

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business	11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Five "One Minutes"		

Complete Consideration of [H.R. 3724](#) – Ensuring Integrity in the IRS Workforce Act of 2015 (Rep. Noem – Ways and Means) (One hour of debate). This bill would prohibit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) from rehiring former employees previously terminated or dismissed for misconduct. The bill was reported out of the Ways and Means Committee by a voice vote.

Bill Text for H.R. 3724:[PDF Version](#)**Background for H.R. 3724:**[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)[House Report \(PDF Version\)](#)

Complete Consideration of [H.R. 4890](#) – To impose a ban on the payment of bonuses to employees of the Internal Revenue Service until the Secretary of the Treasury develops and implements a comprehensive customer service strategy (Rep. Meehan – Ways and Means) (One hour of debate). This bill would prohibit the Treasury Secretary from paying out any bonuses to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) employees until Treasury submits a comprehensive customer service strategy to Congress.

H.R. 4890 is another Republican solution in search of a problem. This year's filing season statistics show that taxpayer service has improved from previous years despite funding cuts to the IRS of roughly 17% since 2010 after adjusting for inflation, resulting in 13,000 fewer staff, training lags, and delayed upgrades to technology systems. While IRS employees manage a larger workload with less resources, H.R. 4890 would put additional unnecessary mandates in place without providing any additional funding to carry them out, further stretching the agency budget and jeopardizing taxpayer assistance. Instead of putting forward legislation that will prevent the IRS from doing its job – not only assisting taxpayers during filing season, but also pursuing tax abuses and limiting corporate inversions – Republicans should fully fund the agency so that it can serve the growing population of taxpayers in the United States. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

The Rule, which was adopted on Tuesday, makes in order 2 amendments, debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendments are:

Brady (TX) Amendment. Clarifies that the Act shall be carried out using only funds that are appropriated.

Sanford Amendment. Requires the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary's delegate to consult with the National Taxpayer Advocate while developing the comprehensive customer service strategy.

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The Daily Quote

"Many fiscal conservatives, including the Republican Study Committee and the Freedom Caucus, have opposed the presumed topline limit of \$1.07 trillion in discretionary spending for fiscal 2017, as called for in last year's bipartisan budget deal... Conservative opposition to that topline spending level prevented House leaders from bringing a budget resolution to the floor. Efforts continue to reach a deal on a budget that would clarify the spending allocations officially, but they appear to be going nowhere. 'Everyone's still talking and nothing has changed,' [Rep. Jim] Jordan [R-OH] said. 'It's kind of like Groundhog Day every week.'"

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