

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 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"	1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

H.Res. 879 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3053 – Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2018 (Rep. Shimkus – Energy and Commerce) (One hour of debate).

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 Energy and Commerce. The Rule allows for 3 amendments, debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, and waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rules Committee has rejected a Motion by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers to amendment #1 to H.R. 3053, offered by Rep. Rosen of Nevada which prohibits any action relating to the licensing, planning, development, or construction of a nuclear waste repository at the Yucca Mountain site until the Director of the Office of Management and Budget studies the economic viability and job-creating benefits of alternative uses of the site. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

H.R. 2152 – Citizens’ Right to Know Act (Rep. Poe – Judiciary) (One hour of debate). This bill seeks greater transparency in the criminal justice system, but it misses that mark by violating people’s privacy and disproportionately impacts low-income and indigent Americans.

The bill would effectively favor the commercial bail system, also known as the “money bail system,” by requiring state or local governments that use Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding to pay for pretrial service programs, an alternative to money bail, to report and publish certain detailed and personal information to the DOJ annually about defendants using those programs. Any state or local government that fails to comply with the reporting requirement will receive a 100% reduction in their DOJ grant allocation. These requirements would undermine the privacy of those who participate in the program, who are disproportionately poor Americans, and discourage the use of pretrial service programs in communities across the country.

This bill was reported out of the Judiciary Committee without a single Democratic vote.

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

Bill Text for H.R. 2152:

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Background for H.R. 2152:

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

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H.R. 5645 – Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015 (Rep. Handel – Judiciary) (One hour of debate). This bill would severely hinder the Federal Trade Commission’s (FTC) ability to challenge proposed corporate mergers, protect consumers, and promote competition.

The FTC is a bipartisan, independent agency that was established in 1914 to encourage long-term development of antitrust policy that is not subject to the particular priorities of any given administration, and was created to complement the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) antitrust division. H.R. 5645 would strip the FTC of many of its unique, independent functions, which would: (1) be redundant to DOJ’s antitrust division, thereby transforming it into another executive enforcement agency in larger merger cases and (2) lessen the agency’s independence and ability to function autonomously.

H.R. 5645 would also require the FTC to challenge proposed mergers or acquisitions through the federal courts rather than through its own administrative procedures. Currently, the FTC is able to spur competition through analysis, expansive information-gathering, rigorous enforcement and the

development of evidence unavailable to generalist courts.

H.R. 5645 would erode over 100 years of administrative and judicial precedent regarding government reviews of proposed mergers to ensure they are not anti-competitive or anti-consumer.

Identical legislation passed the House on March 23, 2016. That vote can be found [here](#).

The Rule, which was adopted yesterday, makes in order 1 amendment, debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendment is:

Goodlatte Manager's Amendment. Makes a series of technical and clarifying changes suggested by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Bill Text for H.R. 5645:

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TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, May 10: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of H.R. 3053 – Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2018 (Rep. Shimkus – Energy and Commerce).

The Daily Quote

"President Donald Trump's proposal to roll back \$7 billion from the popular Children's Health Insurance Program drew immediate bipartisan concern Tuesday, an indication of the hurdles the effort to cut federal spending will face in the Senate. The proposed cuts to the children's health program quickly emerged as the most contentious element of Mr. Trump's request that Congress rescind about \$15 billion in funds that had been previously authorized but not spent. 'It is a red flag with me,' Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R., WV) said of the proposed CHIP cuts, noting she was reviewing the proposal. 'I've been a big proponent of CHIP from the beginning. It's vital to our state.'"

- Wall Street Journal, 5/8/2018