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**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2006**

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
<b>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b> <b>Five "One Minutes" Per Side</b>	<b>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</b>

*(180<sup>th</sup> Calendar Day of the Year – 55<sup>th</sup> Voting Day of the Year – 36 Voting Days until Target Adjournment)***FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY**

**[H.R. 5672](#) – Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Rep. Wolf – Appropriations) (Complete Consideration).** This bill provides \$60.19 billion including: \$22.35 billion for the Department of Justice; \$5.96 billion for the Department of Commerce; \$9.78 billion for the Department of State; \$16.7 billion for the NASA; \$6.02 billion for the National Science Foundation; \$881 million for the SEC; \$643 million for the SBA; \$323 million for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; \$211 million for the FTC; and \$314 million for the Legal Services Corporation. Yesterday, the House continued consideration of this bill, including numerous amendments, and will complete its consideration today. Under the Unanimous Consent Agreement reached Tuesday, the following amendments are in order and are debatable for 10 minutes each:

- **Hefley Amendment.** Regarding 1% cut across the board.
- **Mica Amendment.** Regarding US Foreign Commercial Service.
- **Mica Amendment.** Regarding Buy America Act.
- **Poe Amendment.** Regarding travel into the US with a passport.
- **Stearns Amendment.** Regarding International Boundary & Water Commission.
- **Jackson-Lee Amendment.** Regarding targeting Muslim and Arab communities.
- **Jackson-Lee Amendment.** Regarding data on racial distribution of convictions.
- **Andrews Amendment.** Regarding OMB circular A-76.
- **Hinchey Amendment.** Regarding private phone records from data and credit brokers.
- **King (IA) Amendment.** Regarding enforcement of section 642 of IIRIRA.
- **Kucinich Amendment.** Regarding NASA involuntary separations.
- **McCotter Amendment.** Regarding filing under FARA.
- **Sherman Amendment.** Regarding detention of enemy combatants.
- **Tiaht Amendment.** Regarding competitiveness.

**[H.Res. 897](#) – Rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 4761](#) – Offshore Exploration Bill (Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule that provides one hour of general debate, provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions, and makes in order five amendments.

**[H.R. 4761](#) – Offshore Exploration Bill (Rep. Jindal – Resources) (Subject to a Rule).** This bill combines elements of various proposals aimed at opening up new areas of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) for oil and natural gas drilling. The bill as reported would replace the current 200 mile federal moratorium on most offshore drilling for oil and natural gas with a new ban on oil and gas leases within 50 miles of the coastline, with several state options. States could petition to allow drilling within 50 miles. From 50 to 100 miles, natural gas leases would be granted unless a state acted to deny drilling within a year; oil leases would be allowed unless a state acted to prohibit drilling within three years. The bill provides revenue-sharing with states that allow offshore fuel production at a rate of 75 percent for production within 12 miles of shore and 50 percent from 12 to 200 miles and directs these revenues for coastal restoration, rural education and other purposes. The bill also requires current offshore fuel producers who are not paying royalties (because they hold leases issued without royalty thresholds), to pay fees based on how much fuel they produce from those leases unless they renegotiate those leases and pay royalties. The bill mandates the inclusion of price thresholds in all future leases, reduces the royalty rate for certain leases, and makes several other technical and definitional changes to current coastal management laws.

The Rule makes in order five amendments which are debatable for 10 minutes each:

- **Barton Manager's Amendment.** The Managers Amendment makes several important changes to reduce the cost of the bill, addresses jurisdictional issues with the Committee on Science and the Committee on Education and the Workforce regarding research and education programs and add provisions that alter the underlying bill's leasing design. The amendment prohibits leasing east of the military mission line offshore Florida, clarifies that rural school funding is contingent on reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and a Sense of the Congress that energy development on the OCS



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will help promote and increase American jobs. The amendment accelerates the lease sale for Area 181 in the Gulf of Mexico, and makes an exception for leases already in litigation from provisions of the bill that require the Department of Interior to buy back non-producing leases for which the government will not issue actual drilling permits. The amendment also reduces the revenue sharing split for production within 12 miles of the coast to 25% for the first five years, and increases by 5% per year to a total of 50% in year 10 (rather than 75% under the bill), and conditions a state share increase beyond 50% on whether 2007-2016 receipts from new program areas exceed \$4 billion. Lastly, it limits the revenue sharing provisions for areas more than 100 miles from the coastline if the Adjacent State does not allow any leasing within 100 of its coastline.

- **Inslee Amendment.** To increase from \$6 million to \$20 million the amount made available by the Secretary for renewable ocean energy generation.
- **Tom Davis Amendment.** To authorize \$150 million of OCS receipts to be available to the Secretary of the Treasury for each of the fiscal years 2007 through 2016 to make payments subject to appropriations to fund in part capital and preventive maintenance projects for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).
- **Markey Amendment.** To strike the provisions in the underlying bill lifting the 25-year moratorium on oil and gas drilling in environmentally-sensitive areas offshore. It leaves intact provisions designed to provide oil companies with incentives to renegotiate existing leases that fail to include market-based price caps for the suspension of royalty-free drilling and begin production on active leases that are not producing.
- **Bilirakis/Mario Diaz-Balart/ Harris/ Wasserman Schultz /Wexler/ Bill Young/ Brown-Waite Amendment.** To prohibit leasing (either oil and gas or natural gas) within 125 miles of a state's coastline unless the state requests leasing.

**[H.Res. 896](#) – Rule providing for consideration of [H.Res. 895](#) – Condemning Disclosure of Classified Information (*Rules*).** The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides one hour of general debate and provides one motion to recommit that may not contain instructions. The Rule does not make in order a substitute amendment by Ranking Member Frank which expresses Congress' support for appropriate surveillance of terrorist financial transactions and Congress' concern that unauthorized disclosures of classified information may have made it more difficult to locate terrorists and terrorist networks, and disrupt their plans.

**[H.Res. 895](#) - Condemning Disclosure of Classified Information (*Rep. Oxley – Financial Services*) (*Subject to a Rule*).**

## Daily Quote...

"All year long, in speeches and briefings and visits to factories and shops, President Bush and his aides have tried to convince Americans that the economy is in good shape — and that the president deserves some credit for that. That effort is not making much headway, a Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll has found. Americans are closely divided on whether the economy is in good shape, with 50% saying it is doing well and 47% saying it is doing badly, the poll found. . . . Of respondents, 39% say they approve of the president's handling of the economy and 19% say they think the economy is better because of his policies — numbers that are basically unchanged since the beginning of the year."

- A story in the *Los Angeles Times* today