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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**** DEMOCRATS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE LEE-SANDERS-CAPUANO DISCHARGE PETITION (#11) TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Today, there will be a Members-Only briefing on Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in 2118 Rayburn. Administration officials attending include: Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; Richard Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State; Gen. Richard Myers, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. John Abizaid, Commander of the U.S. Central Command; and John Negroponte, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq.

H.R. 5025 – Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Istook – Appropriations) (Unanimous Consideration / Complete Consideration). This bill, as reported by the committee on September 8th, provided \$89.9 billion including: \$58.8 billion for the Transportation Department; \$11.22 billion for the Treasury Department (\$10.29 billion for the Internal Revenue Service); \$727 million for the Executive Office of the President; \$18.22 billion for the Office of Personnel Management; and \$36.5 million for the U.S. Postal Service. However, during consideration of this bill on the House Floor last week, several portions of the bill were stricken on points of order. As a result, \$48 billion worth of funding for Transportation programs and State grants were deleted from the Committee reported bill. Critical programs stripped from the bill include: Federal highway grants to States; airport improvement grants to local communities; essential air service grants for rural airports; transit formula grants for States and funding for major capital investment projects; and highway traffic safety grants to States.

Yesterday, the House resumed consideration of amendments to this bill under the unanimous consent agreement reached last week. Today, the House will resume the amendment process with the following amendments still expected:

- **Olver Amendment (30 minutes).** This amendment would prohibit the Secretary of Transportation and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) from spending federal funds to implement or enforce proposed regulations to exempt for 2 years from U.S. safety standards foreign-built trucks and buses that have previously entered the U. S.
- **Delahunt Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to enforce limits on remittances that can be sent from the U.S. to Cuban nationals. This amendment would retain the restrictions that funds for remittances cannot come from a blocked source and that remittances cannot be sent to a prohibited member of the Cuban government or the Cuban Communist Party.
- **Rangel Amendment (10 minutes).** This bill would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to implement, administer, or enforce the economic embargo on Cuba.
- **Lee Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to enforce new regulations issued in June that affect students who study abroad or seek other educational opportunities in Cuba.
- **Waters Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would prohibit the use of funds in this bill to implement any sanction imposed by the U.S. on private commercial sales of agricultural commodities, medicine or medical supplies to Cuba.

Suspensions (18 bills):

- 1) **H.R. 2449** – Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission Act (*Rep. Baker – Government Reform*)
- 2) **H.R. 2528** – Hudson-Fulton-Champlain 400th Commemoration Commission Act of 2003 (*Rep. Hinchey – Government Reform*)
- 3) **H.Con.Res. 489** – Supporting the goals and ideals of National Preparedness Month (*Rep. Cox – Government Reform*)
- 4) **H.Res. 772** – Supporting the goals and ideals of National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Week and recognizing the importance the Nation of residents of long-term care facilities, including senior citizens and individuals living with disabilities (*Rep. Waxman – Government Reform*)
- 5) **H.Con.Res. 473** – Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should designate September 11 as a national day of voluntary service, charity, and compassion (*Rep. King {NY} – Government Reform*)
- 6) **H.Res. 761** – Congratulating Lance Armstrong on his record-setting victory in the 2004 Tour de France (*Rep. Doggett – Government Reform*)



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- 7) **H.R. 5039** – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at United States Route 1 in Ridgeway, North Carolina, as the "Eva Holtzman Post Office" (*Rep. Butterfield – Government Reform*)
- 8) **H.R. 480** – To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 747 Broadway in Albany, New York, as the "United States Postal Service Henry Johnson Annex" (*Rep. McNulty – Government Reform*)
- 9) **H.Con.Res. 161** – Recognizing the outstanding efforts of the individuals and communities who volunteered or donated items to the North Platte Canteen in North Platte, Nebraska, during World War II from December 25, 1941, to April 1, 1946 (*Rep. Osborne – Armed Services*)
- 10) **H.Con.Res. 486** – Recognizing and honoring military unit family support volunteers for their dedicated service to the United States, the Armed Forces, and members of the Armed Forces and their families (*Rep. Davis {CA} – Armed Services*)
- 11) **H.Con.Res. 488** – Commending the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its employees for its dedication and hard work during Hurricanes Charley and Frances (*Rep. Ehlers – Science*)
- 12) **H.R. 3428** – To designate a portion of the United States courthouse located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building" (*Rep. Tom Davis – Transportation & Infrastructure*)
- 13) **H.R. 3734** – To designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building" (*Rep. Wilson {NM} – Transportation & Infrastructure*)
- 14) **H.R. 1057** – The Adoption Tax Relief Guarantee Act (*Rep. DeMint – Ways & Means*)
- 15) **S.Con.Res. 137** – Calling for the suspension of Sudan's membership on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (*Sen. Frist – International Relations*)
- 16) **H.Res. 767** – Condemning the terrorist attack in Jakarta, Indonesia, that occurred on September 9, 2004 (*Rep. Burton – International Relations*)
- 17) **H.Con.Res. 475** – Encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select New York City as the site of the 2012 Olympic Games (*Rep. Rangel – International Relations*)
- 18) **H.Con.Res. 494** – Supporting the goals and purposes of National Farm Safety and Health Week and applauding the men and women who provide a stable supply of food and fiber for the United States and the world (*Rep. Reynolds / Agriculture*)

Possible Debate on the Moore Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 1308 – Extension of Tax Cuts Conference Report. This motion instructs conferees to agree, to the maximum extent possible within the scope of the conference, to a conference report that extends the tax relief provisions that expire at the end of 2004, and does not increase the federal budget deficit.

Possible consideration of H.R. 1308 – Extension of Tax Cuts Conference Report.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Thursday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. and recess immediately until 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting His Excellency Ayad Allawi, Interim Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq. Following the Joint Meeting, the House will consider: **H.R. 2028 – Pledge Protection Act of 2004** (*Rep. Akin – Judiciary*) (*Subject to a Rule*). It is also possible that the House may consider **H.R. 1308 – Extension of Tax Cuts Conference Report**.

Daily Quote...

"House Democrats Wednesday will unveil a platform of six 'core values' they hope will give voters a reason to support them in November...[House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi] promises 'a drumbeat' by House Democrats about their party's values on national security, prosperity, fairness, opportunity, community and accountability."

- USA Today, today