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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"	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

(192nd Calendar Day of the Year – 57th Voting Day of the Year – 33 Voting Days until Target Adjournment)

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.Res. 907 - Rule Providing for consideration of H.R. 4411 – Internet Gambling Bill (Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended a Rule that provides one hour of general debate, one motion to recommit with or without instructions, and makes in order one amendment.

- **Berkley/ Wexler/Conyers Amendment (20 minutes).** To eliminate the exceptions to the bill's general prohibition against online gambling, thereby establishing a complete ban on all internet gambling-related activities.

H.R. 4411 – Internet Gambling Bill (Rep. Leach/Goodlatte – Financial Services/Judiciary) (Subject to a Rule). This bill was amended in the Rules Committee to include provisions from both Rep. Goodlatte's internet gambling prohibition Judiciary Committee-reported bill ([H.R. 4777](#)), and Rep. Leach's unlawful internet gambling enforcement Financial Services-reported bill ([H.R. 4411](#)). Title I of the combined bill includes the Goodlatte provisions and amends the 1961 Interstate Wire Act to prohibit interstate gambling on the internet, particularly through wireless or cable connections; makes it illegal for gambling businesses to accept credit cards, checks or other bank instruments from customers in connection with unlawful internet gambling; and increases criminal penalties for violating these provisions. The legislation expressly exempts (1) interstate Internet betting on horse racing; (2) intra-state Internet betting on lotteries; (3) intra-tribal Internet betting; and (4) various other forms of intra-state Internet betting. At the same time, the bill prohibits (1) Internet betting on dog racing; (2) Internet betting on jai alai; (3) interstate Internet betting on lotteries; and (4) Internet betting on casino games. Title II of the combined bill includes the Leach provisions adding a new subchapter to Chapter 53 of Title 31 (which deals with monetary transactions) to prohibit persons engaged in a gambling business from knowingly accepting credit, electronic funds transfers, any checks or other similar monetary instruments for unlawful gambling (though this prohibition only defines the types of transactions that are to be blocked by financial institutions under this title and does not provide an additional criminal penalty, which is already provided for under the Goodlatte provisions amending the Wire Act). Title II also requires the Treasury Secretary and the Federal Reserve Board, in consultation with the Attorney General, to prescribe regulations requiring each designated payment system to identify and block restricted gambling transactions through the establishment of policies and procedures; and provides that these requirements shall be enforced exclusively by the Federal functional regulators with respect to the designated payment systems, and the Federal Trade Commission with respect to any payment systems not subject to regulation by any of the functional financial regulators. Title III of the bill requires the Treasury Secretary to submit an annual report to Congress on any deliberations between the U.S. and other countries on issues related to internet gambling.

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Suspensions (4 bills):

- 1) [H.R. 5646](#) – To study and promote the use of energy efficient computer servers in the United States (*Rep. Rogers {MI} – Energy and Commerce*)
- 2) [S. 655](#) – A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (*Sen. Isakson – Energy and Commerce*)
- 3) [H.Res. 576](#) – Celebrating Advancement Via Individual Determination's 25 years of success (*Rep. Susan Davis – Education and the Workforce*)
- 4) [H.J.Res. 86](#) – Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes (*Rep. Lantos – Ways and Means*)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Wednesday, the House will convene at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business and will consider [H.R. 2990](#) – **Credit Rating Agency Act of 2005** (*Rep. Fitzpatrick – Financial Services*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

Daily Quote...

"[The Bush Administration celebration of a budget deficit near \$300 billion] is proof, if anyone still needs it, that this administration is desperate for something to boast about. On Mr. Bush's watch, triple-digit budget surpluses have turned into annual triple-digit budget deficits. There's no information in the mid-session report to alter that utterly dispiriting fact. Yes, the report is expected to project that this year's deficit will be somewhat less gargantuan than last year's — probably somewhere between \$280 billion and \$300 billion, versus a \$318 billion shortfall in 2005. That's not much to crow about."

- *The New York Times* in an editorial today