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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
12:30 p.m.: Morning Hour 2:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	7:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

***SIGN BARROW DISCHARGE PETITION (#11).** The Barrow Discharge Petition would force consideration of the Miller (CA)/Owens bill (HR2429) to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over two years. 149 members have signed on. Check if your member has signed on: <http://clerk.house.gov/109/lrc/pd/petitions/Dis11.htm>

Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.

Suspensions (11 bills):

- 1) **S. 2064** – Malcolm Melville `Mac' Lawrence Post Office Designation Act (*Sen. Lugar – Government Reform*)
- 2) **H.R. 4841** – To amend the Ojito Wilderness Act to make a technical correction (*Rep. Udall {NM} – Resources*)
- 3) **H.R. 4911** – Higher Education Extension Act of 2006 (*Rep. McKeon – Education and the Workforce*)
- 4) **S. 2363** – A bill to extend the educational flexibility program under section 4 of the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 (*Sen. Burr – Education and the Workforce*)
- 5) **H.Res. 698** – Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all Americans should participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad (*Rep. Knollenberg – Armed Services*)
- 6) **H.Con.Res. 354** – Expressing the continued support of Congress for requiring an institution of higher education to provide military recruiters with access to the institution's campus and students at least equal in quality and scope to that which is provided to any other employer in order to be eligible for the receipt of certain Federal funds (*Rep. Pombo – Armed Services*)
- 7) **S. 1184** – A bill to waive the passport fees for a relative of a deceased member of the Armed Forces proceeding abroad to visit the grave of such member or to attend a funeral or memorial service for such member (*Sen. Biden – International Relations*)
- 8) **H.Con.Res. 190** – Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation should fully protect the freedoms of all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, as stipulated by the Russian Constitution and international standards (*Rep. Smith {NJ} – International Relations*)
- 9) **H.Con.Res. 350** – Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust (*Rep. Cantor – House Administration*)
- 10) **H.R. 4826** – To extend through December 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits (*Rep. Baird – Transportation and Infrastructure*)

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- 11) **H.R. ____** – To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes (*Rep. Shaw – Ways and Means*)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House Floor will be cleared at 12:30 p.m. in order to prepare the House Chamber for the President of the Republic of Liberia's address. The House will reconvene at approximately 1:45 p.m. in a Joint Meeting with the Senate to receive Her Excellency Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia. **All Democratic Members are strongly urged to attend the Joint Session.**

On Wednesday, the House will consider **H.R. 4939 – Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006** (*Rep. Lewis {CA} – Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

Daily Quote...

"President Bush's 'approval rating' has sunk to a new low according to a USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup poll released Monday. The latest results show only 36% of those polled saying they "approve" of the way Bush is handling his job. Bush's previous low was 37%, set last November. Sixty percent of those polled said they 'disapprove' of Bush's performance. That matches an all-time worst rating hit last November and again two weeks ago. Democrats have their biggest advantage since 1992 when poll respondents are asked if they favor Democratic or Republican congressional candidates. The spread: Democrats over Republicans 55% — 39%, a 16-percentage-point gap."

- An article in *USAToday* this morning