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20th Voting Day of the Year

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

*** MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT CLOSE VOTES ARE EXPECTED THIS WEEK AND THAT ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE CALL THE WHIP'S OFFICE IF A MEMBER ANTICIPATES NOT BEING IN ATTENDANCE.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Suspensions (13 bills):

- 1) [H.R. 3127](#) - Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2006 (*Reps. Hyde/Lantos - International Relations*)
- 2) [H.Con.Res. 320](#) - Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, and other purposes (*Rep. Smith {NJ} - International Relations*)
- 3) [H.Res. 578](#) - Concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania (*Rep. Smith {NJ} - International Relations*)
- 4) [H.Con.Res. 370](#) - Expressing the sense of the Congress that Saudi Arabia should fully live up to its World Trade Organization commitments and end all aspects of any boycott on Israel (*Rep. Shaw - Ways and Means*)
- 5) [H.Res. 737](#) - Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, and for other purposes (*Reps. Biggert/Hinojosa - Government Reform*)
- 6) [H.R. 4688](#) - Mayor John Thompson `Tom' Garrison Memorial Post Office Designation Act (*Rep. Hayes - Government Reform*)
- 7) [H.R. 4561](#) - Francisco `Pancho' Medrano Post Office Building Designation Act (*Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson - Government Reform*)
- 8) [H.R. 4646](#) - Coach John Wooden Post Office Building Designation Act (*Rep. Sherman - Government Reform*)
- 9) [H.Res. 556](#) - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic (*Rep. Baird - Government Reform*)
- 10) [H.Con.Res. 360](#) - Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (*Rep. Shuster - Transportation and Infrastructure*)
- 11) [H.Con.Res. 371](#) - Honoring and congratulating the Minnesota National Guard, on its 150th anniversary, for its spirit of dedication and service to the State of Minnesota and the Nation and recognizing that the role of the National Guard, the Nation's citizen-soldier based militia, which was formed before the United States Army, has been and still is extremely important to the security and freedom of the Nation (*Rep. Kennedy {MN} - Armed Services*)
- 12) [H.Con.Res. 366](#) - To congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12-14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people (*Rep. Calvert - Science*)
- 13) [H.Res. 541](#) - Honoring Drs. Roy J. Glauber, John L. Hall, and Theodor W. Hansch for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics for 2005, and Drs. Yves Chauvin, Robert H. Grubbs, and Richard R. Schrock for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2005, and for other purposes (*Rep. Baird - Science*)

[H.Res. 755](#) - Rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 513](#) – 527 Reform Act of 2005 (Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides one hour of general debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule self-executes an amendment by Chairman Dreier to abolish the limits on Party Coordinated Expenditures (meaning that parties could spend an unlimited amount of coordinated hard money on favored candidates). The Dreier amendment would allow wealthy individuals to contribute the maximum allowed to the national and state parties with the understanding that those contributions would in turn be spent directly on a favored candidate. Candidates without access to wealthy supporters, often women and minority candidates as well as candidates of modest circumstances, would be at a significant competitive disadvantage. **Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the closed Republican Rule.**



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H.R. 513 – 527 Reform Act of 2005 (Rep. Shays – House Administration) (Subject to a Rule). This bill would amend the Federal Election Campaign Act and curtail the 1st Amendment rights of independent, non-party 527 organizations and reduce participation in the electoral process. This bill was reported on a 5-3 party-line vote in June 2005, with all Democrats Voting No.

- **H.R. 513 brings 527s under the jurisdiction of the Federal Election Commission (FEC)** and subjects them to the full scope of federal election law regulation -- source limits and prohibitions and disclosure requirements.
- **H.R. 513 , would treat 527 organizations as Federal PACs if they spend more than \$1000** to: 1) publicly “promote, support, attack, or oppose” a candidate for federal office within the 1 year period before the election; or 2) conduct any “voter drive activity,” including voter registration, GOTV, voter ID, *even if purely non-partisan*, when there is a federal candidate on the ballot.
- **H.R. 513 requires that non-candidate, non-party 527s use a newly created 3rd class of committee (“qualified committee”)** to raise money. These new “qualified committees” could raise funds only from individuals, in amounts of \$25,000 or less per year. HR513 would also require that: 1) public communications and voter drives that refer to a federal candidate be paid for with at least 50% hard-funds; and that 2) public communications and voter drives that do not refer to a federal candidate be paid for with at least 50% “qualified” funds.
- **H.R. 513 regulates many of the same activities 501(c) organizations currently undertake**, such as voter registration and voter mobilization. Although HR513 includes a provisional exemption for non-profit charities and social welfare organizations, this bill could set a precedent that all non-profit activities should be heavily regulated, leading to significant new restrictions on 501(c)s.

Democrats are urged to Vote NO on H.R. 513 .

Cardin Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4297 – Tax Reconciliation Act of 2005. The motion instructs conferees to adopt the Senate provisions to: extend the “savers’ credit” for contributions made by lower-income tax payers to certain retirement accounts; modify and extend through 2007 the research and development tax credit for businesses; and extend and increase the amount of income exempt from the AMT. The motion also instructs conferees to drop the capital gains and the dividends provisions included in the House bill and to produce a conference report that does not increase the deficit or national debt.

Postponed Suspension Votes (1 bill):

- 1) **H.Res. 692 – Commending the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the contributions and sacrifices they made to the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, solemnly acknowledging the first detonation of a hydrogen bomb by the United States on March 1, 1954, on the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and remembering that 60 years ago the United States began its nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands (Del. Faleomavaega – International Relations)**

TOMORROW’S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider **H.Con.Res. 376 – Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY07 (Rep. Nussle – Budget) (Subject to a Rule).**

Daily Quote...

“We [House Republicans] don't have an agreed agenda -- breaking up our leadership has taken its toll. . . . The only reason I was indicted [was] the stupid rule that allows the Democrats to pick the Republican leadership.”

- Former Republican Majority Leader Tom DeLay (TX), referring to the party rule requiring that any Republican indicted for a crime give up his leadership post, in *The Washington Times* this morning