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23rd Voting Day of the Year

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

** Members are urged to sign the **Herseth-Stupak Discharge Petition (#7)** to force consideration of [H.R. 3936](#) to protect consumers from price-gouging of gasoline and other fuels during energy emergencies. [109 Members have signed on.](#)

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Suspensions (2 bills):

- 1) [H.Con.Res. 365](#) - Urging the Government of China to reinstate all licenses of Gao Zhisheng and his law firm, remove all legal and political obstacles for lawyers attempting to defend criminal cases in China, including politically sensitive cases, and revise law and practice in China so that it conforms to international standards (*Rep. Kennedy {MN} - International Relations*)
- 2) [H.R. 282](#) - Iran Freedom Support Act (*Rep. Ros-Lehtinen - International Relations*)

[H.Res. 774](#) - Rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 5020](#) - **Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Rules)**. The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule that provides one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule makes in order six amendments with all but one of these amendments debatable for 10 minutes each:

- **Hoekstra Amendment.** To strike a provision relating to the Freedom of Information Act in Section 421 of the bill and the protection of intelligence sources and methods by the CIA Director. The amendment clarifies that the membership of the DEA on the intelligence community is limited to the Office of National Security Intelligence of the Drug Enforcement Administration.
- **Fosella Amendment.** To authorize \$5 million for a study to be conducted by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Director of National Intelligence to identify the problems and the successes of terrorist-threat information sharing between the Federal, State, and local levels of government. The amendment also authorizes \$10 million to establish centers of best practices and \$3 million to cover operational expenses of the centers.
- **Lee Amendment.** To require a report to House and Senate Intelligence committees describing any authorization granted during the past 10 years to engage in intelligence activities related to the overthrow of a democratically elected government
- **Price (NC) Amendment.** To require: 1) the DNI to report to Congress on regulations issued by agencies within the Intelligence Community regarding minimum standards for hiring and training of contractors, functions appropriate for private sector contractors, and procedures for preventing waste, fraud, and abuse; 2) contractors awarded Intelligence Community contracts to provide a transparent accounting of their work to their contracting officers within Intelligence Community agencies; 3) the DNI to submit an annual report to Congress on the contracts awarded by Intelligence Community agencies; and 4) the DNI to make recommendations to Congress on enhancing the Intelligence Community's ability to hire, promote, and retain highly qualified and experienced professional staff.
- **Andrews Amendment.** To require the Director of National Intelligence to provide the Congress with a quarterly classified intelligence report on insurgent forces in Iraq. The report would contain intelligence on 1) the number of insurgent forces in Iraq; 2) the number of insurgent forces that are former members of the Ba'ath Party; 3) the number of insurgent forces that are members of al Qaeda or other known terrorist organizations; 4) a description of where the insurgent forces are located, their capabilities and sources of funding.
- **Renzi Amendment (20 minutes).** To make findings with respect to the President's authority to protect national security information and the harm from unauthorized disclosures of classified information, and to express the Sense of Congress that the President should utilize his constitutional authority to the fullest extent practicable (where warranted) to classify and protect national security information and take action against persons who commit unauthorized disclosures.

[H.R. 5020](#) - **Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Rep. Hoekstra - Intelligence) (Subject to a Rule)**. This bill authorizes classified amounts in FY07 for fifteen intelligence agencies including the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), the CIA, the National Security Agency (NSA), and foreign intelligence activities of the Defense Department, FBI, State



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Department, Homeland Security Department and other agencies. [H.R. 5020](#) contains provisions to limit the overhead growth of the Office of the DNI absent a strategy from the DNI on how its requirements for additional funds and personnel would bring value to the management of the intelligence community; provides full-funding for counterterrorism, compared to the President's budget which only requested 78% of what the intelligence community says it will need for counterterrorism operations in FY07; and contains enhanced reporting requirements on a number of key topics, including the domestic surveillance activities of the Department of Defense Counter Intelligence Field Activity (CIFA), as well as intelligence assessments on the WMD capabilities and intentions of Iran and North Korea.

During committee consideration, several Democratic amendments were defeated, including: an amendment to withhold 20% of the NSA's budget until the Executive Branch provides the Intelligence Committee with the total cost of the President's NSA surveillance program; an amendment to require a dedicated funding line for the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board in the President's annual budget submission to Congress, and to authorize \$3 million annually for the Board's activities; and an amendment to prevent the DNI from transferring budget and personnel related to national intelligence functions out of the National Intelligence Program (NIP) to the Military Intelligence Program (MIP). This bill was reported out of the Intelligence Committee on April 6th.

McDermott Motion to Instruct Conferees on [H.R. 4297](#) – Tax Reconciliation Act of 2005. The motion instructs conferees to: adopt three Senate provisions affecting large integrated oil companies and would raise over \$5 billion in additional revenue over 10 years; and to drop the capital gains and the dividends provisions included in the House bill.

Postponed Suspension Votes (2 bills):

- 1) [H.Con.Res. 357](#) - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month (*Rep. Stearns - Energy and Commerce*)
- 2) [H.Con.Res. 349](#) - Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (*Rep. Hoyer - Transportation and Infrastructure*)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for Former Member's Day and at approximately 10:45 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider [H.R. 4975 - Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006](#) (*Rep. Dreier - Rules*) (*Subject to a Rule*)

Daily Quote...

"In an April 18-19 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics poll, only one-quarter of respondents approved of the job Congress was doing. In another question, 54 percent said it was fair to call this Congress a 'do-nothing' Congress, while 31 percent disagreed."

- From an article in *Roll Call* this morning