



# The Daily Whip

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**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006**

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" Per Side	???

**\*\* IMPORTANT VOTES ON THE BUDGET ARE EXPECTED TODAY. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE WHIP'S OFFICE IF YOUR MEMBER WILL NOT BE VOTING.**

*(131<sup>st</sup> Calendar Day of the Year – 30<sup>th</sup> Voting Day of the Year – 63 Voting Days until Target Adjournment)*

## FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

**[H.Res. 811](#) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rule providing for consideration of [H.R. 5122](#) - National Defense Authorization Act for FY07 (*Rules*).** The Rules Committee has recommended the 2<sup>nd</sup> restrictive rule for consideration of H.R.5122 which makes in order 23 amendments and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The amendments are debatable for 10 minutes each.

**[H.R. 5122](#) - National Defense Authorization Act for FY07 (*Rep. Hunter-Armed Services*) (*Complete Consideration*).** This bill authorizes \$512.9 billion for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy and includes \$50 billion for continuing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan in FY07. Major provisions in H.R.5122 include : providing a 2.7% pay raise for the military (the President proposed 2.2%); extending TRICARE to almost all reservists; blocking the Administration's proposal to increase TRICARE fees for military retirees under 65; increasing the Army end-strength by 30,000, the Marines by 5,000, and the Army National Guard by 17,100; and retroactively increasing from \$10,000 to \$100,00 the death gratuity for civilian personnel to provide the same death gratuity for civilian personnel killed in support of a military operation as for uniformed personnel. The \$50 billion authorized in FY07 for continuing combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan includes funding for up-armored Humvees, tactical wheeled vehicle recapitalization and modernization ("up-armoring") programs, night vision devices and IED jammers, small-arms and ammunition procurement programs, food, fuel, spare parts, maintenance, transportation, and base expenses. This bill was reported out of the Armed Services Committee on May 3<sup>rd</sup> on a 60-1 vote.

The 23 amendments made in order by the 2<sup>nd</sup> rule are:

- **Baca.** Regarding a study of perchlorate contamination.
- **Castle.** Regarding the effectiveness of DoD award and incentive-fee spending.
- **Chabot.** Regarding a Sense of Congress on the assignment of SBP payments by spouses of Armed Forces members.
- **Tom Davis #52.** Regarding a "design build" to complete the Fairfax County Parkway.
- **Tom Davis#55.** Regarding the Defense Access Road (DAR) program.
- **Dent.** Regarding the transfer of viable DOD technologies to enhance the homeland security capabilities of Federal, State, and local first responders.
- **Gohmert.** Regarding a Sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Army should consider conveying the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Marshall, Texas to construct a veterans memorial.
- **Goode.** Regarding authorization to the Secretary of Defense to assign members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps to assist the Department of Homeland Security upon its request in the performance of border protection functions.
- **Hooley /DeFazio/Wu/Blumenauer.** Regarding CH-47 helicopters.
- **Hostettler.** To authorize the Commander of the US Special Operations Command to prescribe regulations under which the commander may award a fellowship to eligible persons.
- **Jindal.** Regarding Defense Support to Civil Authorities missions.
- **Lewis (KY).** Regarding the garnishment of uniformed service member's paychecks.
- **McDermott/Shays.** Regarding a study of the health effects of exposure to depleted uranium munitions.
- **Mica.** Regarding a sense of Congress on compensation for veterans who were captured while in service to the US Armed Forces on the peninsula of Bataan or the island of Corregidor.
- **Millender-McDonald.** Regarding a comprehensive analysis of future airlift and sealift mobility requirements in the 2006 update to the Mobility Capability Study.
- **Rohrabacher.** Regarding the establishment of a Center for Entrepreneurial Space Access within the Air Force Research Laboratory's Air Vehicles Directorate.
- **Ryan (OH).** To authorize \$5 million for the High Altitude Airship (HAA) Program.
- **Schakowsky.** Regarding additional oversight and accountability of Department of Defense contractors deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- **Schiff.** To require regular reports on the threat to American personnel posed by Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), as well as action being taken to interdict IEDs and to develop more effective active and passive countermeasures.



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- **Slaughter.** To require the Department of Defense to include the number of disciplinary actions as part of the annual report on sexual assault in the military.
- **Taylor (MS).** To require the Defense Department to equip 100% of US military vehicles operated in Iraq and Afghanistan outside of military compounds with IED jammers by the end of FY07.
- **Tierney/Holt.** To restructure the missile defense program to be consistent with a Congressional Budget Office alternative proposal. Prohibits the deployment of: 1) Ground-Based Midcourse Defense beyond the authorized systems; and 2) any space-based interceptors; and reduces the Missile Defense Agency's (MDA's) \$9.3 billion budget by \$4.747 billion so as to still enable the MDA to focus on research and development as well as testing and upgrades to current systems.
- **Weldon.** Regarding a Sense of the Congress on US cooperation with Russia on missile defense.

**Postponed Vote on the Jackson-Lee Amendment.** To clarify the factors that must be taken into consideration when recalling a reservist to service to include the frequency of assignment over the duration of a reservist's career.

#### Postponed Suspension Vote:

- 1) [H.Res. 802](#) - Encouraging all eligible Medicare beneficiaries who have not yet elected enroll in the new Medicare Part D benefit to review the available options and to determine whether enrollment in a Medicare prescription drug plan best meets their current and future needs for prescription drug coverage (*Rep. Johnson (CT) - Energy and Commerce*)

[H.Res. 810](#) – Martial Law Rule for same day consideration of [H.Con.Res.376](#)

H.Res.\_\_\_\_ - Rule to provide consideration of H.Con. Res.376

[H.Con.Res. 376](#) – Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY07 (*Rep. Nussle – Budget*) (**Subject to a Rule**). The FY07 GOP budget continues the most fiscally irresponsible policies in the history of this nation. The Republican policies have squandered a \$5.6 trillion budget surplus, added \$3 trillion in debt, weakened the nation's ability to respond to major national and international crises and threatened our economic security.

- **Republican budget continues fiscal irresponsibility by making the deficit worse and leaving a legacy of debt.** Contrary to the tired claim of "cutting the deficit in half," the GOP budget continues a legacy of deficit spending and debt with a \$372 billion deficit in 2006 and \$348 billion in 2007, and \$1.1 trillion worth of deficits over five years. The GOP continues to borrow heavily from future generations, calling for a debt limit increase of \$653 billion to \$9.6 trillion – the fifth in six years - for a total of \$3.7 trillion debt increases under President Bush.
- **Republicans freeze domestic programs now and cut them drastically in the future.** House Republicans once again advance misdirected draconian cuts to domestic discretionary programs under the guise of fiscal discipline. The GOP budget cuts these programs by \$10 billion in 2007 and \$160 billion below the amount needed to maintain current services over five years. The cuts including reducing veterans' health care by \$6.0 billion, education by \$45.3 billion, public health by \$18.1 billion, and environmental protection by \$25.0 billion. The GOP budget includes another round of \$6.8 billion in reconciliation cuts to mandatory programs, mostly within the Ways and Means and Education and the Workforce Committees.
- **Republicans continue to reduce revenues and rely on gimmicks rather than real budget enforcement rules.** The GOP budget calls for \$228 billion over five years in additional tax cuts that cost \$1.3 trillion in the following five years. GOP leaders once again refuse to restore the common sense "pay-as-you-go" budget enforcement rules they let lapse in 2002 and hide behind process "reforms" that do nothing to reign in their large structural deficits or curb the targeted tax giveaways or spending that has grown on their watch.

**Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the GOP FY07 Budget.**

#### Daily Quote...

"Disaffection over spending and immigration have caused conservatives to take flight from President Bush and the Republican Congress at a rapid pace in recent weeks, sending Bush's approval ratings to record lows and presenting a new threat to the GOP's 12-year reign on Capitol Hill, according to White House officials, lawmakers and new polling data."

- From a news story in *the Washington Post* this morning