

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" per side	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

H.Res. 129 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4 – Small Business Paperwork Elimination Act (Rep. Lungren – Ways and Means) (One Hour of Debate) The Rules Committee has recommended another closed Rule, allowing for no amendments to the legislation. The Rule provides for 2 ½ hours of debate, equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Ways and Means committee. H.Res. 129 allows one motion to recommit, with instructions. H.Res. 129 also would substitute the text of H.R. 705 into H.R. 4, upon adoption of the resolution. H.R. 705 is a similar bill on which the Ways and Means committee took action.

The Rules committee did not allow an amendment, offered by Mr. Crowley, which would have restricted the offset in the bill from taking effect if it raised taxes on individuals below 500 percent of the federal poverty line.

H.Res. 128 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 662 – Surface Transportation Extension Act (Rep. Mica – Transportation and Infrastructure) (One Hour of Debate) Making it three closed rules in one week, the Rules Committee has recommended a modified closed Rule, allowing for one amendment to the legislation, offered by the Chairman of the Committee. The Rule provides for one hour of debate, equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure committee. H.Res. 128 allows one motion to recommit, with instructions.

The Rules committee only made one amendment in order, offered by the majority side, despite having other amendments offered at the Rules committee. The Rule provides for 10 minutes of debate on the Mica amendment, which would make technical corrections to the bill. It did not allow for an amendment, offered by Ms. Holmes Norton, which would have allowed the District of Columbia to spend its local funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.

H.R. 662 – Surface Transportation Extension Act (Rep. Mica – Transportation and Infrastructure) H.R. 662 continues the reauthorization of road safety and mass transit programs through the end of this fiscal year. The last extension of these programs was contained in the previous Continuing Resolution, enacted into law in December 2010, which expires on March 4th. It would reauthorize these programs at the same funding level under which they are now currently operating.

- **Mica Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would make technical corrections to the legislation, correcting certain drafting errors.

Bill Text for H.R. 662 :[PDF Version](#)**Background for H.R. 662 :**[House Report PDF Version](#)[CRS Report](#) – Surface Transportation Program Reauthorization Issues for the 112th Congress

The Daily Quote

"We're going to be doing a lot of deficit cutting over the next several years. The country's future greatness will be shaped by whether we cut wisely or stupidly.... In Washington, the Republicans who designed the cuts for this fiscal year seemed to have done no serious policy evaluation.... This period of austerity will be a blessing if it spurs an effectiveness revolution. It will be a disaster if the cutting is done politically or mindlessly. Unfortunately, that's often how it is being done now."

- David Brooks, The New York Times, 2/28/2011