

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes"	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

H.Res. 116 – Rule providing for consideration of both **H.J.Res. 66 – Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by States for non-governmental employees (Rep. Walberg – Education and the Workforce)** and **H.J.Res. 67 – Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by qualified State political subdivisions for non-governmental employees (Rep. Rooney – Education and the Workforce) (One hour of debate)**. The Rules committee has recommended one Rule which provides for consideration of 2 measures.

For H.J.Res. 66, 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 Education and the Workforce. The Rule allows one motion to recommit and waives all points of order against the resolution.

For H.J.Res. 67, 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 Education and the Workforce. The Rule allows one motion to recommit and waives all points of order against the resolution. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

H.Res. 99 – Rule providing for consideration of both **H.R. 428 – Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act (Rep. Thornberry – Natural Resources)** and **H.J.Res. 42 – Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants (Rep. Brady (TX) – Ways and Means) (One hour of debate)**. The Rules committee has recommended one Rule which provides for consideration of 2 measures.

For H.R. 428, 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 Natural Resources. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions, and waives all points of order against the legislation.

For H.J.Res. 42, 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 Ways and Means. The Rule allows one motion to recommit and waives all points of order against the resolution. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

H.R. 428 – **Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act (Rep. Thornberry – Natural Resources) (One hour of debate)**. H.R. 428 would essentially strip the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of its survey authority along a 116 mile stretch of the Red River between Texas and Oklahoma and turn that authority over to the State of Texas General Land Office and Oklahoma Commissioners of the Land Office. This would allow these state entities to conduct a survey that would likely move the Texas state border northward toward the water, effectively eliminating a large portion of federal land holdings.

To resolve long-standing disputes over the ownership of certain parcels of land and clarify the location of the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma, the BLM issued a Notice of Intent to begin work on a revision to the Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas Resource Management Plan on July 26, 2013. The completion of the ongoing BLM survey process will clear up uncertainty as to where the borders are and who owns the land. H.R. 428 would stop the survey and create a dangerous precedent by nullifying all previous surveys conducted by BLM and giving a state agency, not the federal government, final say over determining the boundaries of federal lands. Additionally, this legislation would undermine the federal trust responsibility to Native American tribes by giving state agencies, not the federal government, the responsibility for consulting with Tribes about the boundaries of their lands. Finally, the bill wastefully authorizes \$1 million in federal spending for state agencies to re-do the survey work that has already been done.

This legislation interferes with the litigation currently taking place in federal district court. Currently, BLM, the state of Texas, and Texas landowners are in mediation in order to resolve this issue. It seems House Republicans, like President Trump, do not hold much regard for our judicial branch and are attempting to undermine the progress taking place with irresponsible actions that are unfair to the American taxpayer.

Bill Text for H.R. 428:

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TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, February 15: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of [H.J.Res. 42](#) – Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants (Rep. Brady (TX) - Ways and Means), [H.J.Res. 66](#) – Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by States for non-governmental employees (Rep. Walberg – Education and the Workforce), and [H.J.Res. 67](#) – Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by qualified State political subdivisions for non-governmental employees (Rep. Rooney – Education and the Workforce).

The Daily Quote

"House conservatives — anxious that the GOP's effort to end Obamacare is getting bogged down in the fight over what a replacement should look like — are plotting a major push to repeal the law immediately without simultaneously approving an alternative... The position is at odds with GOP leadership's latest strategy... The split in the conference shows that even after six years of demanding repeal — and a month of unified government — Republicans are still struggling to get on the same page on how to do it."

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