

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business	10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	10:45 – 11:15 a.m.
Five "One Minutes"		

Complete Consideration of [H.R. 1431](#) – EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2017 (Rep. Lucas – Science, Space, and Technology) (One Hour of Debate). This bill would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to select members for the Science Advisory Board (SAB) that represent a "balanced" view of scientific issues, regardless of the legitimacy of those views – exposing the Board to potentially politically motivated beliefs not grounded in actual science. Additionally, the bill would allow up to 90% of SAB members to be private-sector scientists with direct ties to industry – opening the door for corporations to hold powerful influence over its decisions and recommendations to the EPA.

The bill would also require a number of changes to the SAB's operations. The Board would be required to release to the public all scientific information used in determining its advisories to EPA, indicating any and all "uncertainties" associated with the scientific advice it does provide, and it must ensure that the advice it provides to EPA reflect the views of all Board members. It also would allow the public to file public comments on those advisories and require the Board to respond to all public comments – forcing the SAB to waste time and limited funds on burdensome administrative requirements instead of actually advising the EPA on science. These additional requirements that the bill demands of the SAB are essentially designed to keep it from getting anything accomplished, especially since the bill contains no additional resources for the board to function.

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 Science, Space, and Technology.

Bill Text for H.R. 1431:

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Background for H.R. 1431:

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The Daily Quote

"I've been in this job eight years, and I'm wracking my brain to think of one thing our party has done that's been something positive... And if we can't, then it's hard to justify why we should be back here."

- Rep. Tom Rooney (R – FL), 3/28/2017