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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" Per Side	5:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.Res. 706 - Rule Providing for consideration of H.R. 3598 - Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2003 (Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart / Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule that provides one hour of general debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule makes in order four amendments:

- **Jackson Lee Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would prevent the use of appropriated funds for general re-competition of Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) centers.
- **Larson Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would: re-orient the current Technology Administration (TA), the Undersecretary of Technology, and Office of Technology Policy (OTP) towards manufacturing and competitiveness issues; rename and refocus TA by establishing a Manufacturing Administration, and Undersecretary of Manufacturing, and an Office of Industry Analysis; and coordinate with States, local governments, universities, on manufacturing and technology activities. NIST and the National Technical Information Service would remain a part of the Manufacturing Administration.
- **Peterson, John (PA) Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would clarify requirements to ensure that MEP centers submit audited, annual budgets and provide financial disclosure documents consistent with OMB requirements.
- **Gordon Amendment (20 minutes).** This amendment would authorize \$117 million for the MEP and 10% yearly increases for FY06-08 and would allow the federal cost-share for MEP Centers in the FY05-08 to increase up to one-half on a case-by-case basis.

H.Res. 707 - Rule Providing for consideration of H.R. 4755 - Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Linder / Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule that provides for one hour of general debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule makes in order two amendments:

- **Holt Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would add \$30 million to the salaries and expense account of the General Accounting Office (GAO) to establish within GAO a Center for Science and Technology Assessment. This amendment offsets this increase by reducing \$15 million from the general administration account from the Architect of the Capitol and reducing \$15 million from the congressional printing and binding account of the Government Printing Office.
- **Hefley Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would provide that each amount appropriated or otherwise made available in the Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law be reduced by 1%.

Postponed Suspension Votes (1 bill):

1) H.R. 3980 - National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004 (Reps. Neugebauer / Moore - Science)

H.R. 4754 - Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Wolf - Appropriations) (Open Rule - Complete Consideration). This bill appropriates \$39.8 billion for FY05. Funding in this bill includes: \$20.6 billion for the Department of Justice; \$5.8 billion for the Department of Commerce; \$5.2 billion for the Federal Judiciary; \$8.9 billion for the State Department and Related Agencies; \$280 million for the Federal Communications Commission; \$203 million for the Federal Trade Commission; and \$672 million for the Small Business Administration. This bill includes provisions adopted in Committee that would: prohibit funds in the bill to be used to support or justify the use of torture (Obey Amendment); require an Inspector General report on the Department of Justice's internal documents related to U.S. obligations under the Geneva Convention and related international agreements (Hinchey Amendment); and limit the disclosure of criminal gun trace information from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (Tiaht Amendment).

Yesterday, the House completed general debate on this bill and debated and voted on several amendments. Today, the House will consider the rest of the amendments made in order by the unanimous consent agreement adopted yesterday:

- **Otter Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would limit "sneak and peek" search warrants by narrowing the circumstances under which notice of the execution of the warrant is delayed to circumstances where the court finds reasonable cause to believe that providing immediate notification of the warrant "will endanger the life or physical safety of an individual, result in flight from prosecution, or result in the destruction of or tampering with the evidence sought under the warrant." The amendment authorizes unlimited additional 7-day delays if the



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court finds that notice of the warrant would continue to endanger the life or physical safety of an individual, result in flight from prosecution, or result in the destruction of, or tampering with the evidence sought under the warrant.

- **Akin Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would prohibit funds in the bill to be used for HIV/AIDS programs that do not explicitly oppose legalizing sex trafficking and prostitution.
- **Sanders Amendment (40 minutes).** This amendment would prohibit funds in the bill from being used under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to acquire library circulation records, library patron lists, library Internet records, bookseller sales records, or bookseller customer lists.
- **Baca Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment provides for fines up to \$5,000 and imprisonment of up to 90 days for anyone who sells or rents, or attempts to sell or rent, video games to minors that depict nudity, sexual conduct, graphic violence, or other content that is "harmful to minors," as defined in the amendment.
- **Hefley Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would cut the total appropriations in the bill by 1%. Under the amendment, it would be left up to the administration to determine which accounts are cut to achieve this overall reduction.
- **Hefley Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would cut discretionary appropriations in the bill by 1%.
- **Hefley Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would reduce funding for the U.S. Court of Federal Claims by 50%.
- **Wiener Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would direct that none of the funds in the bill may be used in contravention of provisions in Foreign Relations Authorization Act that direct the State Department to allow U.S. citizens born in Jerusalem to record their birthplace as Israel.
- **Inslee Amendment (10 minutes).** Regarding detention of individuals by the Department of Justice.
- **King Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would provide \$1 million for the enforcement of provisions of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act regarding receiving and providing information to the federal government on the immigration status of an individual. The amendment offsets the amount by reducing the amount for salaries and expenses for legal activities in the Justice Department by \$1 million.
- **Sherman Amendment (20 minutes).** This amendment would prohibit funds in the bill from being used to hold or defend the detention of anyone who is apprehended on U.S. soil and held or detained for more than 30 days.
- **Smith (MI) Amendment (20 minutes).** Regarding NIST and contributions of international organizations.
- **Sherman/Otter/Guteirrez Amendment (20 minutes).** This amendment would prohibit funds in the bill to implement, litigate or defend the legality of, or enforce the "preemption" regulations recently issued by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency relating to the types of state laws that are preempted with respect to national banks' lending, deposit-taking and other operations.

H.R. 4755 - Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Kingston - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule). This bill provides \$2.75 billion in new appropriations for the legislative branch in FY05. This bill includes \$1.04 billion for the operation of the U.S. House of Representatives; \$232 million for the Capitol Police; \$272 million for the Architect of the Capitol; \$35 million for the Congressional Budget Office; \$543 for the Library of Congress; \$474 million for the General Accounting Office; and \$121 million for the Government Printing Office.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Friday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider: **H.R. 3598** - Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2003 (*Rep. Ehlers / Science*); and **H.R. 2828** - Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act (Subject to a Rule) (*Rep. Calvert -Resources / Transportation and Infrastructure*)

Daily Quote...

"What's disturbing about the [Medicare prescription drug] bill's passage is a new report by the Department of Health and Human Services that confirms a persistent rumor: Some Medicare officials consciously decided not to tell Congress the true cost of the drug benefit.... It took some pre-dawn arm twisting to get Congress to pass a bill members thought would cost \$400 billion. Would an explanation that it could be 50 percent more expensive have wrecked the bill's chances? Who knows? What is clear is that a win-at-all-costs strategy is not acceptable. Congress and the people who elected them deserve to know how much a given program will cost. True democracy depends upon it."

- *New Orleans Times-Picayune* Editorial today