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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" Per Side	9:00 – 10:00 p.m. ???

**** DEMOCRATS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE FROST DISCHARGE PETITION (No.9) TO DISCHARGE A BILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE DRUG PRICES UNDER MEDICARE AND WOULD REQUIRE HHS TO OFFER A NATIONWIDE PLAN UNDER MEDICARE. 98 MEMBERS HAVE SIGNED ON. CHECK THE CLERK'S WEBSITE TO SEE IF YOUR MEMBER HAS SIGNED ON:**

<http://clerk.house.gov/108/lrc/pd/petitions/Dis9.htm>

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.Res. 715 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4818 - Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for FY05. The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule with one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Under the Rule, germane amendments will be considered under the five-minute rule.

Postponed Suspension Votes (6 bills):

- 1) **H.R. 1587** - Viet Nam Human Rights Act of 2003 (*Rep. Smith {NJ} - International Relations*)
- 2) **S.Con.Res. 114** - Concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world (*Rep. McGovern - International Relations*)
- 3) **H.Con.Res. 462** - Reaffirming unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act (*Rep. Hyde - International Relations*)
- 4) **H.Res. 615** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of full membership of Israel in the Western European and Others Group (WEOG) at the United Nations (*Rep. Ros-Lehtinen / International Relations*)
- 5) **S. 2264** - Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act (*Sen. Feingold - International Relations*)
- 6) **H.Res. 713** - Deploring the misuse of the International Court of Justice by a majority of the United Nations General Assembly for a narrow political purpose, the willingness of the International Court of Justice to acquiesce in an effort likely to undermine its reputation and interfere with a resolution of the Palestinian-Israel Conflict (*Rep. Pence / International Relations*)

H.R. 4818 - Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Kolbe - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule). This bill provides \$19.4 billion in FY05 for foreign aid and export assistance. Funding in this bill includes: \$4.97 billion for military assistance (\$2.22 billion for Israel; \$1.3 billion for Egypt; \$206 million for Jordan); \$1.59 billion for multilateral economic assistance (\$957 million for the World Bank; \$112 million for the Asian Development Bank; \$323 million for International Organizations); and \$12.85 billion for bilateral economic assistance (\$2.45 billion for the Economic Support Fund; \$1.42 billion for the Development Assistance Fund; \$1.64 billion for the Child Survival Fund; \$1.25 billion for the Millennium Challenge Corporation; \$731 million for the Andean Counterdrug Initiative; and \$756 million for Migration and Refugee Assistance). This bill provides a total of \$2.19 billion for global assistance to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced that no votes are expected in the House tomorrow.

Daily Quote...

"But when it comes to the economy, no one cites brightening corporate profits or the rising stock market. They scoff at the idea that the nation has turned the corner when it comes to creating jobs. The service jobs they see available now pay less and don't provide the health benefits offered by the manufacturing jobs that built the middle class in Rust Belt states such as this one. Asked who sees the past year as a good one for the United States, no one raises a hand."

- A *USA Today* story regarding interviews with "independent-minded voters" in the battleground state of Ohio