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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
9:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	10:00 – 11:00 p.m.

**** MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE COSTELLO DISCHARGE PETITION (#13)** to force consideration of [H.R. 4755](#) to protect collective bargaining rights. As negotiations between FAA and the air traffic controllers have reached an impasse, [H.R. 4755](#) would provide for: 1) Mediation through the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS); 2) Congressional Action if an agreement cannot be reached through FMCS; and 3) Binding Arbitration if Congress does not pass a bill within 60 days.

(143rd Calendar Day of the Year – 36th Voting Day of the Year – 57 Voting Days until Target Adjournment)

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

[H.Res. 830](#) – Rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 5384](#) – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY07 (*Rules*). The Rules Committee has recommended an open Rule that provides one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI against much of the bill but leaves several provisions (Sections 749, 751, and 752) exposed to a point of order. In addition, the rule did not make in order an amendment by Rep. DeLauro to increase funding for alternative energy research which would be offset by reducing by 1.21% the tax cut for Americans earning more than \$1 million per year. Under the rule, amendments that do not require waivers of points of order will be considered under the five-minute rule.

Motion to go to conference on [H.R. 4939](#) - Emergency Supplemental Conference Report. Democratic Motion to Instruct Conferees.

[H.R. 5384](#) – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY07 (*Rep. Bonilla – Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*). This bill provides \$93.57 billion for the Agriculture Department, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and other agencies – with mandatory spending accounting for \$76.08 billion. Funding highlights in this bill include: \$56.78 billion for Domestic Food Programs (\$37.86 billion for the Food Stamp Program; \$13.35 billion for Child Nutrition Programs; \$5.24 billion for WIC); \$30.52 billion for Agricultural Programs (\$19.74 billion for the Commodity Credit Corporation; \$4.13 billion for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation Fund; \$1.6 billion for Farm Assistance Programs; \$1.2 billion for Agricultural Research Service; \$904 million for Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service); \$2.16 billion for Rural Development Programs; \$1.49 billion for Foreign Aid and Export Programs; \$1.65 billion for the FDA; and \$920 million for Conservation Programs. [H.R. 5384](#) also includes a provision that prevents the FDA from blocking the re-importation of prescription medicines from other countries (the Medicare law enacted three years ago only permits the importation of such drugs upon the certification of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, which the Secretary has refused to do).

Postponed Suspension Vote:

- [H.R. 4681](#) – Palestinian Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006 (*Rep. Ros-Lehtinen – International Relations*)**

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Wednesday, the House will convene at 10:00 a.m. and recess immediately. The House will then reconvene at approximately 10:45 a.m. in a Joint Meeting with the Senate to receive the Honorable Ehud Olmert, Prime Minister of the State of Israel. The House will also consider: [H.R. 5427](#) – Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for FY07 (*Rep. Hobson – Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

Daily Quote...

"State and federal officials also aren't convinced that FEMA has repaired the flaws laid bare last year by Hurricanes Wilma, Katrina and Rita. The process of getting people into temporary housing seemed 'even slower' last year than in 2004, said Craig Fugate, director of Florida's Division of Emergency Management. 'It's still an area we have a lot of concerns about.'"

- A story in Bloomberg today