

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 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>4:00 – 5:00 p.m.</b>

**H.Res. 324 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1039 – Probation Officer Protection Act of 2017 (Rep. Reichert – 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 1 amendment, 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. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

**Complete consideration of H.R. 115 – Thin Blue Line Act (Rep. Buchanan – Judiciary) (One hour of debate).** This bill would require federal courts to consider the murder, attempted murder, or targeting of a state or local law enforcement official, firefighter, or first responder as an aggravating circumstance when determining if a death sentence is warranted for a convicted felon, provided the crime occurred under federal jurisdiction.

Advocates of H.R. 115 argue that establishing stricter penalties for those who harm or target for harm law enforcement officers will deter crime, and that subjecting criminals to a possible death penalty can make important differences in the attitudes of criminals toward public safety officers.

Opponents of H.R. 115 contend that there are already tough federal and state laws to ensure that those who compromise police officer safety are penalized, making enhanced penalty laws wasteful and unnecessary. For example the federal death penalty is currently available for federal crimes involving the intentional death of state and local law enforcement and other first responders. Moreover, all states have laws that subject a person to the death penalty and/or life without parole for the intentional death of state and local law enforcement. For states that do not have capital punishment and instead impose life without parole, H.R. 115 would violate the principles of federalism by allowing Congress and the federal government to overrule state laws.

Regarding process, H.R. 115 was hastily rushed through the committee in order to be brought to the Floor this week for Police Week. Democratic Members of the Judiciary committee believe that a bill as consequential as H.R. 115 requires a far more deliberative and transparent committee process to ensure that those who put their lives at risk every day are truly protected.

The Rule, which was adopted yesterday, provides for one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Members of the Committee on Judiciary.

***Bill Text for H.R. 115:***

[PDF Version](#)

***Background for H.R. 115:***

[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

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**Postponed Suspension (1 bill)**

1. [H.R. 1892](#) – Honoring Hometown Heroes Act (Rep. Larson – Judiciary)

**TOMORROW’S OUTLOOK**

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Friday, May 19: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of [H.R. 1039](#) – Probation Officer Protection Act of 2017 (Rep. Reichert – Judiciary).



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"Republicans' long-held dreams of tweaking Medicaid, repealing Obamacare and overhauling the tax code appear in more jeopardy than ever as scandal and investigations beset President Donald Trump's White House. 'Everything affects our work right now. The more controversy we have the more difficult it is to do things,' said Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah). It's not just Republicans' policy agenda on the line but the party's own political future. Republicans control the White House and Congress and need to show they can govern, rather than just oppose, major policy packages..."

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