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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" Per Side	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.R. 3070 – National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005 (Rep. Calvert – Science) (Subject to a Rule). This bill authorizes \$33.4 billion in fiscal years 2006 and 2007 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The bill includes the following authorization levels: \$16.5 billion — the same amount provided in the House-passed appropriations measure — for NASA in FY 2006 (\$6.9 billion for science, aeronautics and education activities in FY06; \$150 million for the Hubble Space Telescope in FY06; \$6.4 billion for space operations, including construction activities, and \$3 billion for space exploration activities in FY06) and \$17 billion for NASA in FY07 (\$7.3 billion for science, aeronautics, and education; \$6 billion for space operations; and \$3.6 billion for exploration systems). This bill sets standards to encourage NASA to send Americans to the moon again by 2020, follows the President's views on human space travel to Mars, and does not set a specific date for the retirement of the space shuttle. HR3070 directs NASA to devise a plan to send a crew to repair the Hubble Telescope after completion of the currently planned space shuttle mission; requires NASA's administrator to develop a policy for science programs through 2016; and requires NASA to develop long-term management plans for its facilities and personnel. This bill was unanimously reported out of Science Committee last Thursday.

The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule that provides one hour of general debate, provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions, and makes in order 6 amendments. All but 2 of these amendments are debatable for 10 minutes:

- **Boehlert Manager's Amendment (20 minutes).** The amendment makes a number of technical and clarifying changes to the bill. The amendment also makes the following changes: increases the amount of funding authorized to be appropriated for NASA to support the President's budget request for exploration for FY06 and FY07; expresses the sense of Congress that NASA should return the Space Shuttle to flight as soon as the Administrator determines that it can be accomplished with an acceptable level of safety; allows the Administrator to complete the International Space Station in such a configuration as to support fewer than six persons, but only after transmitting a report to the Congress explaining why a six-person requirement should not be met; requires NASA to report information to Congress regarding minority participation in NASA's education programs; authorizes NASA to provide grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with museums and planetariums to allow them to enhance their programs related to space and science; and raises the threshold for major programs that require additional reporting to Congress to \$150 million from \$100 million.
- **Velazquez Amendment.** To require the NASA Administrator to submit a quarterly report on the NASA Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization including a description of the outreach activities of the Office and the impact of such activities on the participation of small businesses, including small businesses owned by women and minorities in NASA contracts.



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- **Jackson-Lee Amendment.** To restore funding for Historically Black Colleges and universities under NASA's education programs to the FY04 funding level of \$69.2 million for FY06 and \$71.2 million for FY07. It also restores funding for Hispanic Serving Institutions under NASA's education programs in the amount of \$46.4 million for FY06 and \$47.4 million for FY07.
- **Velazquez Amendment.** To establish a 4-year pilot grant program allowing NASA to expand advanced research opportunities through minority-serving institutions.
- **Costello Amendment (20 minutes).** To amend Section 705 of the bill -- Limitations on off-shore performance of contracts for the procurement of goods and services. The amendment would allow NASA contractors to perform work outside the United States only if it is necessary to fulfill international trade agreements related to the International Space Station.
- **Jackson-Lee Amendment.** To require the NASA Administrator to transmit to the House Committee on Science and the Senate Committee on Commerce, a plan describing steps NASA will take to protect employees who raise or have raised concerns about a potentially catastrophic risk to health or safety.

Daily Quote...

"Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor warned [in Spokane] Thursday... 'In all of the years of my life, I don't think I have ever seen relations as strained as they are now between the judiciary and some members of Congress. It makes me very sad to see it.'... In March, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Tex.) condemned what he called an 'arrogant, out-of-control, unaccountable judiciary.' He also said 'the time will come' for federal judges 'to answer for their behavior' in refusing to restore a feeding tube for Terri Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged Florida woman who subsequently died."

- From a news report in the *Washington Post* today