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SPECIAL ORDERS

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*Index to the Calendars will be printed the first legislative day of each  
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## SPECIAL ORDERS

### SPECIAL ORDER SPEECHES

The Speaker's policy with regard to special-order speeches announced on February 11, 1994, as clarified and reiterated by subsequent Speakers, will continue to apply in the 111th Congress, with the following modifications.

The Chair may recognize Members for special-order speeches for up to 4 hours after the conclusion of 5-minute special-order speeches. Such speeches may not extend beyond the 4-hour limit without the permission of the Chair, which may be granted only with advance consultation between the leaderships and notification to the House. However, the Chair will not recognize for any special-order speeches beyond midnight.

The Chair will first recognize Members for 5-minute special-order speeches, alternating initially and subsequently between the parties regardless of the date the order was granted by the House. The Chair will then recognize Members for longer special-order speeches. A Member recognized for a 5-minute special-order speech may not be recognized for a longer special-order speech. The 4-hour limitation will be divided between the majority and minority parties. Each party is entitled to reserve its first hour for respective leaderships or their designees. Recognition for periods longer than 5 minutes also will alternate initially and subsequently between the parties each day.

The allocation of time within each party's 2-hour period (or shorter period if prorated to end by midnight) will be determined by a list submitted to the Chair by the respective leaderships. Members may not sign up with their leadership for any special-order speeches earlier than 1 week prior to the special order. Additional guidelines may be established for such sign-ups by the respective leaderships.

Pursuant to clause 2(a) of rule V, the television cameras will not pan the Chamber, but a "crawl" indicating the conduct of morning-hour debate or that the House has completed its legislative business and is proceeding with special-order speeches will appear on the screen. The Chair may announce other adaptations during this period.

The continuation of this format for recognition by the Speaker is without prejudice to the Speaker's ultimate power of recognition under clause 2 of rule XVII should circumstances warrant.

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

That during the first session of the 111th Congress: (1) on legislative days of Monday when the House convenes pursuant to House Resolution 10 the House shall convene 90 minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by that resolution solely for the purpose of conducting morning-hour debate; and (2) on legislative days of Tuesday when the House convenes pursuant to House Resolution 10: (A) before May 18, 2009, the House shall convene for morning-hour debate 90 minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by that resolution; and (B) after May 18, 2009, the House shall convene for morning-hour debate one hour earlier than the time otherwise established by that resolution; and (3) on legislative days of Monday or Tuesday when the House convenes for morning-hour debate pursuant to an order other than House Resolution 10, the House shall resume its session 90 minutes after the time otherwise established by that order; (4) the time for morning-hour debate shall be limited to the 30 minutes allocated to each party, except that on Tuesdays after May 18, 2009, the time shall be limited to 25 minutes allocated to each party and may not continue beyond 10 minutes before the hour appointed for the resumption of the session of the House; and (5) the form of proceeding to Morning-Hour Debate shall be as follows: (a) the prayer by the Chaplain, the approval of the Journal, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag shall be postponed until resumption of the session of the House; (b) initial and subsequent recognitions for debate shall alternate between the parties; (c) recognition shall be conferred by the Speaker only pursuant to lists submitted by the Majority leader and by the Minority leader; (d) no Member may address the House for longer than 5 minutes except the Majority leader, the Minority leader, or the Minority whip; and (e) following morning-hour debate, the Chair shall declare a recess pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I until the time appointed for the resumption of the session of the House.