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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	9:00 – 10:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Suspensions (1 bill):

1) **H.R. 3021 - TANF Extension Act of 2005** (*Rep. Herger - Ways and Means*). This is a 3-month extension --- until September 30th.

H.R. 3058 – Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, Judiciary, District of Columbia Appropriations Act for FY06 (*Rep. Knollenberg – Appropriations*) (*Open Rule*). This bill provides \$134.9 billion: \$62.75 billion including trust fund resources (\$14.29 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration, \$37.02 billion for the Federal Highway Administration, \$8.48 billion for the Federal Transit Administration, and \$732 million for the Federal Railroad Administration); \$11.55 billion for the Treasury Department (\$10.54 billion for the Internal Revenue Service); \$33.84 billion for Housing and Urban Development (\$15.53 billion for tenant-based rental assistance, \$5.08 billion for project-based rental assistance, \$4.15 billion for Community Development Block Grants); \$5.76 billion for the Judiciary (\$5.5 billion for the Courts of Appeals and District Courts, \$66.4 million for the Supreme Court, and \$379 million for court security); \$603 million for the District of Columbia (\$33 million for resident tuition support, \$221 million for DC courts, \$203 million for Court Services); \$753 million for the Executive Office of the President (\$53 million for the White House salaries and expenses, \$76.9 million for the Office of Management and Budget, \$56.9 million for the Office of National Drug Control Policy); 15.9 million for the Election Assistance Commission; \$54.7 million for the Federal Election Commission; and \$178 million for the U.S. Postal Service. This bill also provides federal civilian employees with a 3.1% pay increase.

This bill includes only \$550 million for Amtrak (less than half the current level) and prohibits federal funding for 18 Amtrak routes that operate at subsidy levels of greater than \$30 per passenger, and fails to provide any funds for HOPE VI, Empowerment Zones, and Brownfields.

Under the Rule adopted yesterday, germane amendments that do not require waivers of points of order will be considered under the five-minute rule.

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. The House is expected to complete consideration of **H.R. 3058 – Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, Judiciary, District of Columbia Appropriations Act for FY06** (*Rep. Knollenberg – Appropriations*).

Daily Quote...

"Judging from his speech to the nation Tuesday night, Bush still believes he has a marketing problem. He believes that he can reverse the American public's growing disenchantment with his policies in Iraq by offering a more forceful and persistent defense of an unchanging approach. That betrays a fundamental misreading of what's happening in the American heartland. It also threatens the ultimate success of an already difficult effort in Iraq."

- *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, in an editorial today

"Americans disapprove of the way President Bush is handling Social Security by a ratio of more than 2-to-1, a new low for the White House on its top domestic policy issue, according to the latest USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll. The poll, taken over the weekend, showed a steady erosion in the president's handling of Social Security since early February, when 43% approved. Now, 31% approve and 64% disapprove, the first time disapproval has risen above 60%."

- A story in *USA Today* this morning