



# The Daily Whip

democraticwhip.house.gov • (202) 225-3130

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006**

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

*(269<sup>th</sup> Calendar Day of the Year – 78<sup>th</sup> Voting Day of the Year – 3 Voting Days until Target Adjournment)***FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY**

**\*\* MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE BARROW DISCHARGE PETITION (#16)** to force consideration of legislation by Reps. Peterson (MN), Etheridge, and Herseth, [H.R.5099](#), regarding emergency agriculture disaster assistance.

**[H.Res. 1038](#) - Rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 2679](#) - Public Expression of Religion Act (Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**[H.Res. 1039](#) - Rule providing for consideration of [S. 403](#) - Child Custody Protection Act (Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also replaces the text of [S.403](#) with the text of [H.R. 748](#) – Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act with minor changes.

**[H.R. 2679](#) - Public Expression of Religion Act (Rep. Hostettler - Judiciary) (Subject to a Rule).** This bill would bar the award of attorney's fees to prevailing parties in cases brought under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution – which forbids the establishment of religion. Under the bill, the only remedy available to plaintiffs bringing Establishment Clause lawsuits would be injunctive and declaratory relief. This bill would single out one area of constitutional protection under the Bill of Rights and thereby prevent its full enforcement. This bill was reported by the Judiciary Committee on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**[H.Res. 1037](#) - Rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 5631](#) - Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY07 Conference Report (Rules).** The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides one hour of debate.

**[S. 403](#) - Child Custody Protection Act (Sen. Ensign - Judiciary) (Subject to a Rule).** This bill, as amended by the Rules Committee last night, includes the language of [H.R. 748](#) – Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act which was adopted on April 27, 2005 by a 270-157 vote. This bill makes it a federal crime for any person other than a parent or legal guardian to transport a minor across state lines for the purpose of obtaining an abortion to avoid parental-notification laws in the state where the minor resides; requires a physician who performs an abortion on a minor who is a resident of another state to provide 24 hours written notice, in person, to a parent of the minor child or make a reasonable effort to provide such notice; and allows an out-of-state abortion to be performed without parental notification if it is done to save the life of the minor, or if a physician is given documentation showing that a court in the minor's home state has waived parental-notification requirements.

**[H.R. 5631](#) - Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY07 Conference Report (Rep. Young (FL) - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule).** This conference report provides \$447.6 billion for the Department of Defense, including \$70 billion in emergency spending for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. This conference report also includes a Continuing Resolution that funds government operations at the lower rate of House-passed, Senate-passed or last year's funding level through November 17<sup>th</sup>. Funding in this conference report includes: \$86.4 billion for military personnel; \$119.8 billion for operation and maintenance programs; \$80.9 billion for procurement; and \$75.7 billion for research and development programs. [H.R. 5631](#) also provides 2.2% pay increase for military personnel in FY07.

**Suspensions (21 bills):**

- [H.R. 5313](#)** - Open Space and Farmland Preservation Act (Rep. Gerlach - Agriculture)
- [H.R. 5103](#)** - To provide for the conveyance of the former Konnarock Lutheran Girls School in Smyth County, Virginia, which is currently owned by the United States and administered by the Forest Service, to facilitate the restoration and reuse of the property, and for other purposes (Rep. Boucher - Agriculture)
- [H.R. 4559](#)** - To provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land to the towns of Laona and Wabeno, Wisconsin, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain isolated parcels of National Forest System land in Florence and Langlade Counties, Wisconsin, and for other purposes (Rep. Green (WI) - Agriculture)
- [S. 3525](#)** - Children and Family Services Improvement Act (Sen. Grassley - Ways and Means)



# The Daily Whip

democraticwhip.house.gov • (202) 225-3130

- 5) [H.R. 6131](#) - To permit certain expenditures from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund (*Rep. Chocola - Ways and Means*)
- 6) [H.R. 4942](#) - Promoting Antiterrorism Capabilities Through International Cooperation Act (*Rep. King (NY) - Homeland Security*)
- 7) [H.R. 6160](#) - More Border Patrol Agents Now Act of 2006 (*Rep. Rogers (AL) - Homeland Security*)
- 8) [H.Res. 1030](#) - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Border Patrol is performing an invaluable service to the United States, and that the House of Representatives fully supports the more than 12,000 Border Patrol agents (*Rep. Jones (NC) - Homeland Security*)
- 9) [H.R. 6164](#) - National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006 (*Rep. Barton - Energy and Commerce*)
- 10) [H.R. 5533](#) - Biodefense and Pandemic Vaccine and Drug Development Act of 2006 (*Rep. Rogers (MI) - Energy and Commerce*)
- 11) [H.R. 4377](#) - To extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project, and for other purposes (*Rep. Otter - Energy and Commerce*)
- 12) [S. 244](#) - A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming (*Sen. Thomas - Energy and Commerce*)
- 13) [S. 176](#) - A bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska (*Sen. Murkowski - Energy and Commerce*)
- 14) [H.R. 971](#) - To extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in Connecticut, and for other purposes (*Rep. Simmons - Energy and Commerce*)
- 15) [H.R. 4417](#) - To provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory project (*Rep. Mollohan - Energy and Commerce*)
- 16) [H.R. 5835](#) - Veterans Identity and Credit Security Act of 2006 (*Rep. Buyer - Veterans' Affairs*)
- 17) [H.Res. 1016](#) - Encouraging all offices of the House of Representatives to hire disabled veterans (*Rep. Rohrabacher - House Administration*)
- 18) [H.R. 1215](#) - Green Chemistry Research and Development Act of 2005 (*Rep. Gingrey - Science*)
- 19) [H.R. 5136](#) - National Integrated Drought Information System Act (*Rep. Hall - Science*)
- 20) [H.Res. 948](#) - Recognizing the dedication of the employees at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Stennis Space Center (*Rep. Taylor (MS) - Science*)
- 21) [H.R. 6159](#) - To extend temporarily certain authorities of the Small Business Administration (*Rep. Manzullo - Small Business*)

#### Postponed Suspension Votes (6 Bills):

- 1) [H.R. 5092](#) - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act of 2006 (*Rep. Coble - Judiciary*)
- 2) [H.R. 4772](#) - Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2006 (*Rep. Chabot {OH} - Judiciary*)
- 3) [H.Res. 992](#) - Urging the President to appoint a Presidential Special Envoy for Sudan (*Rep. Wolf {VA} - International Relations*)
- 4) [H.Res. 723](#) - Calling on the President to take immediate steps to help improve the security situation in Darfur, Sudan, with a specific emphasis on civilian protection (*Rep. Lantos {CA} - International Relations*)
- 5) [H.Res. 989](#) - Commending the United Kingdom for its efforts in the War on Terror, and for other purposes (*Rep. Poe - International Relations*)
- 6) [H.Res. 1017](#) - Affirming support for the sovereignty and security of Lebanon and the Lebanese people (*Rep. Lantos - International Relations*)

#### 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 and will consider numerous bills under Suspension of the Rules. The House will also consider: [H.R. 6166](#) - **Military Commissions Act** (*Rep. Hunter - Armed Services*) (*Subject to a Rule*); and may consider [H.R. 5825](#) - **Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act** (*Rep. Wilson {NM} - Judiciary*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

#### Daily Quote...

"Donald Rumsfeld is not a competent wartime leader. He surrounds himself with like-minded and compliant subordinates who do not grasp the importance of the principles of war, the complexities of Iraq or the human dimension of warfare. . . . Bottom line: His plan allowed the insurgency to take root and metastasize to where it is today. Our world is much less safe today than it was on September 11."

- Major Gen. John Batiste, former commander of the Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division in Iraq, in comments to Senators yesterday, as reported by *the Washington Post*