



# The Daily Whip

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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
<b>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b> Ten "One Minutes"	<b>2:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b>

## FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

### H.Res. 258 – Rule Providing for Consideration of the Supplemental Conference Report.

The Rules Committee has recommended a rule that waives all points of order against the conference report and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The Rule also authorizes the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee to file a supplemental report to accompany H.R. 748 – the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act.

### Conference Report on H.R. 1268 – Emergency Supplemental Wartime Appropriations Act (*Rep. Lewis {CA} – Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

The conference report provides \$82 billion in emergency FY2005 funds for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, tsunami relief efforts, foreign assistance programs and domestic homeland security priorities. The total includes \$75.9 billion for defense related expenditures: \$37.1 billion for military operations and maintenance spending, \$17.4 billion for Military personnel, and \$17.3 billion for new weapons procurement. This bill also includes: \$656 million in direct assistance for tsunami disaster relief and \$222 million to reimburse the U.S. military for expenses incurred in providing emergency relief to tsunami victims; \$1.7 billion for Afghanistan reconstruction and counter-terrorism assistance; \$680 million for peacekeeping programs; \$200 million in economic assistance for the Palestinian Territories (\$50 million of these funds for assistance for Israel to improve the efficiency and security of the flow of goods and people from the Territories into Israel) with a requirement of a GAO audit on USAID's programs in the Territories, a requirement of a report on the Palestinian Authority's political, economic and security reforms, and \$5 million for an independent audit of the Palestinian Authority finances; \$734 million for additional State Department operating costs; \$592 million for a new embassy compound in Baghdad; and \$635 million for increased border security and enforcement (\$450 million in new funding and \$185 million offset by corresponding rescissions).

The conference report also: increases the military death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000 and subsidized life insurance benefits from \$250,000 to \$400,000 for families of soldiers who died or were killed on active duty beginning from October 7, 2001; includes most of the provisions of H.R. 418 (the REAL ID Act) regarding new standards for asylum, new national standards for driver's licenses, and the construction of border fences; and includes provisions to increase the number of H-2B visas for temporary seasonal workers.

## TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Friday, no votes are expected in the House.

### Daily Quote...

"Under the president's new proposal, workers earning over \$36,500 in today's dollars see massive cuts in Social Security benefits. What would follow is easy to predict: Most workers stop regarding Social Security as an essential source of their retirement income. They start resenting their Social Security payroll taxes more than they already do. Some accuse the low-income beneficiaries of not having worked as hard as they did, or failing to save for retirement. In the end, broad support for the Social Security system crumbles, and Congress finds excuses for throwing it overboard. Anyone interested in what happens to programs for the poor need only compare the fates of Medicaid and Medicare in recent budget deals."

- Syndicated columnist Froma Harrop in the *Seattle Times* today