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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Suspensions (8 bills):

- 1) **H.Con.Res. 242** - Providing for acceptance of a statue of Po'Pay, presented by the State of New Mexico, for placement in National Statuary Hall, and for other purposes (*Rep. Wilson (NM) - House Administration*)
- 2) **S. 1368** - United States Parole Commission Extension and Sentencing Commission Authority Act of 2005 (*Sen. Specter - Judiciary*)
- 3) **H.R. 3827** - Immigration Relief for Hurricane Katrina Victims Act of 2005 (*Rep. Sensenbrenner - Judiciary*)
- 4) **H.R. 3667** - Karl Malden Station Post Office Designation Act (*Rep. Waxman - Government Reform*)
- 5) **H.R. 3767** - Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Designation Act (*Rep. Hastert - Government Reform*)
- 6) **H.Res. 429** - Congratulating the West Oahu Little League Baseball team for winning the 2005 Little League Baseball World Series (*Rep. Abercrombie - Government Reform*)
- 7) **H.J.Res. 61** - Supporting the goals and ideals of Gold Star Mothers Day (*Rep. Gutknecht - Government Reform*)
- 8) **H.R. 3768** - Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005 (*Rep. McCrery - Ways and Means*)

H.R. 250 - Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2005 (*Rep. Ehlers - Science*) (*Subject to a Rule*). This bill authorizes \$426 million in FY06, \$448 million in FY07, and \$457 million in FY08 for scientific and technical research and services laboratory activities of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); reauthorizes the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program --- for \$110 million in FY06, \$115 million in FY07, and \$120 million in FY08; and establishes within the MEP program a competitive grant pilot program to develop projects to solve new or emerging manufacturing problems. This bill also directs the President to establish: (1) an Interagency Committee (IC) to plan and coordinate Federal efforts in manufacturing research and development; and (2) an Advisory Committee to provide advice and information to the IC from the non-Federal manufacturing research and development community. HR 250 does not authorize funds for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), which is also a NIST program. This bill was reported out of the Science Committee on a party-line vote (19-14).

The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule that provides one hour of general debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule does not make in order an amendment by Rep. Honda --- to add a 1 year reauthorization for the Advanced Technology Program --- and makes in order 5 amendments, each debatable for ten minutes:

- **Boehlert Manager's Amendment.** To require the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program to assist businesses affected by Hurricane Katrina, and require the National Institute of Standards and Technology to study the effects of Katrina on buildings to determine whether to recommend any changes in building codes.



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- **Gordon Amendment.** To require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to provide to the House Science Committee and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation a 3-year programmatic and operational plan for the MEP program. It requires the plan to include comments of the MEP National Advisory Board and of the State partners.
- **Jackson-Lee Amendment.** To make funds under the section entitled "Scientific and Technical Research and Services" available to the maximum extent practicable, to diverse institutions, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other minority serving institutions for Technical Workforce Education and Development.
- **Larson Amendment.** To re-orient the current Technology Administration (TA), the Undersecretary of Technology, and Office of Technology Policy (OTP) towards manufacturing and competitiveness issues; rename and refocus TA by establishing a Manufacturing Administration, an Undersecretary of Manufacturing, and an Office of Industry Analysis. The amendment also requires the Manufacturing Administration to conduct broad-based manufacturing and technology policy analysis; and to coordinate with States, local governments, and universities on manufacturing and technology activities. NIST and the National Technical Information Service would remain a part of the Manufacturing Administration.
- **Udall (CO) Amendment.** To increase the authorization levels of NSF's Advanced Technological Education Program to \$70 million for FY06, \$73.5 million for FY07, and \$77 million for FY08.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday, the House is expected to consider **H.R. 2123 – School Readiness Act of 2005** (*Rep. Castle – Education and the Workforce*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

Daily Quote...

"I don't know that anyone ever lost a race because of the deficit, but there is concern" that it could happen this time around, said Rep. Thomas M. Davis III (R-Va.), the former head of the National Republican Congressional Committee. "You can't just keep piling up debt."

- A story in today's *Washington Post*