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House Meets At	Last Vote Predicted At
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business 10:00 a.m.: Indian Prime Minister's Address	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Unlimited "One Minutes"	

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

The House will convene at 9:00 a.m. The House Floor will be cleared immediately thereafter, in order to prepare the House Chamber for the Indian Prime Minister's address. The House will reconvene at 10:00 a.m., in Joint Meeting with the Senate, to receive Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India. Members are encouraged to be on the Floor by 9:45 a.m.

Postponed Suspension Vote (1 bill):

1) H.Res. 326 – Calling for free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan (Rep. Gallegly – International Relations)

H.R. 2601 - Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 (Rep. Smith (NJ) - International Relations) (Subject to a Rule). This bill authorizes \$10.8 billion in 2006 and \$10 billion in 2007 for the Department of State, international broadcasting activities, international assistance programs, and related agencies. The bill includes the following authorization levels: \$3.77 billion for FY06 and \$3.89 billion for FY07 for Diplomatic and Consular programs; \$1.52 billion for FY06 and \$1.55 billion for FY07 Embassy Security, Construction and Maintenance, and \$689 million in FY06 and \$710 million in FY07 for worldwide security upgrades; \$1.3 billion in FY06 and FY07 for contributions to international organizations; \$955 million in FY06 and \$984 million in FY07 for migration and refugee assistance; \$661 million in FY06 for international broadcasting activities; and \$1.3 billion in FY06 and \$1.2 billion in FY07 for military assistance to Egypt (the bill redirects \$40 million per year, for 3 years, from U.S. military assistance to Egypt and channels these funds to maintain Egypt's economic assistance at the FY05 level). This bill also includes provisions: to deal with nuclear black markets; to create a more formal structure at the Department of State for the promotion of democracy; and to provide the State Department with tools to confront the spread of ballistic missiles. This bill was reported out of the International Relations Committee on May 26, 2005 by a unanimous vote (44-0).

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. In addition, the rule makes in order thirty-eight amendments. All but five of these amendments are debatable for 10 minutes:

- ➤ **Hyde/Lantos Managers Amendment**. Regarding technical revisions and minor, non-controversial changes and amendments.
- Hyde Amendment (20 minutes). To add the text of H.R. 2745 UN Reform Act of 2005 to the underlying bill. H.R. 2745 was adopted by the House on June 17th, 176 Democrats opposed this bill.
- > Dreier Amendment. Regarding the establishment of an Active Response Corps.
- **Poe Amendment.** Regarding emergency aid to the internally displaced people of Burma.
- **Poe Amendment.** Regarding new entrants to the Foreign Service.
- ➤ Issa Amendment. To strike the provisions currently in the underlying bill that would transfer funds from the existing US foreign military financing program for Egypt and place it in the economic support fund.
- **Burton Amendment.** Regarding the transfer of two marine patrol aircraft to the Colombian Navv.
- > Kennedy (MN)/Hooley/Osborne/Souder Amendment. To require the State Department to annually certify that the 5 biggest exporters and the 5 biggest importers of certain methamphetamine precursors are "fully cooperating" with US law enforcement to prevent diversion of these chemicals for illicit purposes. If not so certified, these countries would be subject to foreign aid eligibility provisions already in law (the Foreign Assistance Act).
- ➤ Hooley/Souder/Baird Amendment. To direct the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) to make a priority of stemming the influx of methamphetamine from Mexico into the U.S.
- ➤ **Souder Amendment.** Regarding a report on extradition requests for Afghans who have committed violations of narcotics laws in the United States.
- ➤ **Souder Amendment.** Regarding authorization to the State Department to acquire a maritime refueling support vessel capable of refueling U.S. and allied vessels engaged in drug interdiction in the Eastern Pacific transit zone.

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- > Smith (NJ) Amendment. Expands activities to treat women suffering from obstetric fistula to include increased access to emergency obstetrical care. Expands activities for the prevention of fistula from providing access to contraceptive services to providing access to family planning services.
- ➤ Hyde/Lantos/Hunter/Manzullo Amendment. Regarding measures to deter arms transfers by foreign countries to the People's Republic of China.
- ➤ Ackerman/King (NY) Amendment. Regarding funds to localities for services provided for the protection of foreign missions and officials. And to authorize the State Department to pay \$19.58 million in "back payments" to NYC for expenses incurred since 2002.
- ➤ Blunt Amendment (30 minutes). To declare that it is U.S. policy to use the voice, vote, and influence of the U.S. to oppose the creation of any international or global taxation by the UN or its affiliated agencies. And to declare that no US person shall be subject to an international tax if it is levied.
- ➤ Bordallo/Faleomavaega Amendment. Regarding equal treatment of employees of the State Department who are residents of the territories of the US in the personnel policies of the Department.
- ➤ **Burton Amendment.** Regarding an analysis on how to best use American security assistance dollars to thwart alien smuggling, and possible terrorists entering from Ecuador.
- Crowley Amendment. To express concern about language in the declaration of the Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization calling for the anti-terrorist coalition to set a deadline for the temporary use of the infrastructure facilities of the SCO Member States and for their military presence in these countries and to call on the President, and the Secretaries of State and Defense to open a dialogue with the SCO concerning the importance of the use of bases in the SCO Member States and report to Congress on the outcome of such dialogue.
- ➤ Fossella Amendment. To withhold funding to the UN for any of its agencies or committees headed by nations on the State Department's terrorist watch list.
- ➤ Issa Amendment (30 minutes). To require the Secretary of State to submit a report that describes the weakness of identification documents, including birth certificates, required for the issuance of passports. To establish a requirement that all passport acceptance agents undergo background investigations and a comprehensive training program to improve document fraud detection efforts.
- ➤ **King (IA) Amendment**. Regarding a report to Congress on each of the nongovernmental organizations that receive funding under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.
- > King (IA) Amendment. To insert the text of H. Con.Res. 144, condemning the attacks on U.S. citizens by Palestinian terrorists.
- **Kucinich Amendment.** To require the President to direct US representatives to the United Nations to commence negotiations for an international treaty banning space-based weapons.
- ➤ Lantos Amendment. Regarding a strategy to counter widespread perceptions among foreign students that the US is no longer a welcoming place for them.
- > Mack Amendment. Regarding radio and television broadcasts to Venezuela.
- Rogers (MI) Amendment. Regarding the withdrawal of water from the Great Lakes.
- Fancredo Amendment. To express the sense of Congress that recent comments made by Chinese Major General Zhu Chenghu's openly advocating the use of nuclear weapons against the US damages US-China relations and violates China's commitment to resolve its differences with Taiwan peacefully. And to express further that the government of the People's Republic of China should renounce the use of force against Taiwan, disavow General Zhu's statements, and remove Zhu from his position.
- > Watson Amendment. To state that it shall be the policy of the US Government to seek the expeditious transfer of Charles Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the jurisdiction of the Special Court for Sierra Leone to undergo an open trial for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law.
- ➤ Watson Amendment. To authorize \$5 million for the State Department to improve intellectual property law and enforcement in developing countries.
- ➤ Berkley/Crowley Amendment. Regarding a declaration of policy that states that the US should promote the emergence of a democratic Palestinian government that denounces and combats terrorism; has agreed to disarm terrorists; has agreed to work to eliminate terrorist incitement; has agreed to respect the boundaries and sovereignty of its neighbors; and respects the human rights of all people. It adds a limitation of not more than 25% of the total funds available to the PA can be obligated and expended during any calendar quarter to section 932.
- ➤ **Biggert Amendment.** Regarding existing responsibilities on World Bank policy. And to clarify that the Financial Services Committee is an "appropriate committee" to receive any reports prepared Treasury Department regarding the World Bank's activities in Iran.
- **Eshoo Amendment**. To express the sense of Congress that special attention should be paid to the welfare of ChaldoAssyrians and other indigenous Christians in Iraq.
- Fossella Amendment. To authorize the US Interest Section in Havana to disseminate the names of fugitives who are enjoying safe haven in Cuba and any rewards for their capture.

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- Franks Amendment. To strike section 1019 of the bill, relating to consular and visa services in Pristina, Kosova.
- ➤ McCotter Amendment. Regarding funds to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.
- ➤ **Reyes Amendment.** To urge the President and Secretary of State to boost efforts that would aid Mexican authorities in their struggle to pinpoint the identities of yet unidentified remains of murdered young women in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.
- ➤ Rohrabacher Amendment (60 minutes). Regarding a Sense of Congress that the capture, detention and interrogation of international terrorists are essential to the successful prosecution of the Global War on Terrorism and to the defense of the US, its citizens, and coalition partners from future terrorist attacks; and that the detention and lawful, humane interrogation by the US of detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba is essential to the defense of the US and its coalition partners and to the successful prosecution of the Global War on Terrorism.
- ➤ Ros-Lehtinen Amendment (60 minutes). To make it the policy of the U.S. to pursue a transfer of responsibility for Iraqi forces only when they are ready to assume such responsibility and not to withdraw prematurely the US Armed Forces from Iraq. And to require any withdrawal to be done only with careful coordination with a decision by the elected government of Iraq which shall be reached jointly when it is clear that the aim of the establishment of a free and stable Iraq that is at peace and not a threat to its neighbors has been or is about to be achieved.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Wednesday, the House is expected to consider one bill under Suspension of the Rules. In addition, the House will complete consideration of H.R. 2601 – Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007 (Rep. Smith {NJ} – International Relations); and may consider H.R. 3070 – National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005 (Rep. Calvert – Science) (Subject to a Rule).

Daily Quote...

Bush in June 2004

Question: "do you stand by your pledge to fire anyone found to have [leaked an undercover CIA agent's name]?"

Bush: "Yes."

Bush in July 2005

Bush: "If someone committed a crime, they will no longer work in my administration."