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

***** PROCEDURAL VOTES ARE POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO PROTEST THE GOP'S ABUSE OF POWER DURING YESTERDAY'S VOTE ON REP. SANDERS' AMENDMENT.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.Res. 711 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2828 – Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act (*Rep Hastings (WA)/Rules*). The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule that provides for one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule makes in order one manager's amendment:

- **Calvert/Pombo Manager's Amendment (20 minutes).** This amendment modifies how ecosystem restoration plans are implemented; requires more Congressional oversight of Calfed projects prior to federal expenditure; makes several technical changes requested by the Administration; and addresses some concerns regarding the Environmental Water Account.

H.R. 3598 - Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2003 (*Rep. Ehlers / Science*) (*Structured Rule*). This bill reauthorizes the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program --- for \$110 million in FY05, \$115 million in FY06, \$120 million in FY07, and \$125 million in FY08 --- and establishes within the MEP program a manufacturing extension center competitive grant program to develop projects to solve new or emerging manufacturing problems. This bill also directs the President to establish: (1) an Interagency Committee (IC) to plan and coordinate Federal efforts in manufacturing research and development; and (2) an Advisory Committee to provide advice and information to the IC from the non-Federal manufacturing research and development community. H.R. 3598 also authorizes \$425.6 million for scientific and technical research and services laboratory activities of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. This bill was reported out of committee on a largely party-line vote with all but one Democrat voting against the bill.

Under the Rule adopted yesterday, the following four amendments are in order:

- **Jackson Lee Amendment (10 minutes).** This amendment would prevent the use of appropriated funds for general re-competition of Manufacturing Extension Partnership 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.

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- **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.R. 2828 - Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act (Subject to a Rule) (Rep. Calvert -Resources / Transportation and Infrastructure). This bill authorizes federal participation in the California Bay-Delta Program (CALFED). This bill authorizes \$389 million from FY05-08 for six federal agencies to conduct water projects and activities, in cooperation with California state agencies and local users. CALFED was authorized to receive federal funding from FY98 to FY00. No federal funding has been appropriated for the CALFED Program Account in the last four years, but funds have been made available for projects that support the goals of CALFED. H.R. 2828 also authorizes a general framework for the 2000 Record of Decision; designates the Interior Department as the agency responsible for coordinating federal efforts on water projects throughout California; directs the Interior Secretary to establish a centralized office in California to provide coordinated oversight and regulatory services regarding permits, licenses and other agency approvals for water management projects; and conducts studies into rural water supply and feasibility of reclaiming the high-saline Salton Sea. Under H.R. 2828, projects found by the Interior Secretary to be feasible automatically become authorized unless disapproved by Congress within 120 legislative days.

Daily Quote...

"You win some, and some get stolen."

- Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter (R-ID), in the *Los Angeles Times* today, regarding the House Republican leadership's decision to hold a 15-minute vote open for 38 minutes yesterday so that it could urge Republicans voting for an Amendment on the Patriot Act to switch their votes.