

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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.	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**H.Res. 1176 – Rule providing for consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2 – Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 (Rep. Conaway – Agriculture) (One Hour of Debate).** The Rule committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of debate to be divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. The Rule allows for one motion to recommit if applicable, and waives all points of order against the Conference Report and against its consideration.

Section 2 of the Rule provides the provisions of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546) shall not apply during the remainder of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress to a concurrent resolution introduced pursuant to section 5 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544) with respect to Yemen.

The Rules Committee rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern to strike section 2 of the Rule. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

**Conference Report to Accompany [H.R. 2 – Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 \(Rep. Conaway – Agriculture\) \(One hour of debate\).](#)** This Conference Report rejects the disastrous SNAP cuts and poison pill environmental riders that were in the House-passed version of H.R. 2. Instead, it takes a bipartisan approach that protects SNAP benefits, includes strong conservation programs, helps farmers weather the uncertainty and weak prices resulting from the Administration’s trade policies, invests in research, and supports rural economic development.

This bill:

- Maintains current SNAP benefit levels, rejecting Republican efforts to shred the safety net for vulnerable families;
- Maintains the Environmental Quality Incentive Program and the Conservation Stewardship Program with separate funding, increases funding for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, and expands acreage in the Conservation Reserve Program;
- Responds to low dairy prices by creating Dairy Margin Coverage to offer more flexible coverage for lower cost when dairy farmers need it most and providing a partial refund or credit for Margin Protection Program premiums paid between 2014-2017;
- Provides \$40M in mandatory funding for scholarships at 1890 land-grant universities;
- Provides \$185 million in mandatory funding for the Foundation for Future Food and Agriculture Research;
- Authorizes \$350 million per year for new broadband infrastructure;
- Reauthorizes critical rural water and sewer infrastructure programs;
- Continues the Energy title with \$125 million in new mandatory funding for Biorefinery Assistance Program and Bioenergy Payments, along with carryover funding, and maintains the Rural Energy for America Program with a \$500 million baseline; Combines and establishes mandatory funding for important programs to promote U.S. agricultural exports;
- Provides \$300 million in mandatory funding for new animal pest and disease prevention and response programs;
- Improves the Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs;
- Expands access to FSA farm loans for veteran and beginning farmers; and
- Improves transparency through annual reports of USDA lending activity.

Democrats in both the House and the Senate successfully fought to exclude dangerous provisions that would hurt some of the most needy in our country and further harm farmers across the country who are still reeling from overseas markets that have been closed off in retaliation for Trump’s trade policies, producing legislation that is a vast improvement on the shameful version of H.R. 2 written by House Republicans. In a reflection of the bipartisan nature of the resulting conference report, the Senate adopted it on a vote of 87-13 yesterday, with every Senate Democrat voting for it.

**Bill Text for Conference Report on H.R. 2:**

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**Suspensions (2 bills)**

1. **Concurring in the Senate Amendment to [H.R. 2454](#)** – Department of Homeland Security Data Framework Act of 2017, as amended (Rep. Hurd – Homeland Security)
2. **House Amendment to [S. 2736](#)** – Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Sen. Gardner – Foreign Affairs)

**Postponed Suspension (1 bill)**

1. **[H.Res. 1091](#)** – Calling on the Government of Burma to release Burmese journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo sentenced to seven years imprisonment after investigating attacks against civilians by Burma’s military and security forces, and for other purposes, as amended (Rep. Chabot – Foreign Affairs)

**TOMORROW’S OUTLOOK**

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, December 13: The House will meet at 10:30 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of bills listed for consideration under suspension of the Rules.

**The Daily Quote**

“If we don't get what we want one way or the other... I will shut down the government... I am proud to shut down the government... I will take the mantle. I will be the one to shut it down.”

- President Donald J. Trump, 12/11/2018