

## FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

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>2:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</b>

**H.Res. 174 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1301 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017 (Rep. Frelinghuysen – Appropriations) (One hour of debate).** 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 Appropriations. The Rule allows one motion to recommit and waives all points of order against the resolution.

The Rules Committee rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for amendment #2, offered by Rep. Lee of California which prohibits the funding for the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) beginning on September 30, 2017. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

**H.Res. 175 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 725 – Innocent Party Protection Act (Rep. Buck – Judiciary) (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 Judiciary. The Rule provides for consideration of 2 amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes, equally controlled by the proponent and opponent of the amendment. 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 motion by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for amendment #3, offered by Rep. Barragan of California which creates an exception for cases arising under a State constitution or other law providing for expedited procedures for cases involving claims for personal injury or wrongful death. The Rules Committee also rejected a motion by Ms. Slaughter of New York to report H.R. 725 under an open Rule. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

**H.R. 1301 – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017 (Rep. Frelinghuysen – Appropriations).** H.R. 1301 provides full-year appropriations for Defense programs and activities for FY2017. The bill appropriates \$577.9 billion in FY2017 discretionary budget authority for the Department of Defense – including \$516.1 billion in base funding subject to the Budget Control Act's defense discretionary cap and an additional \$61.8 billion designated for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO). Taken together with \$5.8 billion in supplemental funding enacted through the Continuing Resolution last December, it would bring the total defense discretionary to \$583.7 billion. That is consistent with the FY2017 National Defense Authorization Act, also enacted in December.

The measure includes a military pay raise of 2.1% and does not block the Obama Administration's request for a 1.6% raise to DOD civilian employees. Also, the bill continues provisions prohibiting the transfer of Guantanamo detainees to the U.S or closure of the facility. It includes funding for sexual assault prevention and response programs in the military and suicide prevention and outreach programs.

The bill authorizes \$980 million for Iraq-Levant train and equip efforts, that includes Kurdish forces. An additional \$150 million is included for efforts in Ukraine to train and equip forces, consistent with the Ukraine Freedom Support Act that passed last year which allows for disbursement of lethal equipment of a defensive nature.

While this specific bill does not break the BCA spending caps on defense discretionary and funds our national security priorities, Republicans in control of the House, Senate, and the White House will need to complete it and 10 nondefense appropriations measures to keep the government open beyond April 28th. That will require not only bipartisan negotiation on those remaining appropriations bills, but a final Defense Appropriations bill that is no worse than this current measure.

**Bill Text for H.R. 1301:**  
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**Suspensions (3 bills)**

1. [H.R. 132](#) – Arbuckle Project Maintenance Complex and District Office Conveyance Act of 2017 (Rep. Cole – Natural Resources)
2. [H.R. 648](#) – To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to amend the Definite Plan Report for the Seedskaadee Project to enable the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir (Rep. Cheney – Natural Resources)
3. [H.R. 267](#) – Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park Act of 2017, as amended (Rep. Lewis – Natural Resources)

## **TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK**

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Thursday, March 9: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of H.R. 725 – Innocent Party Protection Act (Rep. Buck – Judiciary). The House is also expected to consider [H.R. 985](#) – Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2017 (Rep. Goodlatte – Judiciary) (Subject to a Rule).

### **The Daily Quote**

"An array of conservative lawmakers and activist groups on Tuesday attacked a proposal by House GOP leaders to overturn the 2010 health law... Members of two conservative House caucuses, at least three right-leaning GOP senators and a set of allied groups outside Congress signaled their dissatisfaction with the health plan published Monday by House Republican leaders and crafted with White House support... Opposition from conservative lawmakers and activist groups could derail the party's highly prized bid to replace the Affordable Care Act."

- Wall Street Journal, 3/7/2017