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FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" per side	1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Motion to Concur in the Senate amendment to [H.R. 2608](#) - Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (Rep. Rogers (KY) - Appropriations) The House entered into a unanimous consent agreement yesterday, which provided for one hour of debate, equally divided between the Chair and Ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations. It also provides for one vote on the motion to concur in the senate amendment following the one hour of debate.

This relatively "clean" CR passed the Senate by a vote of 79-12, with every Senate Democrat voting in favor of the legislation. It also does not contain any job-destroying policy riders that Democrats fought against in previous versions of the CR. Passage of this bill today will send this CR to the President, and would keep government open beyond the current CR, which expires tonight.

This Continuing Resolution would extend the FY 2011 discretionary funding level at approximately 98.5% for agencies and programs through November 18 of this year. This approximate 1.5% cut seeks to bring the level of funding in line with the Budget Control Act, which capped FY 2012 discretionary spending at \$1.043 trillion.

It also contains various anomalies, including: keeping the postal service solvent through Nov 18; extending flood insurance through Nov 18; cutting funding for Overseas Contingency Operations (Pakistan, Afghanistan); giving DC access to its local funds; authorizing DHS to work on national special security events; and renewing import restrictions against Burma.

As for Disaster Relief, the measure provides \$2.65 billion, a number which OMB Director Jack Lew has said should be sufficient through Nov. 18. Additionally, it requires the Homeland Security Department to provide a full accounting of disaster relief funding requirements for FY 2012 no later than 15 days after the date of enactment, and to provide an account of their requirements to meet the department's needs in FY 2013 in the President's budget request next year. It also extends, through Nov. 18, parts of the flood insurance program, including the extension of potential new contracts for flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program. **Members are urged to VOTE YES.**

[H.Res. 419](#) - Rule providing for consideration of both [H.R. 2681](#) - Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 (Rep. Sullivan – Energy and Commerce) and [H.R. 2250](#) - EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 (Rep. Griffith - Energy and Commerce) The Rules Committee has recommended a modified open Rule for both bills. H.Res. 419 would provide 1 hour of general debate for both H.R. 2681 and H.R. 2250, equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The Rule allows any amendment to either bill submitted and printed in the Congressional Record, no later than October 4, to be considered on the Floor. It also



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allows pro forma amendments, and also provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, October 5: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to begin consideration of H.R. 2681 - Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011 (Rep. Sullivan – Energy and Commerce).

The Daily Quote

"House Republicans return to Washington this week a restless bunch in the wake of an embarrassing legislative defeat and months before they face primary voters in the 2012 election. The stunning downfall of a stopgap spending bill, which 48 Republicans rejected on Sept. 21, is a clear sign that managing the House GOP Conference in the coming months will be extremely challenging. While House Republicans were able to pass a second spending bill with only 24 defections, the flawed strategy of moving the first piece of legislation has left some battle scars."

- The Hill, 10/2/11