

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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. 645 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 38 – Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (Rep. Hudson – Judiciary). 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 the Judiciary. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, and waives all points of order against the legislation. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

H.R. 38 – Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (Rep. Hudson – Judiciary) (One hour of debate). This bill would require all states to honor a permit to carry a concealed firearm from any other state, regardless of different laws pertaining to the permitting state and the state in which a person is carrying a firearm. This bill is a long-standing National Rifle Association (NRA) priority and severely undermines the ability of states to debate and decide the appropriate requirements for carrying a concealed firearm within their jurisdictions. Regardless of current state laws, H.R. 38 would force every state to accept concealed carry weapons permits from other states, meaning individuals can get a concealed carry permit from states with the easiest requirements and bring that firearm into any other state in the country.

H.R. 4477 makes modest changes to the National Instant Criminal Background System (NICS) that would penalize federal agencies that fail to report relevant criminal records to the FBI and creates an incentive for states to report up-to-date information by giving federal grant preferences to states who comply. While there are many other changes the government can make to increase gun safety in the United States, H.R. 4477 takes a small step in that direction, which is why it received bipartisan support in Committee. If H.R. 4477 were brought to the Floor as a standalone measure it would receive strong Democratic support. Unfortunately, House Republicans have coupled this modest measure with H.R. 38 – a highly partisan NRA bill that puts people at risk and intrudes on a state’s right to set its own gun safety laws.

Adding insult to injury, the combined bill, which will be considered a week before the fifth anniversary of the Sandy Hook tragedy on December 14, would not prohibit so-called “bump stocks,” the after-market equipment that was used in the Las Vegas mass shooting in October that allows semiautomatic rifle to fire mimic fully automatic machineguns. The bill merely calls for the Department of Justice to study how often bump stocks have been used in crimes.

It is shameful that House Republicans are bringing legislation to the Floor that will make concealed weapons more widely acceptable – even in states that do not wish to have them. It is time for Republicans to stop advancing the gun lobby’s agenda and instead take action to protect their constituents and stop mass shootings, which have become one of the biggest public health crises in America today.

Bill Text for H.R. 38:

[PDF Version](#)

Background for H.R. 38:

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

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Postponed Suspensions (4 bills)

1. **S. 1266** – Enhancing Veteran Care Act (Sen. Inhofe – Veterans’ Affairs)
2. **H.Con.Res. 90** – Condemning ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya and calling for an end to the attacks in and an immediate restoration of humanitarian access to the state of Rakhine in Burma, as amended (Rep. Crowley – Foreign Affairs)
3. **H.R. 2658** – Venezuela Humanitarian Assistance and Defense of Democratic Governance Act of 2017, as amended (Rep. Engel – Foreign Affairs)
4. **H.Res. 259** – Expressing concern and condemnation over the political, economic, social, and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, as amended (Rep. DeSantis – Foreign Affairs)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, December 7: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider [H.J.Res. 123](#) – Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 (Rep. Frelinghuysen – Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule). The House is also expected to consider [H.R. 3971](#) – Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017 (Rep. Tenney – Financial Services) (Subject to a Rule).

The Daily Quote

"Republicans would like to pass a stopgap funding measure to avoid a government shutdown Friday night, if they could only figure out how long it should last. Work on a so-called continuing resolution was delayed at least a day... when House Republicans couldn't agree among themselves whether to extend current funding levels through Dec. 22 or Dec. 30. Even an intervention by Vice President Mike Pence, who met with House leaders at the Capitol Tuesday afternoon, failed to settle the issue... But the dispute underscored the sense of dysfunction that has stymied the appropriations process for months... With relations strained... and distrust among a group of hard-core conservatives toward House GOP leaders, even the length of a temporary stopgap has become a political flashpoint."

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