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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"	9:00 - 10:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Suspensions (1 bill):

1) **S. 714** – Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2005 (*Sen. Smith – Energy & Commerce*)

H.Res. 341 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3057 - Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for FY06 (Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart / Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Amendments that do not require waivers of points of order will be considered under the five-minute rule. Unfortunately, the Rule does not make in order an important amendment by Rep. Edwards. The Edwards amendment would provide \$1 billion to correct the current shortfall in funding for the health care needs of veterans. Therefore, **Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the Previous Question on the Rule** in order to allow for consideration of this important amendment.

H.Res. 342 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3058 - Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, Judiciary, District of Columbia Appropriations Act for FY06 (Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart / Rules Committee). The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Amendments that do not require waivers of points of order will be considered under the five-minute rule. Unfortunately, the Rule does not make in order an important amendment by Rep. Olver to add an additional \$2.092 billion to the bill. The Olver amendment would add: \$657 million for Amtrak, \$180 million for IRS Tax Enforcement, \$143 million for the HOPE VI for distressed public housing, \$250 million for Community Development Block Grants, \$62 million for Youthbuild, and \$800 million for the Help America Vote Act. These new funds would be offset by reducing from \$140,000 to \$131,000 the tax break for individuals making more than one million dollars.

Votes on the Previous Question and on the Rule are expected. The Vote on the Previous Question is a vote on the issue of Members' Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). **Members who OPPOSE receiving a Cost of Living Adjustment should VOTE NO on the Previous Question, and Members who SUPPORT receiving a Cost of Living Adjustment should VOTE YES on the Previous Question.**

H.R. 3057 – Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for FY06 (Rep. Kolbe – Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule). This bill provides \$20.27 billion including: \$4.7 billion for military assistance (\$2.3 billion for Israel, \$1.3 billion for Egypt, and \$456 million for Jordan); \$1.55 billion for multilateral economic assistance (\$951 million for the World Bank, \$115 million for the Asian Development Bank, \$329 million for International Organizations); \$14.07 billion for bilateral economic assistance (\$2.55 billion for the Economic Support Fund, \$3.37 billion for the Development Assistance Fund, \$1.49 for the Child Survival Fund, \$1.75 billion for the Millennium Challenge Corporation, \$734 million for the Andean Counterdrug Initiative; and \$790 million for

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Migration and Refugee Assistance). This bill provides a total of \$2.7 billion for global assistance to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

Postponed Suspension Votes (1 bill):

1) **H.R. 458** – Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act (*Rep. Davis {KY} – Financial Services*)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

Members are urged to attend the Democratic Caucus meeting at 345 Cannon and arrive promptly at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the Republican Social Security proposal.

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 complete consideration of **H.R. 3057** – Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for FY06 (*Rep. Kolbe – Appropriations*); and may also consider **H.R. 3058** – Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, Judiciary, District of Columbia Appropriations Act for FY06 (*Rep. Knollenberg – Appropriations*).

Daily Quote...

"Unfortunately, however, there are many [Veterans Administration] facilities that currently do not have the picture [of VA Secretary Jim Nicholson] displayed. . . . Dr. Perlin and I cannot stress the importance of this enough. We are asking that you give this your highest priority. We will continue to ask for daily updates on the status until we are assured that all of our facilities have a current picture displayed."

- VA Deputy Undersecretary Laura Miller, in a conference call among senior officials at the Veterans Health Administration, as quoted in Al Kamen's column in *The Washington Post* on Monday. Dr. Jonathan Perlin, the VA's undersecretary for health, revealed last week that there is a \$1 billion shortfall for health care funding for our nation's veterans.