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*21<sup>st</sup> Voting Day of the Year*

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" Per Side	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**\* MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT CLOSE VOTES ARE EXPECTED ON THE FY07 BUDGET AND THAT ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. ALL DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT. PLEASE CALL THE WHIP'S OFFICE IF A MEMBER ANTICIPATES NOT BEING IN ATTENDANCE.**

## FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

**[H.Res. 766](#)** - Rule providing for consideration of **[H.Con.Res. 376](#)** . The Rules Committee has recommended a general debate rule that provides four hours of general debate on the FY07 Budget.

**[H.Con.Res. 376](#)** – Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY07 (*Rep. Nussle – Budget*) (*Subject to a Rule*). The FY07 GOP budget continues the most fiscally irresponsible policies in the history of this nation. The Republican policies have squandered a \$5.6 trillion budget surplus, added \$3 trillion in debt, weakened the nation's ability to respond to major national and international crises and threatened our economic security.

- **Republicans will present a 5-year budget plan in an effort to mask their long-term fiscal irresponsibility.** Contrary to their tired claim of "cutting the deficit in half" within five years, the GOP budget continues large structural deficits: \$372 billion in 2006 and \$348 billion in 2007 and \$1.1 trillion over five years. The GOP continues to borrow heavily from future generations, adding \$2.3 trillion in debt over five years.
- **Republicans will freeze domestic programs now and cut them drastically in the future.** House Republicans once again advance misdirected draconian cuts to non-defense, non-homeland discretionary programs in the name of fiscal discipline. Over five years, the GOP budget cuts these programs by \$160 billion below the amount needed to maintain services at their current levels, including veterans' health care by \$6.0 billion, education by \$45.3 billion, public health by \$18.1 billion, and environmental protection by \$25.0 billion. The GOP budget includes another round of reconciliation cuts to mandatory programs, primarily in the jurisdiction of Ways and Means and Education and the Workforce Committees.
- **Republicans continue to reduce revenues and rely on gimmicks rather than real budget enforcement rules.** The GOP budget calls for an addition \$228 billion in tax cuts over five years that will costs \$1.3 trillion in the following five years. GOP leaders once again refuse to restore the common sense "pay-as-you-go" budget enforcement rules they let lapse in 2002 and instead rely on process "reforms" that will do nothing to reign in their large structural deficits and debt.

**Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the Republican Budget.**

**Cardin Motion to Instruct Conferees on [H.R. 4297](#) – Tax Reconciliation Act of 2005.** The motion instructs conferees to adopt the Senate provisions to: extend the "SAVERs credit" for contributions made by lower-income tax payers to certain retirement accounts; extend the



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research and development tax credit for businesses; and protect middle-class families from the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). The motion also instructs conferees to drop the capital gains and the dividends provisions included in the House bill and to produce a conference report that does not increase the deficit or national debt. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

**George Miller Motion to Instruct Conferees on [H.R. 2830](#) – Pension Protection Act of 2005.** The motion instructs conferees to agree to certain Senate provisions regarding conversions to cash balance plans and to reject provisions in the House bill regarding benefit accrual standards. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

### Postponed Suspension Votes (5 bills):

- 1) [H.Con.Res. 320](#) - Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, and other purposes (*Rep. Smith {NJ} - International Relations*)
- 2) [H.Res. 578](#) - Concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania (*Rep. Smith {NJ} - International Relations*)
- 3) [H.Res. 737](#) - Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, and for other purposes (*Reps. Biggert/Hinojosa - Government Reform*)
- 4) [H.Res. 556](#) - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Methamphetamine Prevention Week should be established to increase awareness of methamphetamine and to educate the public on ways to help prevent the use of that damaging narcotic (*Rep. Baird - Government Reform*)
- 5) [H.Con.Res. 366](#) - To congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 25th anniversary of the first flight of the Space Transportation System, to honor Commander John Young and the Pilot Robert Crippen, who flew Space Shuttle Columbia on April 12-14, 1981, on its first orbital test flight, and to commend the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and all those supporting America's space program for their accomplishments and their role in inspiring the American people (*Rep. Calvert - Science*)

## TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Friday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider [H.Con.Res. 376](#) – **Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY07** (*Rep. Nussle – Budget*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

### Daily Quote...

"We would have strong reservations voting for any budget that would result in real cuts in a number of programs." (Emphasis added.)

- 23 House Republican Members, in a letter to Speaker Dennis Hastert on March 15th