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

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.R. 4939 – Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Rep. Lewis {CA} – Appropriations) (Complete Consideration Unanimous Consent Agreement –). This bill provides an additional \$91.8 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, other international programs, and hurricane recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast. Funding in this bill includes: \$72 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and foreign assistance programs (\$9.93 billion for Military Personnel; \$36.96 billion for Operations and Maintenance; \$17.68 billion for Procurement; \$1 billion for Research and Development; and \$4.1 billion for foreign aid and State Department operations); and \$19.1 billion for hurricane relief (\$9.7 billion for FEMA; \$4.2 billion for Community Development Block Grants; \$1.46 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers; and \$1.2 billion for Defense Department disaster-related costs). This bill also includes language to block Dubai Ports World from taking over operations at six US ports operated by P&O Ports; and allows \$750 million of contingency LIHEAP funds provided in the recently enacted budget reconciliation package to be available for FY06 and FY07.

The House completed general debate on this bill and considered several amendments last night. Pending votes on those amendments are:

Postponed Amendment Votes (10 votes):

- 1) **Burton Amendment.** To reduce by \$26.3 million and then increase by the same amount the funds for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement. The funds are intended for marine patrol aircraft for the Colombian Navy to be used on drug interdiction operations.
- 2) **Capuano Amendment.** To increase funding for Peacekeeping Operations by \$50 million. The funds are intended for peacekeeping in Darfur.
- 3) **Doggett Amendment.** To increase the amount available for Diplomatic and Consular Programs by \$7.8 million to upgrade levees along the Rio Grande.
- 4) **Garrett Amendment.** To reduce by \$5 million the Diplomatic and Consular Programs account. The amendment intends to reduce funding to promote democracy in Iran.
- 5) **Garrett Amendment.** To strike funding for Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs with Iran.
- 6) **Foxx Amendment.** To strike funding for the Broadcasting Board of Governors.
- 7) **Melancon Amendment.** To increase by \$465 million the amounts provided for the Army Corps of Engineers (\$430 million for levees and \$30 million for coastal restoration and hurricane protection).
- 8) **Jefferson #6 Amendment.** To increase by \$2 billion the funds for the Community Development Block Grant program. These funds are offset from the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund.
- 9) **Jefferson #7 Amendment.** To increase by \$1.9 billion the funds appropriated for the Community Development Block Grant program.
- 10) **Taylor (MS) Amendment.** To add \$56 million for repair of military exchanges at Kessler Air Force Base and the Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport in Mississippi.

In addition, under the unanimous consent agreement reached last night, the following amendments remain to be debated in no particular order. All but five of the amendments are debatable for 10 minutes each:

- **Sabo En Bloc Amendment (20 minutes).** Regarding funding for homeland security.
- **Jindal Amendment.** Regarding funding for the Veterans Affairs Department offset from FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund.
- **Jindal Amendment.** Regarding Defense Department programs offset from FEMA Disaster Relief Fund.
- **Jindal Amendment.** Regarding funding for military construction offset from FEMA Disaster Relief Fund.
- **Millender-McDonald Amendment.** To provide \$50 million to FEMA for the repair and replacement of election infrastructure in states affected by Katrina and Rita.
- **Gingrey Amendment.** To strike funding for the Historic Preservation Fund.
- **Brady (TX) Amendment.** To strike language regarding HUD funding distribution.
- **Neugebauer Amendment (30 minutes).** To strike the \$19.1 billion appropriated for hurricane recovery.

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- **Paul Amendment.** To provide \$546 million in hurricane recovery assistance for Texas. The amendment cuts \$1.1 billion from the war and international assistance amount.
- **Hall Amendment.** Regarding child care subsidies.
- **Reyes Amendment.** Regarding funding for a pandemic flu.
- **Westmoreland Amendment.** To strike section 3006.
- **Flake Amendment.** To strike section 3007.
- **Obey Amendment (30 minutes).** Regarding the availability of certain LIHEAP funds.
- **Conaway Amendment.** To strike section 3010 (regarding LIHEAP).
- **DeLauro Amendment.** To repeal avian flu liability provisions.
- **Kennedy (MN) Amendment.** Regarding demonstrations within cemeteries.
- **Berry Amendment.** Regarding the enrollment period for Medicare benefits.
- **Nadler Amendment.** Regarding ocean shipping containers.
- **Tierney Amendment.** Regarding the establishment of a House select committee.
- **Kaptur Amendment.** Regarding the establishment of a House select committee.
- **Lee Amendment (30 minutes).** Regarding Iraq.
- **Hinchey Amendment.** Regarding limitations on foreign media.
- **Waxman Amendment (20 minutes).** Regarding Defense Department contracts.
- **Velazquez #1 Amendment.** Regarding the extension of SBA disaster loan applications.
- **Velazquez #2 Amendment.** Regarding SBA loan rates.
- **DeFazio Amendment.** To prohibit any funds made available in the bill from being used to initiate military operations except in accordance with Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution.
- **Hinchey Amendment.** Regarding funding for contracts using other than competitive procedures.
- **Reyes Amendment.** Regarding the Veterans Affairs Department.
- **Lee Amendment.** Regarding the eviction of hurricane evacuees.
- **Inslee Amendment.** Regarding the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)

Postponed Suspension Votes (1 bill):

- 1) **S. 2320** - A bill to make available funds included in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes. (*Sen. Snowe – Energy & Commerce*)

Postponed Vote on the Tanner Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4297 – Tax Reconciliation Act of 2005. The motion instructs conferees to insist on a conference report that will neither increase the federal deficit nor increase the amount of the debt subject to the public debt limit. **Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.**

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

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

Daily Quote...

"Beset by confusion because each region has dozens of private plans and coverage options, the [Republicans' prescription drug program] has left some seniors without the coverage they had. It also has failed to sign up millions eligible for low-income subsidies."

- From a story in *USAToday* this morning