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WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006

| House Meets At... | Last Vote Predicted At... |
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| 10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business 10:40 a.m.: Joint Meeting to receive The Honorable Ehud Olmert Ten "One Minutes" Per Side at approximately 12:00 p.m. | 9:30 -10:30 p.m. |

**** MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE COSTELLO DISCHARGE PETITION (#13)** to force consideration of [H.R. 4755](#) to protect collective bargaining rights. As negotiations between FAA and the air traffic controllers have reached an impasse, [H.R. 4755](#) would provide for: 1) Mediation through the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS); 2) Congressional Action if an agreement cannot be reached through FMCS; and 3) Binding Arbitration if Congress does not pass a bill within 60 days. [101 Members have signed on.](#)

(144th Calendar Day of the Year – 37th Voting Day of the Year – 56 Voting Days until Target Adjournment)

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Today, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. and recess immediately. The House will then reconvene at approximately 10:40 a.m. in a Joint Meeting with the Senate to receive the Honorable Ehud Olmert, Prime Minister of the State of Israel.

Suspensions (1 bill):

- 1) [H.R. 5403](#) - To improve protections for children and to hold States accountable for the safe and timely placement of children across State lines, and for other purposes (*Rep. DeLay - Ways and Means*)

Postponed Vote on the Previous Question on the Rule for Consideration of [H.R. 5427 – Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY07 \(Rules\)](#). Last night, the House completed debate on the Energy and Water Appropriations Rule. The Rules Committee recommended an open Rule that provides one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Under the rule, amendments that do not require waivers of points of order will be considered under the five-minute rule.

Democrats are urged to oppose the Previous Question on the Rule in order to allow consideration of an amendment by Rep. Visclosky. The Visclosky amendment would provide \$750 million in new investments in alternative energy, innovation and energy efficiency and \$250 million to improve flood control efforts. This amendment is fully paid for by reducing by 2.4% the tax cut for Americans earning more than \$1 million per year. **VOTE NO on the Previous Question.**

[H.R. 5427 – Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY07 \(Rep. Hobson – Appropriations\) \(Subject to a Rule\)](#). This bill provides \$30.5 billion for FY07 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Interior, the Department of Energy, and several Independent Agencies. Funding in this bill includes: \$24.37 billion for the Department of Energy (\$5.55 billion for Defense Environmental Management; \$9.2 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration; and \$2.02 billion for energy supply and conservation); \$4.98 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers; \$901 million for the Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation; and \$228 million for several Independent Agencies. This bill includes \$545 million for the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository as requested by the Administration.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business and will consider [H.R. 5441 – Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for FY07](#) and may consider [H.R. 5429 – The American-Made Energy and Good Jobs Act \(Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Bill\)](#).

Daily Quote...

"House Republicans have passed a punitive [immigration] bill that would subject all undocumented workers to felony charges and deportation. It's wrongheaded, mean-spirited legislation."

- From a *Cincinnati Enquirer* editorial yesterday