

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018**

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

**H.Res. 908** – Rule providing for consideration of **H.R. 5515 – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Rep. Thornberry – Armed Services)**. The Rules Committee has recommended a structured Rule for additional amendments. The Rule provides for consideration of 168 amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes, equally controlled by the proponent and opponent of the amendment.

The Rule also provides the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services authority to offer amendments en bloc, consisting of amendments not previously considered. All en bloc amendments are debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the committee on Armed Services.

The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, and waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rules Committee rejected a number of motions made by Democratic Members to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers to bipartisan and Democratic amendments. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

**Continue Consideration of H.R. 5515 – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Rep. Thornberry – Armed Services)**. The bill would provide for the authorization of funding for the Department of Defense and other related agencies, programs, and operations for Fiscal Year 2019. It authorizes approximately \$639.1 billion for base budget requirements and an additional \$69 billion designated for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO). The funding level in the bill is consistent with the Budget Control Act Cap deal reached in February.

The bill supports a 2.6 percent pay increase for military personnel. It maintains the current restriction on domestic transfers of Guantanamo detainees and prevents the use of funds for construction or modification of U.S. facilities to house Guantánamo detainees. The bill provides for \$6.3 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative and extends the authorization for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative.

The bill includes a provision banning government agencies from using or procuring technology made by ZTE, a large electronics maker in China. It also renews the authority to provide assistance to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria through 2020 and authorizes \$850 million for such assistance in Iraq in FY 2019.

The Rule provides for no further general debate and makes in order 168 amendments. A full list of amendments can be found [HERE](#).

**Postponed Amendment Votes (4):**

**Nolan Amendment**  
**Gabbard Amendment**  
**Aguilar Amendment**  
**Garamendi/Blumenauer Amendment**

**Bill Text for H.R. 5515:**  
[PDF Version](#)

**Background for H.R. 5515:**  
[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)  
[House Report \(PDF Version\)](#)

**TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK**



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The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, May 24: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of H.R. 5515 – National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Rep. Thornberry – Armed Services).

## The Daily Quote

"Let's say your car holds 12 gallons of gas. If you have filled up your gas tank nine times in the past week (for some reason), you have spent an average of about \$61 dollars more on gas this week than you would have the day President Trump was inaugurated. If you are in the bottom 20 percent of Americans in income, we have some bad news for you: There goes your tax cut... [A]s Trump noted on the campaign trail, gas prices are a significant factor for the economic well-being of many American households."

- Washington Post, 5/22/2018