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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" Per Side	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Postponed Vote on the Capps Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 6 - the Energy Policy Act. The motion instructs conferees to recede to the Senate bill and not include any MTBE liability provisions in the conference report. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

Postponed Suspension Votes (2 bills):

- 1) **H.R. 3100** - East Asia Security Act of 2005 (*Rep. Hyde - International Relations*)
- 2) **H.Res. 356** – Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in London, England on July 7, 2005 (*Rep. Hyde – International Relations*)

H.R. 2864 – Water Resources Development Act of 2005 (*Rep. Young {AK} – Transportation & Infrastructure*) (*One Hour of General Debate - Restrictive Rule*). This bill authorizes approximately \$10 billion for construction of water resource development projects by the Army Corps of Engineers for navigation, flood control, and environmental protection. This bill also establishes an independent peer review process for Corps projects that cost more than \$50 million. The rule adopted yesterday makes in order seven amendments which are debatable for 10 minutes each:

- **Young (AK) Manager's Amendment.** To make technical and conforming changes to project-related provisions, and authorize or modify additional projects including: Six projects based on Reports of the Chief of Engineers: Des Moines/Raccoon Rivers, Iowa, project for flood damage reduction; Port of Iberia, Louisiana, project for navigation; Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays, Union Beach, New Jersey, project for hurricane and storm damage reduction; Hocking River, Monday Creek Sub-basin, Ohio, project for environmental restoration; Pawley's Island, South Carolina, project for hurricane and storm damage reduction; Picayune Strand, Florida, project for environmental restoration. It also authorizes 8 projects or programs and modifies 7 existing projects or programs.
- **Menendez Amendment.** To add a contingent authorization for Liberty State Park, New Jersey. It would provide an authorization for the environmental restoration project in Liberty State Park, New Jersey, contingent on a favorable Chief's report being issued for the project prior to December 31, 2005. The federal share would be \$20.8 million, and the local share would be \$11.2 million.
- **Stupak Amendment.** To direct the Secretary of the Army Corps to budget and request appropriations for operations and maintenance of harbor dredging projects based only upon criteria used for such projects in fiscal year 2004.
- **Rohrabacher Amendment.** To amend language which permits ports to collect tonnage fees for local harbor purposes, by permitting such fees to be collected on a per container basis and permitting the funds collected to be used for security purposes or for infrastructure projects within or outside the harbor that are for transportation to, from, or through the harbor.
- **Davis (IL) Amendment.** To define the section of the North Branch Canal portion of the Chicago River between Kinzie and Fulton streets as non-navigable.

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- **Flake/Blumenauer Amendment.** To amend the Upper Mississippi River-Illinois Water Way Project, allowing construction of locks and dams only if 35,000,000 tons of commodities are processed on average for 2007-2009 and requiring the implementation of an appointment system to schedule and prioritize barge traffic, a notification report, and a re-evaluation report. 35,000,000 tons represents the lower bound estimate of future barge traffic scenarios chosen by the Corps in their UMR-IWW System Navigation Feasibility Study Economic Analysis (September 2004).
- **Kind Amendment.** To add a new provision requiring the Secretary to make an annual report to Congress on whether the lock and dam construction and ecosystem restoration projects are being carried out at comparable rates. Additionally, the amendment inserts the words, 'or Congress' to clarify that Congress will share the authority with the Secretary in determining if the projects are moving forward at a comparable rate and adjust the annual funding accordingly.

Postponed Suspension Vote (1 bill):

- 1) **H.Con.Res. 191** - Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the conclusion of the war in the Pacific and honoring veterans of both the Pacific and Atlantic theaters of the Second World War (*Rep. Hyde - International Relations*)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

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

Daily Quote...

"President Bush's record in preparing the government and the economy for this eventuality has been anything but encouraging. Other than his call for necessary reductions in Social Security spending, his policies can only be called myopic. He inherited a budget surplus that became a record deficit. His increases in government spending, combined with lavish tax cuts for the wealthy, have helped stimulate the economy in the short term, but they have only exacerbated the severe budget problems his successors will face. His Republican colleagues on Capitol Hill have added to the problems by resisting spending cuts he included in his February budget proposal."

- *USA Today*, in an editorial today