1200 earmarks requested by House members, but not one had any opportunity to be challenged under the process proposed and adopted by the new Majority. In fact, during the consideration of the rule for the Fiscal Year 2009 continuing appropriations measure, a Member of the Minority was forced to share his concerns about being denied the opportunity to challenge earmarks by raising an unfunded mandates point of order against the rule rather than the earmark point of order because it did not apply.

Conclusion

With a new administration and the largest majority since the 103rd Congress, our hope is that the Democratic Majority will look at the promises they made to the American people just two years ago and resolve to carry out their promises. We believe the 111th Congress has an opportunity to do better and it should.

The choice is simple: either the Democratic Majority can change its course and actually permit debate and consideration in the House, or they can continue their downward spiral of stifling the voice of any Member—not just Republicans—who disagrees with the Majority leadership. That would be business as usual in Washington.

If the Democratic Majority is willing to live up to the promise it made to all Americans, and deliver “the most honest, ethical, and open Congress in history,” then in the 111th Congress we stand ready to work with them where we can and agree to disagree where we can’t. However, looking back at the 110th, we don’t see much that gives us hope.

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