

HR 9

Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-8]	D · CA		May 2, 2006
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Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		May 2, 2006
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 2, 2006
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-35]	D · CA		May 2, 2006
Rep. Watt, Melvin L. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		May 2, 2006
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Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		May 3, 2006
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	R · NC		May 3, 2006
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Rep. Davis, Artur [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 3, 2006
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		May 3, 2006
Rep. Feeney, Tom [R-FL-24]	R · FL		May 3, 2006
Rep. Ford, Harold E., Jr. [D-TN-9]	D · TN		May 3, 2006
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		May 3, 2006
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-23]	D · FL		May 3, 2006

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Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 3, 2006
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Rep. Watson, Diane E. [D-CA-33]	D · CA		May 3, 2006
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Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		May 9, 2006
Rep. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		May 9, 2006
Rep. Davis, Jim [D-FL-11]	D · FL		May 9, 2006
Rep. Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]	D · TN		May 9, 2006
Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-15]	D · MI		May 9, 2006
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Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA		May 9, 2006
Rep. Hayes, Robin [R-NC-8]	R · NC		May 9, 2006
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Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		May 9, 2006
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Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		May 9, 2006
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		May 9, 2006
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		May 9, 2006
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]	D · NY		May 9, 2006
Rep. Melancon, Charlie [D-LA-3]	D · LA		May 9, 2006
Rep. Millender-McDonald, Juanita [D-CA-37]	D · CA		May 9, 2006
Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-7]	D · CA		May 9, 2006
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		May 9, 2006
Rep. Pence, Mike [R-IN-6]	R · IN		May 9, 2006

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Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		May 9, 2006
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		May 9, 2006
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		May 9, 2006
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		May 9, 2006
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		May 9, 2006
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-29]	D · CA		May 9, 2006
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		May 9, 2006
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		May 9, 2006
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 9, 2006
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		May 9, 2006
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 9, 2006
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 9, 2006
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 9, 2006
Rep. Allen, Thomas H. [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 11, 2006
Rep. Berman, Howard L. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		May 11, 2006
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		May 11, 2006
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 11, 2006
Rep. Delahunt, William D. [D-MA-10]	D · MA		May 11, 2006
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA		May 11, 2006
Rep. Frank, Barney [D-MA-4]	D · MA		May 11, 2006
Rep. Green, Mark [R-WI-8]	R · WI		May 11, 2006
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 11, 2006
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		May 11, 2006
Rep. Kennedy, Mark R. [R-MN-6]	R · MN		May 11, 2006
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		May 11, 2006
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 11, 2006
Rep. Schwartz, Allyson Y. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		May 11, 2006
Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]	R · NM		May 11, 2006
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		May 11, 2006
Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]	R · IL		May 17, 2006
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		May 17, 2006
Rep. Boucher, Rick [D-VA-9]	D · VA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]	R · LA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Boyd, Allen [D-FL-2]	D · FL		May 17, 2006
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		May 17, 2006
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		May 17, 2006
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		May 17, 2006
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		May 17, 2006
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-25]	D · TX		May 17, 2006
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		May 17, 2006

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Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		May 17, 2006
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		May 17, 2006
Rep. Leach, James A. [R-IA-2]	R · IA		May 17, 2006
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		May 17, 2006
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		May 17, 2006
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		May 17, 2006
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		May 17, 2006
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		May 17, 2006
Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		May 17, 2006
Rep. Moore, Dennis [D-KS-3]	D · KS		May 17, 2006
Rep. Moran, James P. [D-VA-8]	D · VA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Ortiz, Solomon P. [D-TX-27]	D · TX		May 17, 2006
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Sabo, Martin Olav [D-MN-5]	D · MN		May 17, 2006
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		May 17, 2006
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 17, 2006
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		May 17, 2006
Rep. Solis, Hilda L. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 17, 2006
Rep. Spratt, John M., Jr. [D-SC-5]	D · SC		May 17, 2006
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		May 17, 2006
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		May 17, 2006
Rep. Weiner, Anthony D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		May 17, 2006
Rep. Weller, Jerry [R-IL-11]	R · IL		May 17, 2006
Rep. Wexler, Robert [D-FL-19]	D · FL		May 17, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	May 9, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2703	Identical bill	Jul 26, 2006: By Senator Specter from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report. Report No. 109-295. Additional views filed.
109 HRES 910	Procedurally related	Jul 13, 2006: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
109 HRES 878	Procedurally related	Jun 27, 2006: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 890, H. Res. 878 is laid on the table.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on July 13, 2006. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006 - (Sec. 3) Amends the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise requirements for the use of examiners and observers at federal elections. Requires the Director of the Office of Personnel (OPM) to assign an appropriate number of observers for any political subdivision in question if: (1) a court has authorized the appointment of observers for the subdivision; or (2) the Attorney General certifies that the assignment of observers is otherwise necessary to enforce the guarantees of the 14th and 15th Amendments because written meritorious complaints indicate that efforts to deny or abridge the right to vote under color of law on account of race or color are likely to occur. Repeals the requirement that federal examiners first be serving in such a political subdivision.

Eliminates the position of federal voting examiner, and related requirements.

Replaces examiners with federal voting observers with respect to: (1) proceedings to enforce the right to vote; and (2) suspension of the use of tests or devices in determining eligibility to vote.

(Sec. 4) Extends: (1) the time for reconsideration of federal oversight of jurisdictions which once used suspended voting tests or devices until 15 years after the enactment of this Act; and (2) related requirements for such jurisdictions until 25 years after the enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 5) Revises criteria for a declaratory judgment regarding the legality or constitutionality of voting rules changes. States that any voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure with respect to voting denies or abridges the right to vote if its purpose is or its effect will be the diminishment of the ability of any U.S. citizens on account of race or color, or in contravention of certain guarantees, to elect their preferred candidates of choice.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes the prevailing party in a civil voting rights enforcement proceeding to recover expert costs as part of recoverable attorney fees.

(Sec. 7) Extends bilingual election requirements through August 5, 2032.

(Sec. 8) Revises the requirements for determining states and political subdivisions covered by them to require use of 2010 American Community Survey census data.

(Sec. 9) Directs the Comptroller General to study and report to Congress on the implementation, effectiveness, and efficiency of the bilingual voting materials requirement of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and alternatives to the current implementation consistent with such requirement.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 27, 2006:** Signed by President.
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- **Jul 27, 2006:** Became Public Law No: 109-246.
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- **Jul 26, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 26, 2006:** Presented to President.
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- **Jul 20, 2006:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7949-8012)
- **Jul 20, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 98 - 0. Record Vote Number: 212.
- **Jul 20, 2006:** Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 98 - 0. Record Vote Number: 212.
- **Jul 17, 2006:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 521.
- **Jul 14, 2006:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** Rule H. Res. 910 passed House.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 878. (consideration: CR H5143-5207; text of measure as reported in House: CR H5177-5178)
- **Jul 13, 2006:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 9 with 1 hour and 30 minutes of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 878 and Rule XVIII.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Ray LaHood to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with 90 minutes of general debate on H.R. 9.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 910, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 40 minutes of debate on the Norwood amendment.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Norwood amendment the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and announced by voice vote that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Norwood demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 910, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 40 minutes of debate on the Gohmert amendment.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Gohmert amendment the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and announced by voice vote that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Sensenbrenner demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 910, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 40 minutes of debate on the King (IA) amendment.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the King (IA) amendment the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and announced by voice vote that the noes had prevailed. Mr. King (IA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 910, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 40 minutes of debate on the Westmoreland amendment.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Westmoreland amendment the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and announced by voice vote that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Westmoreland demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of adoption of specified amendments which were debated earlier and on which further proceedings were postponed.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 9.

- Jul 13, 2006:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H5207)
- **Jul 13, 2006:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
 - **Jul 13, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 390 - 33 (Roll no. 374).
 - **Jul 13, 2006:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 390 - 33 (Roll no. 374).
 - **Jul 13, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
 - **Jul 12, 2006:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 910 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 9 with 1 hour and 30 minutes of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
 - **Jun 20, 2006:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 878 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 9 with 1 hour and 30 minutes of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order.
 - **May 22, 2006:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 109-478.
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 - **May 22, 2006:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 265.
 - **May 10, 2006:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
 - **May 10, 2006:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 33 - 1.
 - **May 9, 2006:** Subcommittee on the Constitution Discharged.
 - **May 4, 2006:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
 - **May 3, 2006:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
 - **May 3, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
 - **May 2, 2006:** Introduced in House
 - **May 2, 2006:** Introduced in House