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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

(172nd Calendar Day of the Year – 50th Voting Day of the Year – 42 Voting Days until Target Adjournment)**FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY****Suspensions (7 bills):**

- 1) [H.R. 5060](#) - To amend the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 to require data with respect to Federal financial assistance to be available for public access in a searchable and user friendly form (*Rep. Blunt - Government Reform*)
- 2) [H.R. 5603](#) - To temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes (*Rep. Keller - Education and the Workforce*)
- 3) [H.R. 5293](#) - Senior Independence Act of 2006 (*Rep. Tiberi - Education and the Workforce*)
- 4) [H.Con.Res. 426](#) - Recognizing the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Food and Drugs Act for the important service it provides to the Nation (*Rep. Barton - Energy and Commerce*)
- 5) [H.R. 5573](#) - Health Centers Renewal Act of 2006 (*Rep. Deal - Energy and Commerce*)
- 6) [H.R. 5574](#) - Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2006 (*Rep. Deal - Energy and Commerce*)
- 7) [H.Res. 323](#) - Supporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research (*Rep. Pryce - Energy and Commerce*)

[H.Res.878](#) - Rule providing for consideration of [H.R.9](#) - Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006 (*Rules*). The Rules Committee has recommended a rule that provides 90 minutes of general debate, provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions, and makes in order two amendments which are debatable for 40 minutes each:

- **Norwood Amendment.** To repeal the current formula for Section 5 "coverage" and instead apply Section 5 to jurisdictions based on their discriminatory voting practices over the past three presidential election cycles. **Democrats are urged to VOTE NO.**
- **Westmorland Amendment.** To give the Attorney General authority to expedite the Section 5 "bailout" process. **Democrats are urged to VOTE NO.**

[H.R. 9](#) - Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006 (*Rep. Sensenbrenner - Judiciary*) (*Subject to a Rule*). This bipartisan bill reauthorizes for 25 years key provisions of the Voting Rights Act that are set to expire in 2007. The expiring provisions include: Section 5, which requires jurisdictions with a history of discrimination in voting to get federal approval of any new voting practices or procedures; Section 203, which ensures that American citizens with limited English proficiency get the help they need at the polls; and Sections 6-9, which authorize the Attorney General to appoint federal election observers where there is discrimination. The bill contains provisions to address two recent Supreme Court decisions that have eroded the Act's effectiveness. [H.R. 9](#) was negotiated, drafted, and passed Committee in a bipartisan manner (33-1). This bill has the support of the Civil Rights Community, the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES on Final Passage of [H.R. 9](#).**

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday, the House will convene at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business and will consider: [H.R. 4890](#) - Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006 (*Rep. Ryan (WI) - Budget*) (*Subject to a Rule*); and may also consider [H.R. 5638](#) - Estate Tax Bill (*Rep. Thomas (Ways and Means)*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

Daily Quote...

"Of the seven Republicans who voted to increase the minimum wage last week, five voted "no" on the amendment ... and two left the room before the vote."

- A story regarding a Democratic minimum wage amendment offered during Committee consideration of the FY07 Commerce/Justice Appropriations Bill, from yesterday's *CongressDailyPM*