



RADIO-TV COVERAGE TIMELINE

**Joint Meeting of Congress
His Excellency Bertie Ahern
Prime Minister of Ireland
Wednesday, April 30, 2008
11:00 a.m.**

All times are approximate

- 10:35 AM** **Diplomatic Corps** enters House Chamber.
- 10:40 AM** **Joint Chiefs** enter House Chamber.
- 10:40 AM** **Chamber lights come up full strength. The House will begin to broadcast a picture of the House floor** as **Speaker Nancy Pelosi** calls House to order.
- 10:45 AM** **Barry Sullivan, Majority Floor Services Chief, announces the arrival of the Senate.** Senate enters the Hall of the House; Joint Meeting commences.
- 10:48 AM** **The Speaker and Senator Robert Byrd** appoint members from their respective chambers to be the **Escort Committee for His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland**
- 10:53 AM** **Barry Sullivan, Majority Floor Services Chief, announces the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, the Ambassador of the Republic of Djibouti, His Excellency Roble Olhaye.**
- 10:57 AM** **Barry Sullivan, Majority Floor Services Chief, announces the President's Cabinet.**
- 11:00 AM** **Barry Sullivan, Majority Floor Services Chief, announces Prime Minister Ahern.** The **Escort Committee, House and Senate Sergeants at Arms** lead the **Taoiseach** into the Chamber, who shakes hands with members along the center aisle on his way to the rostrum. **Speech will be in English.**
- 11:40 AM** **The Taoiseach** concludes speech, exits Chamber.
- 11:40 AM** The Diplomatic Corps, Cabinet depart

NOTE: The House lights and mults will remain up for five minutes after Prime Minister Ahern leaves the House Chamber.