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FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" per side	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	???

Complete Consideration of [H.R. 1540](#) - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Rep. McKeon – Armed Services) H.R. 1540 would provide for the authorization of funding for the Department of Defense and other related agencies, programs, and operations for fiscal year 2012. It provides for a total of \$690 billion for the entire fiscal year.

In addition to authorizing all operations at the Pentagon, as well as military operations overseas, the bill also includes some policy additions/restrictions, including: a restriction of funds used for the transfer of Guantanamo detainees to U.S. soil ; prohibiting the Pentagon from implementing a repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy until the chiefs of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines certify that the change would not be harmful to the military; expanding current policy on the 'Authorized Use of Military Force' (AUMF) to give the current and future administrations the ability to prosecute military action against any terrorist-affiliated group anywhere in the world.

There were 152 amendments made in order under the Rule. The House has 11 amendments left to be debated (4 amendments en bloc), including:

- **McGovern/Amash/Cicilline/Jones/Lewis(GA)/Paul/Welch Amendment.** Requires the following: a plan and timeframe for transition of military operations to Afghan authorities in Afghanistan; a plan and timeframe for negotiations leading to political reconciliation in Afghanistan; a new National Intelligence Estimate on Al-Qaeda. It also clarifies that nothing would limit the President's authority to go after Al-Qaeda or modify military strategy

There are also 16 recorded votes pending. Some of those amendments include:

- **Smith (WA) Amendment (#42).** Allows transfers of detainees to the U.S. for trial in federal court; strikes language barring transfer of detainees held abroad to the U.S. and requires certification by the Attorney General prior to transfer
- **Buchanan (FL) Amendment (#43).** Requires all foreign terrorists, with links to terrorist networks, who attack the U.S. or the Government be considered enemy combatants to be tried by military tribunals, not in the civilian court system
- **Chaffetz/Welch Amendment.** Requires withdrawal of American forces from Afghanistan, except for those involved in smaller counter-terrorism operations. It would also require the Secretary to submit a plan of withdrawal within 60 days of enactment and implementation progress reports every 180 days thereafter
- **Conyers/Clarke(NY)/Cohen/Duncan (SC) Amendment.** Prevents any funds in the bill from being used to deploy, establish, or maintain the presence of Members of the U.S. Armed Forces or private security contractors in Libya
- **Amash/Lee Amendment.** Strikes the section (section 1034) in the bill relating to the authorization of the use of military force (AUMF)

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- **Mica Amendment.** Requires that the rules of engagement applicable to any military service personnel assigned to duty in a designated hostile fire area fully protect their right to bear arms and defend themselves from hostile action
- **Polis Amendment.** Reduces the amount of troops stationed in Europe to 30,000 by September 30, 2012 and would decrease overall end strength levels by 10,000 a year over the next five years

Bill Text for H.R. 1540:

[HTML Version](#)

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Background for H.R. 1540:

[House Report HTML Version](#)

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[CRS Memo on Authorization to Use Military Force](#)

Further action on legislation relating to the extension of certain expiring provisions of the Patriot Act. The three provisions set to expire on Friday are. "Roving Wiretap" authority, which provides the ability for authorities to wiretap multiple electronic devices from a single suspected terrorist; 2. "Lone Wolf", which allows for the government to pursue warrants to conduct surveillance on non-U.S. citizens , engaged in 'international terrorist activities' alone; 3. Provision granting the government access to business records relating to a terrorist investigation.

The Daily Quote

"The last two weeks in politics have made one thing abundantly clear: Republicans have a Medicare problem. On the one hand, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a 2012 presidential candidate, was castigated by conservatives for his criticism of Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan's budget — in particular the changes in Medicare it proposed. On the other, state Assemblywoman Jane Corwin (R) lost a reliably Republican seat in a special election on Tuesday thanks, in no small part, to her decision to embrace the Ryan plan. The reality is that the total fealty to the Ryan budget increasingly demanded of Republican presidential candidates by the party's base runs directly counter to the unpopularity of making drastic cuts to Medicare among the general electorate. Not only is that a major political problem for the party but it's one without a simple solution."

- The Washington Post, 5/25/11