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FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes"	6:30 p.m.	???

When the House convenes at 10:00 a.m., the House will recess until approximately 4:00 p.m. At that time, the House will proceed with one minute speeches and then debate bills listed for consideration under suspension of the Rules.

Members are advised that significant votes are expected in the House today. First votes are expected at 6:30 p.m. Additional votes related to H.R. 3630 are expected on Monday night. The House may vote on the Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3630 – Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011.

All absences for this week should be reported to the Whip's office at x5-3130.

Suspensions (5 bills)

1. **H.Res. 497** - To provide for the placement of a statue or bust of Sir Winston Churchill in the United States Capitol (Rep. Boehner - House Administration)
2. **Senate Amendment to H.R. 2056** - To instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures, and for other purposes (Rep. Westmoreland - Financial Services)
3. **Senate Amendment to H.R. 1801** - Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act (Rep. Cravaack - Homeland Security)
4. **Senate Amendment to H.R. 1059** - To protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes (Rep. Conyers - Judiciary)
5. **Senate Amendment to H.R. 515** - Belarus Democracy and Human Rights Act of 2011 (Rep. Smith (NJ) - Foreign Affairs)

Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3630 - Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011 (Rep. Camp - Ways and Means/ Energy and Commerce) The Senate amendment consists of a two month stop-gap for the payroll tax cut, emergency unemployment compensation, and Medicare physician payments. It was passed in the Senate by an overwhelming, bipartisan vote of 89-10 on Saturday.

It extends the 2% employee Payroll Tax Cut and the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program through February 29th. This compromise also does not have any of the programmatic changes to Unemployment Insurance, like GED and drug-testing provisions that House Republicans included in their original bill. It also addresses the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR), extending physician payment rates and preventing a 27.4% cut through February 29th; and it addresses Medicare and Medicaid Extenders policies through February 29th as well. It also includes a simple extension of TANF through February 29th. The bill offsets the cost of these provisions through increased guarantee fees charged by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to mortgage lenders. In total, the



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compromise bill reduces the deficit by approximately \$3 billion.

The bill also requires the President to grant a permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline project within 60 days, unless he determines that the project is not in the national interest. The President retains discretion in making such a determination, and may disapprove the project.

This bill represents an agreement between Republicans and Democrats in the Senate, and it will extend tax relief for middle class families and important benefits for the unemployed into next year. Republicans are once again walking away from bipartisan cooperation, preferring to choose partisanship and brinksmanship over compromise. **Members are urged to VOTE YES on the Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3630.**

Bill Text for the Senate Amendment to H.R.3630:

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TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

Members are advised that significant votes are expected in the House tomorrow, Tuesday, December 20. Any expected absences should be reported to the Whip's office.

The Daily Quote

"The Senate passed the bipartisan [payroll tax cut] measure in an 89-10 vote on Saturday with McConnell and the rest of Senate GOP leadership backing the agreement....The House will return to session on Monday, following a rebellion over the weekend by rank-and-file House Republicans against the Senate proposal."

-Politico, 12/18/11