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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
9:00 a.m.: Former Members Meeting 10:30 a.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" Per Side	9:00 – 10:00 p.m. ???

***** DEMOCRATS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE HOOLEY DISCHARGE PETITION (No.1) TO GIVE THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES. 113 MEMBERS HAVE SIGNED ON. CHECK THE CLERK'S WEBSITE TO SEE IF YOUR MEMBER HAS SIGNED ON:**

<http://clerk.house.gov/109/lrc/pd/petitions/Dis1.htm>

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.R. 2361 – Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY06 (Rep. Taylor {NC} – Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule).

This bill provides \$26.1 billion for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Endowment for the Arts, and other agencies for fiscal year 2006. Funding in this bill includes: \$9.83 billion for the Interior Department (\$1.75 billion for the Bureau of Land Management; \$1.3 billion for the Fish and Wild Service; \$2.22 billion for the National Park Service; and \$2.31 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs); \$7.8 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency (\$1.25 billion for the Hazardous Substance Superfund; \$2.38 billion for Environmental Programs and Management; and \$3.12 billion for State and Tribal Assistance Grants); \$4.24 billion for the Forest Service; \$3.1 billion for Indian Health; \$615 million for the Smithsonian Institution; \$121 million for the National Endowment for the Arts; and \$138 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities. This bill cuts the EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund by \$242 million (22%), reduces funding for EPA's environmental enforcement activities by \$12 million, and eliminates \$190 million of Land and Water Conservation funding.

The Rules Committee has recommended an open Rule that provides one hour of general debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule protects most provisions in the bill from points of order regarding legislating on an appropriations bill (Rule XXI), however, the Rule does not protect about 10 provisions in the bill. Germane amendments will be considered under the five-minute rule.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Friday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business: **H.R. 2361 – Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY06 (Rep. Taylor {NC} – Appropriations) (Complete Consideration).**

Daily Quote...

"My mail's probably going 100-to-1 against [Social Security] privatization."

- Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO), in *CQToday*, this morning