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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
2:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" Per Side	???

* **THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE HOUSE WILL STAY IN SESSION AS LONG AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE REMAINING LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS, INCLUDING TOMORROW AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

The Democratic Whip's 2006 House Calendar is now available in both a full color version and a black and white version for easy printing: <http://democraticwhip.house.gov/calendar/>
The paper copy of the calendar and pocket size version will be available early next year for Democratic Members of Congress and Committees.

H.Res. 623 – Rule providing for consideration of Suspension Bills (*Rules*)

Suspensions (9 bills)

- 1) **H.R. 4519** – State High Risk Pool Funding Extension Act of 2005 (*Rep. Shadegg – Energy and Commerce*)
- 2) **H.R. 2520** – Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005 (*Rep. Smith {NJ} – Energy Commerce*)
- 3) **H.R. 4568** – To improve proficiency testing of clinical laboratories (*Rep. Deal – Energy and Commerce*)
- 4) **H.R. 3402** – Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2006 through 2009 (*Rep. Sensenbrenner – Judiciary*)
- 5) **H.R. 4579** – To amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend by one year provisions requiring parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits (*Rep. Boehner – Education and the Workforce*)
- 6) **H.R. 4525** – Second Higher Education Extension Act of 2005 (*Rep. Boehner – Education and the Workforce*)
- 7) **S. 1281** – National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005 (*Sen. Hutchison – Science*)
- 8) **S. 467** – Terrorism Risk Insurance Revision Act of 2005 (*Sen. Dodd – Financial Services*)
- 9) **H.Con.Res. ____** – A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes (*Rep. Lewis {CA} – Appropriations*)

Possible consideration of H.Res.620 – Rule providing Martial Law consideration for any rule brought today (*Rules*)

Possible consideration of H.Res. ____ - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1815 – Defense Authorization Conference Report (*Rules*)

Possible consideration of H.R. 1815 – Defense Authorization Conference Report (*Rep. Hunter – Armed Services*).

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Sunday, votes are expected in the House to complete the scheduled legislative business: **Conference Reports on: H.R. 2863 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act** (*Young {FL} – Appropriations*); **H.R. 1815 – National Defense Authorization Act for FY06** (*Rep. Hunter/Armed Services*); and **H.R. 4241 - Reconciliation Spending Cuts Act** (*Rep. Nussle – Budget*).

Daily Quote...

"[CBO Director Douglas Holtz-Eakin] has sharp words for those (spelled Republicans) who contend that more tax cuts could trigger enough economic growth to restore budget surpluses. 'Don't even think about it,' Holtz-Eakin said. 'You can't grow yourself out of this problem. It's just too big.'"

- A story in *CQToday* on Friday, regarding CBO's biannual Long Term Budget Outlook, which paints a bleak fiscal picture