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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY**Suspensions (6 bills):**

- 1) H.R. 4218** - High-Performance Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 (*Rep. Biggert - Science*)
- 2) H.R. 4516** - Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 (*Rep. Biggert - Science*)
- 3) H.R. 3890** - To reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988 (*Rep. Hart - Science*)
- 4) H.R. 3980** - National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004 (*Reps. Neugebauer / Moore - Science*)
- 5) H.R. 1856** - Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research Amendments Act of 2003 (*Rep. Ehlers - Science*)
- 6) H.Con.Res. 301** - Supporting the goals and ideals of the World Year of Physics (*Rep. Ehlers / Science*)

H.R. 4754 - Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05 (Rep. Wolf - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule).

This bill appropriates \$39.8 billion for FY05. Funding in this bill includes: \$20.6 billion for the Department of Justice (\$5.22 billion for the FBI; \$1.66 billion for the DEA; \$3 billion for assistance to state and local law enforcement; \$4.75 billion for the Federal Prison System); \$5.8 billion for the Department of Commerce (\$3.2 billion for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration; \$1.52 billion for the Patent and Trademark Office; \$774 million for the Census Bureau); \$5.2 billion for the Federal Judiciary; \$8.9 billion for the State Department and Related Agencies (\$1.5 billion for worldwide security improvements; \$4.3 billion for Diplomatic and Consular Programs; and \$1.84 billion for Contributions to International Organizations and International Peacekeeping Activities); \$280 million for the Federal Communications Commission; \$203 million for the Federal Trade Commission; and \$672 million for the Small Business Administration. This bill includes provisions adopted in Committee that would: prohibit funds in the bill to be used to support or justify the use of torture (Obey Amendment); require an Inspector General report on the Department of Justice's internal documents related to U.S. obligations under the Geneva Convention and related international agreements (Hinchey Amendment); and limit the disclosure of criminal gun trace information from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (Tiaht Amendment).

Today, the House will complete general debate on H.R. 4754 and will begin the amendment process on this bill. However, it is anticipated that consideration of all amendments may not conclude today and it is possible the bill will be finished tomorrow.

The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides for one hour of general debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Under the rule, only amendments that do not require waivers of points of order are permitted.



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Several important amendments are expected including **an amendment by Rep. Tancredo that would block State Criminal Alien Assistance Program funds to states and local governments for their policies on undocumented immigrants. This amendment is similar to an amendment defeated last year on a 122-305 vote (Roll Call 409). Democrats are urged to VOTE NO.**

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of **H.R. 4754** - Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY05 (*Rep. Wolf - Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*). The House will also consider: **H.R. 4755** - Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for FY05 (*Rep. Kingston - Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*); and **H.R. 3598** - Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2003 (*Rep. Ehlers - Science*) (*Subject to a Rule*)

Daily Quote...

"For any theoretical elective body, the decision to proceed forward without a governing budget would be foolhardy and grossly irresponsible. It would be a blunder of rank stupidity and extreme fiscal wantonness for any conceivable legislative body to rashly conclude it could sustain fiscal discipline without a guiding and governing budget."

- Majority Leader Tom DeLay (TX), in a speech on the House Floor on 9/26/02. To date, Republicans have failed to adopt a budget conference report. If they do not adopt a budget, it will be the first time in modern budget history that a political party that controls the House, Senate and White House has failed to do so.