



# The Daily Whip

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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
<b>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b> <b>Ten "One Minutes" Per Side</b>	<b>3:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b>

## FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

The House Floor will be cleared by 5:00 p.m. in order to prepare the House Chamber for the President's State of the Union Address. The House will reconvene at approximately 8:45 p.m. to begin the joint session with the Senate for the purpose of receiving a State of the Union Address from the President of the United States.

### Suspensions (2 bills):

- 1) H.Res. 56** – Commending the Palestinian people for holding recent elections (*Rep. Blunt / Rep. Hoyer – International Relations*)
- 2) H.Res. 57** – Expressing the strong concern of the House of Representatives that the European Union may end its arms embargo against the People's Republic of China (*Rep. Hyde – International Relations*)

**H.Con.Res. 60 - Relating to the free election in Iraq held on January 30, 2005 (*Rep. DeLay / International Relations Committee*) (Unanimous Consent Agreement, 1 Hour of Debate).** Among other provisions, the resolution states that the House of Representatives: congratulates the people of Iraq for having taken part in the Iraqi election of January 30; offers its continued support to the people and political institutions of Iraq; expresses its gratitude to the U.S. Armed Forces and their families for their service to their country; reaffirms that the U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq will remain under the full authority, direction and control of their U.S. commanders; and reaffirms that the world is safer when democracy replaces tyranny.

**H.Con.Res. 36 – Expressing the continued support of Congress for equal access of military recruiters to institutions of higher education (*Rep. Hunter – Armed Services*) (*Subject to a Rule*).** This resolution expresses the support of Congress for the Solomon amendment, a law that withholds federal funds (from the Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, Education, Homeland Security, and Defense) from any school or college that bars ROTC or military recruiters from campus. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in November 2004 that the ban violates the First Amendment rights of schools and granted an injunction.

The *resolved clause* in the resolution states that "(1) Congress remains committed to the achievement of military personnel readiness through vigorous application of the requirements set forth in section 983 of title 10, United States Code, relating to equal access for military recruiters at institutions of higher education, and will explore all options necessary to maintain this commitment, including the powers vested in it under article I, section 9, of the Constitution; (2) it is the sense of Congress that the executive branch should aggressively continue to pursue measures to challenge any decision impeding or prohibiting the operation of section 983 of title 10, United States Code; and (3) Congress encourages the executive branch to follow the doctrine of non-acquiescence and not find a decision affecting one jurisdiction to be binding on other jurisdictions."

The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit.

## TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday and Friday no votes are expected.

### Daily Quote...

"The White House has floated the idea of setting initial Social Security benefits according to the rise in inflation over a worker's career, instead of the rise in wages, as the system now does. . . . Had Social Security implemented such 'price indexing' in 1940, the [Congressional Research Service] concluded, the number of poor American retirees would have nearly tripled from the 3.6 million currently beneath the poverty threshold to 10.5 million."

- A story in *The Washington Post* today