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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
9:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Suspensions (5 bills):

- 1) **H.Res. 207** - Recognizing the 100th anniversary of FarmHouse Fraternity, Inc (*Rep. Hulshof - Education and the Workforce*)
- 2) **H.Res. 256** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in remembrance of the brave servicemen who perished in the disastrous April 24, 1980, rescue attempt of the American hostages in Iran (*Rep. Saxton - Armed Services*)
- 3) **H.J.Res. 52** - Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 (*Rep. Lantos - Ways & Means*)
- 4) **H.Con.Res. 160** - Recognizing the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day, and expressing the sense of Congress that history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future (*Rep. Davis {IL} - Government Reform*)
- 5) **H.Con.Res. 180** – To support initiatives developed by the Firefighter Life Safety Summit and the mission of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the United States Fire Administration to reduce firefighter fatalities and injuries, to encourage implementation of the new "Everyone Goes Home" campaign to make firefighter safety a national priority, and to support the goals of the national "stand down" called by fire organizations (*Rep. Hoyer – Science*)

H.Res. 330 - Rule providing for consideration of H.J.Res. 10 - Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (*Rep. Gingrey - Rules*). The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule that provides 2 hours of general debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute to be offered by Rep. Watt:

- **Watt Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute (60 minutes).** To require that any statute enacted by Congress pursuant to the proposed Constitutional amendment must be consistent with the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

H.R. 2475 - Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (*Rep. Hoekstra - Intelligence*) (Subject to a Rule). This bill authorizes classified amounts in FY06 for fifteen intelligence agencies including the CIA and the National Security Agency (NSA), and foreign intelligence activities of the Defense Department, FBI, State Department, Homeland Security Department and other agencies.

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Intelligence would be allowed to transfer individuals from intelligence agencies to the new National Intelligence Center. In addition, the Rule makes in order an amendment by Rep. Maloney:

- **Maloney Amendment (30 minutes)**. To require the President, if the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) is not fully operational by June 17, 2005, to provide Congress written justification as to why the Center is not fully operational. Justification would be required to be updated every thirty days until the NCTC is fully implemented and operational.

Unfortunately, the Rule does not make in order an important amendment by Rep. Waxman to create an independent commission to investigate reports of detainee abuse. Therefore, **Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the Previous Question on the Rule in order to allow consideration of this important amendment.**

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider: **H.J.Res. 10** - Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (*Rep. Cunningham - Judiciary*); and will also consider **H.R. 2985** - Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY06 (*Rep. Taylor {NC} - Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

Daily Quote...

"The FBI is reportedly investigating [Republican Rep. Duke Cunningham's] house sale. Good thing, because there is no longer a functional House Ethics Committee to look into such matters. Republicans, vexed by reprimands of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas), gutted the committee's membership and weakened its rules."

- The *Los Angeles Times*, in an editorial today