

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

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

H.Res. 74 – Rule providing for consideration of both **H.J.Res. 36** – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation" (Rep. Bishop (UT) – Natural Resources) and **H.J.Res. 37** – Disapproving the final rule submitted by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (Rep. Foxx – Oversight and Government Reform) (One hour of debate). The Rules committee has recommended one Rule which provides for consideration of 2 measures.

For H.J.Res. 36, the Rules Committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The Rule allows one motion to recommit and waives all points of order against the resolution.

For H.J.Res. 37, the Rules Committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The Rule allows one motion to recommit and waives all points of order against the resolution. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

Complete Consideration of H.J.Res. 40 – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Social Security Administration relating to Implementation of the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007 (Rep. Sam Johnson – Judiciary) (One hour of debate). The resolution disapproves of the Social Security Administration (SSA) Rule on implementation of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Improvement Amendments. The rule provides for the names of anyone who is receiving benefits from the SSA, has a mental disability and requires a representative payee for assistance with their finances to be automatically entered into the NICS system, thereby restricting those persons from purchasing a firearm. President Obama issued this executive order in response to the 2012 Sandy Hook shootings.

The Rule, which was adopted yesterday, provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Committee on Judiciary.

Bill Text for H.J.Res. 40:
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H.J.Res. 37 – Disapproving the final rule submitted by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (Rep. Foxx – Oversight and Government Reform) (One hour of debate). The resolution disapproves of the regulation implementing the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces Executive Order signed by President Obama in July of 2014. The Rule requires prospective federal contractors to disclose violations of federal labor and worker safety laws and gives agencies guidance on how to consider these violations when those contractors are bidding for federal contracts.

The Executive Order was signed in response to the nearly \$81 billion over a six-year period awarded to companies that were found to have violated federal workplace laws. It is essential that those companies receiving taxpayer dollars through contract agreements with the federal government comply with federal laws, such as paying overtime wages, enforcing anti-discrimination practices, and ensuring workers are in a safe environment and are not subject to physical danger.

Opponents of the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces Executive Order claim that this order "blacklists" companies from receiving federal contracts, but that is simply not the case. This order simply requires companies to disclose any labor law violations and gives agencies guidance on how to consider those violations, taking into account the severity of the violations and whether they are part of a pervasive

pattern. It is essential that taxpayer dollars are not awarded to companies that routinely violate federal law by subjecting workers to an unsafe, unfair and unlawful work environment.

Bill Text for H.J.Res. 37:

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TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Friday, February 3: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of [H.J.Res. 36](#) – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation" (Rep. Bishop (UT) – Natural Resources).

The Daily Quote

"President Trump made clear in his fiery inaugural speech that he was going to challenge the Washington establishment. Now the establishment is quickly pushing back, creating a palpable air of uncertainty and chaos in the opening days of his administration. The new president fired an acting attorney general who refused to defend the administration's executive order on immigration... State Department employees opposed to the administration were urged to quit if they didn't like Mr. Trump's direction. Even after years of unbreakable gridlock and unyielding partisanship, it was a jarring new level of confrontation and conflict, and it was contributing to a building sense of crisis... Republicans, adjusting to the new era, seemed blindsided by the rapid pace of events and the worrying failure of the new administration to engage in the information-sharing and consultation that would typically accompany the issuance of a potentially explosive proposal like the freeze on visas for refugees and immigrants from select countries... Representative Peter T. King, Republican of New York, said similar failings had emerged in the early days of previous administrations but would not be tolerated for long. 'You get a brief period you're allowed for a learning curve, but after that, you have to get your act together,' Mr. King said."

- New York Times, 1/31/2017