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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Suspensions (2 bills):

- 1) **H.R. 1082** – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 East Illinois Avenue in Vinita, Oklahoma, as the "Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building" (*Rep. Boren – Government Reform*)
- 2) **H.R. 1542** – To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 695 Pleasant Street in New Bedford, Massachusetts, as the "Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building" (*Rep. Frank – Government Reform*)

H.Res. 255 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1185 - Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 (*Rep. Sessions - Rules*). The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides one hour of general debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. All germane amendments will be considered under the 5-minute rule.

H.Res. 254 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 366– Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act (*Rules*). The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule --- 5 Democratic amendments were denied --- that provides one hour of general debate, provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions and makes in order three amendments each debatable for 15 minutes:

- **Castle Amendment**. To provide that funding for Tech-Prep activities are held harmless to the amount that was appropriated to the Tech-Prep in FY05 in order to reinforce the consolidation of the Tech-Prep program with the Basic State Grant program.
- **Wu Amendment**. To allow states, as part of their leadership activities, to use funds designed to facilitate the transition of vocational and career education students into baccalaureate degree programs.
- **Millender-McDonald Amendment**. To provide that local funds may be used for programs that assist in the training of automotive technicians in diesel retrofitting, hybrid, hydrogen, and alternative fuel automotive technologies.

H.R. 366 – Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act (*Rep. Castle – Education & the Workforce*) (*Subject to a Rule*). This bill reauthorizes the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act which provides funding for occupational preparation and technical education programs at the secondary and post-secondary education level. Provisions in H.R. 366 include: reauthorizing the Perkins Act for 5 years for \$1.3 billion in FY06 and such sums as may be necessary in FY07 through FY11; eliminating the authorization for the Tech Prep program and merging funding for these programs with the Perkins state grant program; and separating performance indicators into secondary and post-secondary indicators to improve accountability. The Education Committee ordered the bill be reported by voice vote on March 9th.

H.R. 1185 – Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005 (*Rep. Bachus – Financial Services*) (*Subject to a Rule*). This bill modifies the federal deposit insurance system by, among other things: merging the two existing federal deposit insurance funds into a new, single

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deposit insurance fund; increasing deposit insurance coverage from \$100,000 to \$130,000 and indexing this limit to inflation; doubling deposit insurance coverage for certain retirement accounts; and increasing the coverage amount for in-State municipal deposits. A similar version of this bill was adopted by the House in the 107th Congress (408-18) and the 108th Congress (411-11). The Financial Services Committee ordered the bill be reported by voice vote on April 27th.

Postponed Suspension Votes (3 bills):

- 1) **H.Con.Res. 127** – Calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law (*Rep. Royce – International Relations*)
- 2) **H.Res. 195** – Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia (*Rep. Kingston – International Relations*)
- 3) **H.Res. 233** – Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V-E) Day during World War II (*Rep. Gallegly – International Relations*)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider **the Conference Report on H.R. 1268 - Emergency Supplemental Wartime Appropriations Act (Subject to a Rule)** (*Rep. Lewis (CA) / Appropriations*).

Daily Quote...

"Means testing would change the whole nature of Social Security, which is supposed to be an earned benefit that you pay into. I'm a little skeptical."

- Rep. Clay Shaw (R-FL), in *The Washington Post* today, concerning the Social Security benefit cuts proposed by President Bush last week