

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

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.	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

H.Res. 693 – Rule providing for consideration of both **H.R. 3326 – World Bank Accountability Act of 2017 (Rep. Barr – Financial Services)** and **H.R. 2954** – **Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act (Rep. Emmer – Financial Services) (One hour of debate)**. The Rules Committee has recommended one Rule which would provide for consideration of two bills.

For H.R. 3326, 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 Financial Services. The Rule provides for consideration of 3 amendments, each 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. 2954, 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 Financial Services. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, and waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rules Committee blocked two germane amendments, including one by Rep. Moore of Wisconsin that would have improved H.R. 3326. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

H.R. 3326 – **World Bank Accountability Act of 2017 (Rep. Barr – Financial Services) (One hour of debate)**. While this bill authorizes \$3.29 billion for the U.S. contribution to the World Bank’s International Development Association (IDA) for FY 2018 – FY 2020, it withholds up to 30% of the funding unless certain requirements are met. While most of the requirements are reasonable, withholding funds that benefit the poorest countries in the world is not the appropriate way of pushing the Bank to reform its operations.

When H.R. 3326 was being considered in Committee, Ranking Member Waters urged support for the bill with the understanding that Chairman Hensarling and his staff would continue to work on components that Democrats opposed. Despite that agreement, House Republicans decided to move the bill to the Floor without changes. In another attempt to improve the bill, Rep. Moore (WI) offered an amendment that would have allowed the Secretary of the Treasury to voice U.S. concerns at the bank, instead of enforcing overreaching and vague policy reforms through cuts to funding that will hurt some of the poorest people in the world, but her amendment was not made in order.

On several occasions Democrats attempted to work with Republicans to improve this legislation that impacts the most vulnerable in the world, but Republicans decided to move forward on their own. For these reasons, **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

The Rule provides for one hour of general debate and makes in order 3 amendments, debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendments are:

Norman Amendment. Modifies a Treasury reporting requirement to ensure that the World Bank is promoting reduction of government barriers to entrepreneurship as an important component of poverty reduction.

Connolly Amendment. Requires a report on steps taken by the World Bank to ensure G-5 visa holders (foreign domestic workers) employed by World Bank diplomats and staff are informed of the protections afforded to them pursuant to the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act.

Barr Amendment. Mandates that the U.S. oppose IDA assistance (other than assistance for basic human needs) to a foreign government if the foreign government knowingly fails to enforce UN Security Council sanctions against North Korea. The amendment includes Presidential waiver authority.

Bill Text for H.R. 3326:
[PDF Version](#)

Background for H.R. 3326:

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

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

Suspensions (3 bills)

1. [H.R. 3445](#) – AGOA and MCM Modernization Act, as amended (Rep. Royce – Foreign Affairs)
2. [H.R. 3776](#) – Cyber Diplomacy Act of 2017, as amended (Rep. Royce – Foreign Affairs)
3. [H.R. 1660](#) – Global Health Innovation Act of 2017 (Rep. Sires – Foreign Affairs)

Postponed Suspensions (2 bills)

1. [H.R. 4258](#) – Family Self-Sufficiency Act, as amended (Rep. Duffy – Financial Services)
2. [H.R. 4279](#) – Expanding Investment Opportunities Act, as amended (Rep. Hollingsworth – Financial Services)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, January 18: The House will meet at 12:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of H.R. 2954 – Home Mortgage Disclosure Adjustment Act (Rep. Emmer – Financial Services). The House is also expected to consider the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to [H.R. 195](#) – Making further additional continuing appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018, and other purposes (Rep. Frelinghuysen – Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule). Lastly, the House is also expected to begin consideration of [H.R. 4712](#) – Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act (Rep. Blackburn – Judiciary) (Subject to a Rule).

The Daily Quote

"While Congress has enacted a series of short-term funding extensions since September, each one has become progressively more difficult to pass. And the latest push comes amid bipartisan backlash to Trump's reported comments about immigrants from Haiti, El Salvador and African countries. 'I am worried' about the impact on a CR, said Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), who chairs an Appropriations subcommittee. 'Anything that makes it more difficult to sit down and come to a deal is not helpful when we have such a short amount of time. All these things are connected,' he added."

- The Hill, 1/15/2018