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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006**

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
<b>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b> <b>10:40 a.m.: Joint Meeting to receive Her Excellency Vaira Vike-Freiberga</b>  <b>Unlimited "One Minutes"</b>	<b>7:00 - 8:00 p.m.</b>

*(158<sup>th</sup> Calendar Day of the Year – 40<sup>th</sup> Voting Day of the Year – 52 Voting Days until Target Adjournment)***FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY**

Today, the House will convene at 10:00 a.m. and recess immediately. The House will then reconvene at approximately 10:40 a.m. in a Joint Meeting with the Senate to receive Her Excellency Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia.

**H.R. 5521** – **Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY07 (Rep. Lewis {CA} – Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule)**. This bill provides \$3.026 billion for FY07 (excluding Senate funds). Highlights of this bill include: \$1.14 billion for the House of Representatives; \$259 million for the Capitol Police; \$363 million for the Architect of the Capitol; \$36 million for the Congressional Budget Office; \$570 million for the Library of Congress; \$488 million for the Government Accountability Office; and \$130 million for the Government Printing Office. This bill includes language added to the bill in committee that transfers the functions of the Architect of the Capitol to the Government Accountability Office.

The Rules Committee has recommended a rule that provides one hour of general debate and makes in order seven amendments:

- **Brown-Waite (FL) Amendment.** To decrease by \$2.2 million the \$4.4 million increase in funding for the Capitol Tour Guide Service.
- **Susan Davis Amendment.** To add \$1 million to the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). The funding is offset by reducing by \$1 million the funding for the Capital Guide Service and Special Services Office.
- **McCaul Amendment.** To decrease GPO Congressional Printing and Binding funds by \$3 million, and increase the Capitol Police salaries fund by \$3 million.
- **Baird Amendment.** To provide \$2.4 million in funding for electronic mapping of the Capitol complex, including the Capitol itself, the House and Senate office buildings, tunnels, parking facilities, and other areas identified by the Capitol Police. The funds are offset from the printing and binding of Government publications by the Government Printing Office.
- **Hefley Amendment.** To cut discretionary spending in the bill by 1% across-the-board.
- **Cleaver Amendment.** To prohibit the funds authorized for Members' Representational Allowances in the bill from providing directly for any personal vehicle which is not an alternatively fueled vehicle.
- **Meehan Amendment.** To prohibit funds in the bill from being used to establish or operate a smoking area in House Office Buildings.

**Suspensions (5 bills):**

- 1) **S. 2803** - Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006 (*Sen. Enzi - Education and the Workforce*)
- 2) **H.Con.Res. 421** - Expressing the sense of Congress and support for Greater Opportunities for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (GO-STEM) programs (*Rep. Price (GA) - Education and the Workforce*)
- 3) **H.Res. 699** - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Entrepreneurship Week and encouraging the implementation of entrepreneurship education programs in elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education through the United States (*Rep. Price (NC) - Education and the Workforce*)
- 4) **H.Res. 828** - Commending the people of Mongolia, on the 800th anniversary of Mongolian statehood, for building strong, democratic institutions, and expressing the support of the House of Representatives for efforts by the United States to continue to strengthen its partnership with that country (*Rep. Pitts - International Relations*)
- 5) **H.Con.Res. 409** - Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand (*Rep. Leach - International Relations*)

**H.Res. 842** - Rule providing for consideration of **H.R. 5254** – **Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act (Rules)**. Yesterday, the House completed debate on the closed rule recommended by the Rules Committee. Today, Democrats are urged to oppose the previous question in order to allow consideration of an important amendment by Reps. Boucher and Dingell. The Boucher-



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Dingell amendment would establish a Strategic Refinery Reserve (SRR) patterned after the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR), to provide emergency refinery capacity when disasters strike. **VOTE NO on the Previous Question and VOTE NO on the closed Republican Rule.**

**[H.R. 5254](#) - Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act (Rep. Bass - Energy and Commerce) (Closed Rule).** This bill repackages provisions of [H.R. 3983](#) - Gasoline for America's Security Act which was unanimously opposed by Democrats last October (212-210), and suggests that a solution to high gas prices is federal preemption of State and local government siting authority, even though there is no evidence that local siting decisions have kept refineries from being built. [H.R. 5254](#) calls for the potential siting of a refinery on a closed military base, giving the land away to oil companies at no cost and preempting the local redevelopment plan for that base. Finally, the bill repeals provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 that gave States the option to ask for federal assistance to coordinate the siting of a refinery and replaces them with provisions that require State and local governments to comply with a new Federal schedule for approving permits to site, construct, or expand a refinery. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, this bill was considered by the House under Suspension of the Rules and failed on a 237-188 vote (185 Democrats voted No).

#### Postponed Suspension Votes (2 bills):

- 1) [S. 193](#) – Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005 (Sen. Brownback – Energy and Commerce)
- 2) [H.R. 5449](#) – To amend title 49, United States Code, to modify bargaining requirements for proposed changes to the personnel management system of the Federal Aviation Administration (Rep. LaTourette – Transportation and Infrastructure)

#### TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. and will consider [H.R.5522](#) – **Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for FY07** (Rep. Kolbe – Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule); and may begin consideration of [H.R. 5252](#) - **Communications Opportunity, Promotion, and Enhancement Act of 2006** (Subject to a Rule) (Rep. Barton - Energy and Commerce).

#### Daily Quote...

"The former No. 2 House leader [Tom DeLay] criticized his Republican colleagues for 'panic, depression and woe-is-me-ism,' and predicted they will lose control in November 'if they continue the attitude they have right now.'"

- From a story in *USA Today* this morning