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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" Per Side	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

(250th Calendar Day of the Year – 70th Voting Day of the Year – 13 Voting Days until Target Adjournment)

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

[H.Res. 981](#) – Rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 503](#) – American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act (*Rules*). The Rules Committee has recommended a rule that provides one hour and twenty minutes of general debate, one motion to recommit with or without instructions, and makes in order seven amendments which are debatable for 10 minutes each.

Motion to go to Conference on [H.R. 5122](#) – National Defense Authorization Act (*Rep. Hunter – Armed Services*). **Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees.**

[H.R. 503](#) – American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act (*Rep. Sweeney – Energy and Commerce*) (*Subject to a Rule*). This bill would amend the Horse Protection Act and prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of any horse or other equine to be slaughtered for human consumption. [H.R. 503](#) would permit USDA to detain for examination and taking of evidence any horse for which it has probable cause that the animal will be slaughtered for food; and would increase the authorization of appropriations for administering the act from \$500,000 to \$5 million annually. [H.R. 503](#) was referred to both the Agriculture and Energy and Commerce Committees. The Agriculture Committee amended [H.R. 503](#) (amendments adopted in committee include: an amendment to make the bill a pilot program for Kentucky and New York; to require USDA to compensate any horse owner for economic losses incurred due to the ban; and to exempt the slaughter of horses for food for charitable and humanitarian purposes) and adversely reported it by a 37-3 vote with the recommendation that it not pass. The bill to be considered by the House today is the text of [H.R. 503](#) as introduced and does not reflect the amendments adopted in the Agriculture Committee.

The seven amendments recommended by the rule:

- **Goodlatte Amendment #3.** To apply the prohibition only to States that ban horse slaughter.
- **Goodlatte Amendment #5.** To provide that the prohibitions in the bill would not apply to slaughter in existing horse plants.
- **Goodlatte Amendment #9.** To provide that the Secretary of Agriculture must certify that sufficient horse sanctuaries exist to care for unwanted horses before the law will take effect.
- **King (IA) Amendment.** To provide that equines can be shipped, transported, moved, delivered, received, possessed, purchased, sold, or donated for slaughter for human consumption by Native Americans or people from other cultures that eat equine meat.
- **Goodlatte Amendment #6.** To require the Secretary of Agriculture to make a determination, based on empirical evidence, that the prohibition on shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses to be slaughtered for human consumption is supported by a majority of horse owners before the prohibition can go into effect.



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- **Goodlatte Amendment #7.** To replace "horse or other equine" in [H.R. 503](#) with "registered thoroughbred horse."
- **Goodlatte Amendment #8.** To provide that the Federal government will reimburse State and local governments for the costs incurred in caring for abandoned or unwanted horses.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Friday, no votes are expected in the House.

Daily Quote...

"The U.S. isn't prepared to handle disasters and lacks an effective way to track \$88 billion doled out to help rebuild the Gulf Coast after last year's killer hurricanes, according to government reports released Wednesday."

- A story in *USA Today*, today