

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" per side	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Following last votes, the House is expected to debate H.R. 3578 - Baseline Reform Act of 2011 (Rep. Woodall – Budget). Any recorded votes requested will be postponed until tomorrow.

[H.Res. 534](#) - Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 3582 - Pro-Growth Budgeting Act of 2011 (Rep. Price (GA) - Budget/Rules) and H.R. 3578 - Baseline Reform Act of 2011 (Rep. Woodall - Budget) (One Hour of debate). The Rules Committee has recommended a structured Rule that provides for consideration of two separate bills.

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The Rules committee rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern to consider the bills under an open Rule.

The Rules committee also rejected a motion by Mr. Hastings to make in order additional amendments to both bills, including an amendment to H.R. 3578 offered by Mr. Loeb sack that would exempt funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs from changes in the baseline that result in lower projected appropriations in future years.

[H.R. 3582](#) - Pro-Growth Budgeting Act of 2011 (Rep. Price (GA) - Budget/Rules) H.R. 3582 would direct the Congressional Budget Office to produce supplementary macroeconomic impact analyses (also known as "dynamic scoring") for bills that have major budget implications. These analyses would serve to supplement CBO's standard cost estimates. Major bills have a budgetary impact of at least .25% of gross domestic product in any fiscal year. Only a few bills per session are likely to meet this standard. Bills reported by the Appropriations Committee are specifically exempted, ignoring the economic benefits of education, infrastructure, and other important investments. This bill is simply an extension of Republicans' decades-long effort to promote "dynamic scoring" of tax cuts.

Dynamic Scoring is designed to hide the impact of tax cuts on the deficit, making them easier to enact or extend by masking their true cost. This bill will make it harder to achieve a balanced plan to reduce the deficit. **Members are urged to VOTE NO on H.R. 3582.**

Rep. Peters Amendment. Adds a findings section addressing the macroeconomic impact of the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003

Rep. Connolly Amendment. Extends the requirement for the Congressional Budget Office to prepare macroeconomic analysis of major legislation to bills or resolutions reported by the Appropriations Committees of each Chamber

Rep. Walz Amendment. Includes interest rates among the major economic variables to be estimated in the macroeconomic economic impact analysis

Rep. Fudge Amendment Adds income equality among the variables used to determine the economic impact of the bill

Rep. Jackson-Lee Amendment. Requires CBO to include as part of their macroeconomic analysis estimates of the potential impact, if any, on HUB ZONE areas as defined by the Small Business Act

Rep. Quigley Amendment. Requires the CBO to establish a website where taxpayers could enter their annual income and receive an estimate of the amount of their projected contribution to or receipt from any applicable major bill or resolution over the next 10 years, assuming the taxpayer has constant annual income

Rep. Flake Amendment. Lowers the threshold for requiring a dynamic score from .25% of the

current GDP to \$5 billion

Rep. Cicilline Amendment. Amends the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require that, in addition to preparing cost estimates for each bill or resolution reported by any committee of the House, the Congressional Budget Office also prepare an estimate of the number of jobs which would be created, sustained, or lost in carrying out the measure – including regional and State level estimates

Bill Text for H.R. 3582:

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Background for H.R. 3582:

[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

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Begin Consideration of [H.R. 3578](#) - Baseline Reform Act of 2011 (Rep. Woodall - Budget)

H.R. 3578 would change CBO's rules for creating the discretionary baseline. Currently, CBO assumes annual adjustments, which reflect inflation and population growth to reflect the cost of maintaining current services. This bill would remove these adjustments, underestimating budget needs for future years to pave the way for additional tax cuts. Under the Budget Control Act, statutory caps on discretionary appropriations were imposed for all years through 2021. Should H.R. 3578 become law, CBO would project appropriations to stay below these caps, allowing them to be characterized as a "spending increase." H.R. 3578 continues the pattern of the Republicans putting partisan legislation on the Floor that will not help the economy.

The Baseline Budget Reform Act of 2012 does nothing to create a single job, to reduce the deficit by a single penny, or to put the country on a fiscally sustainable path. Instead, this bill would obscure the size of the fiscal problem facing us.

Rep. Jackson-Lee Amendment. Requires the CBO to prepare an analysis and study on the impact of the Act on present and future Social Security recipients

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Postponed vote (1 vote)

Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees on [H.R. 3630](#) – Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011 (Offered by Rep. Michaud)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Friday, February 3: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider the Conference Report on [H.R. 658](#) – FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Rep. Mica – Transportation and Infrastructure) (Subject to a Rule). The House is also expected to complete consideration of H.R. 3578 - Baseline Reform Act of 2011 (Rep. Woodall - Budget).

The Daily Quote

"Blaming the process is a mainstay of the budget debate in Washington, D.C. Congress typically proposes to do something about the budget process when it can't or won't do anything about spending and revenues. This has been observed so often over the years that it's now a basic fact of life among budget insiders. So it's not at all surprising that, given Congress' continuing inability to agree on the deficit reduction proposal so many say is needed, House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) last week pushed his committee to approve legislation that would change the budget process."

- Stan Collender, Roll Call, 1/31/12