

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011**

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour</b> <b>12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Fifteen "One Minutes" per side</b>	<b>2:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>

**H.Res. 189 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 658 – FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011 (Rep. Mica - Transportation and Infrastructure/Science and Technology/Judiciary) (One Hour of Debate)** The Rules committee has recommended a structured Rule that would provide for one hour of general debate with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The Rule also allows one motion to recommit, with instructions.

There are 33 amendments that were made in order under the Rule, including one offered by Rep. LaTourette. Each amendment has 10 minutes of debate, equally divided between the offer or and an opponent.

- **LaTourette/Costello Amendment (10 minutes).** The amendment would strike section 903, which repeals a National Mediation Board (NMB) rule, finalized last year, which provides for union representation elections among airline and railroad workers covered by the Railway Labor Act. ***Democrats are urged to vote YES on this amendment.***

**H.R. 658 - FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011 (Rep. Mica - Transportation and Infrastructure/Science and Technology/Judiciary) (One Hour of Debate)** H.R. 658 is a four-year reauthorization that reduces the FAA's annual funding to FY 2008 appropriations levels (\$14.8 billion) for the remainder of FY 2011 and then each year through FY 2014. The legislation authorizes appropriations for airport planning and development and noise compatibility planning programs, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) air navigation facilities and equipment, FAA operations, and administrative expenses for certain airport programs. The proposed funding cuts would devastate the FAA's Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) air traffic control modernization effort and would harm safety-sensitive programs, while ignoring the Nation's growing airport capital development needs. Additionally, the bill repeals a National Mediation Board (NMB) rule, finalized last year, which guarantees fair elections among workers when those workers are choosing whether or not to unionize. Under the current rule (which the bill would repeal), when determining whether a majority of workers want to join a union, the NMB must count only the ballots of workers who voted in the representation election, and will no longer count non-votes as votes against unionization.

## Postponed Suspension Vote (1 Bill):

**[H.R. 872](#)** - Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011 (Rep. Gibbs - Transportation and Infrastructure/Agriculture)

### **Bill Text for H.R. 658:**

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### **Background for H.R. 658:**

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## The Daily Quote

“The proposal outlined Wednesday [by House GOP Leaders] would be an unusual and likely unconstitutional move. Under the bill, the \$61 billion budget that passed the House last month and subsequently went nowhere would go into effect if the Senate does not approve a budget by April 6.... The proposal is meant to put pressure on the Senate to give Congress some kind of spending plan to work with so that the government does not arrive empty-handed on its April 8 deadline without a budget, forcing lights out. But the proposal raises all manner of constitutional and practical questions. First, it would effectively deem a prior bill passed, even though it did not clear the Senate or win the president's signature. Second, it's unclear why or whether Republicans think the Senate and president would accept the so-called 'Government Shutdown Prevention Act' when they didn't approve the initial House plan.”

- Fox News, 3/30/11