

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes"	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

H.Res. 631 – Rule providing for consideration of both **H.R. 3905 – Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act (Rep. Emmer – Natural Resources)** and **H.R. 3017 – Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Rep. McKinley – Energy and Commerce)**. The Rules Committee has recommended one Rule which would provide for consideration of two bills.

For H.R. 3905, the Rules Committee has recommended a structured Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The Rule provides for consideration of 1 amendment, debatable for 10 minutes, equally controlled by the proponent and opponent of the amendment. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, and waives all points of order against the legislation.

For H.R. 3017, the Rules Committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, and waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rules Committee rejected a motion by Ms. Slaughter of New York to consider both H.R. 3905 and H.R. 3017 under open Rules. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

H.R. 3905 – **Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act (Rep. Emmer – Natural Resources) (One Hour of Debate)**. This bill restores two cancelled mineral leases in the Superior National Forest in northern Minnesota and makes it difficult to reject any future mineral lease renewals on any national forest in Minnesota. The leases in questions were rejected by the Obama Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in December 2016 based on the U.S. Forest Service's determination that the proposed copper sulfide mining in the area would result in "unacceptable risks to the wildlife, recreational uses, tribal rights, and tourism industry." Not only will the renewal of these leases severely damage the environment and the area's natural resources, but the acid mine drainage resulting from these copper mines will flow directly into the pristine Boundary Waters wilderness area and severely impact the Superior National Forest as a whole. These areas support more than 22,000 jobs and account for \$1.4 billion in visitor spending annually. Additionally, the Chilean company which owns the leases, Angtofagasta, has a historically poor environmental record and is currently facing a \$24 million fine for failing to meet the terms of its environmental permit in its flagship copper mine in Chile.

In cancelling the leases, the Obama Administration also imposed a two year mining moratorium in lands adjacent to the Boundary Water wilderness area while it undertook a comprehensive look at acid mining in the Boundary Waters watershed. It is noteworthy that the Trump Administration has not cancelled this moratorium and is proceeding with the comprehensive review begun by the Obama Administration.

This bill also sets a dangerous precedent by prohibiting the use of the Antiquities Act to establish a National Monument in any national forest in the State of Minnesota without the approval of Congress.

House Republicans and the Trump administration have made it clear that they have no regard for Nation's natural resources and environment, but the damage they are causing cannot be undone. Congress must start believing in facts and science and must stop these dangerous attacks on our public lands.

The Rule provides for one hour of general debate and makes in order 1 amendment, debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendment is:

Grijalva Amendment. Increases the royalty rate by 16.66 percent for mineral leases in the Superior National Forest.

Bill Text for H.R. 3905:

[PDF Version](#)

Background for H.R. 3905:

[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

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Suspension (1 bill)

1. **[H.Res. 630](#) – Requiring each Member, officer, and employee of the House of Representatives to complete a program of training in workplace rights and responsibilities each session of each Congress, and for other purposes (Rep. Comstock – House Administration).** This resolution requires all employees of the House of Representatives – including Members, interns, detailees, and fellows – to complete an anti-harassment and anti-discrimination training program during each session of Congress. It would require that each individual complete the training within ninety days of the start of each session, and each new employee to complete the training within ninety days of their hire date. This training must be completed every session of Congress. The resolution directs the Committee on House Administration (CHA) to issue regulations to ensure compliance and transparency. Upon passage of the resolution, CHA is required to draft and adopt these regulations within thirty days.

While this resolution takes important steps to educate staff and Members on their rights and responsibilities with respect to sexual assault and harassment, more must be done. House Democrats look forward to working with Republicans to improve the Office of Compliance and to increase transparency in order to ensure that all of those walking the halls of Congress are protected from the horrors of sexual assault and harassment.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, November 30: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of H.R. 3017 – Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Rep. McKinley – Energy and Commerce). The House is also expected to consider [H.R. 4182](#) – Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017 (Rep. Comer – Oversight and Government) (Subject to a Rule). Lastly, the House is expected to begin consideration of [H.R. 1699](#) – Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act of 2017 (Rep. Barr – Financial Services) (Subject to a Rule).

The Daily Quote

"The Congressional Budget Office said this week that the Senate bill, as written, would hurt workers earning less than \$30,000 a year in short order, while delivering benefits to the highest earners throughout the next decade. Those estimates echo other analyses, like that by the Joint Committee on Taxation, which have found the biggest benefits of the bill increasingly flowing to the rich over time. By 2027, the budget office said, Americans earning \$75,000 a year and below would, as a group, see their taxes increase, because individual tax cuts are set to expire at the end of 2025."

- New York Times, 11/27/2017