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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" Per Side	12:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

S. 1777 - Katrina Emergency Assistance Act of 2005 (Sen. Collins - Transportation and Infrastructure) (Unanimous Consent Agreement, One Hour of Debate). This bill extends unemployment assistance to individuals eligible for this benefit as result of a disaster declaration made for Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita on or after August 29, 2005 for 39 weeks after the date of the disaster declaration.

H.Res.702 – Rule Providing for general debate of H.R. 4167 – National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005 (Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended a rule providing for general debate only. The Rules committee is expected to meet next week to report a second rule allowing for debate on amendments.

Democrats will oppose the Previous Question on the Rule in order to allow consideration of the bipartisan King (NY) / Thompson (MS) bill (HR4807) regarding the pending acquisition by Dubai Ports World of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company. **Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the Previous Question.**

H.R. 4167 – National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005 (Rep. Rogers {MI} – Energy and Commerce) (Subject to a Rule). This bill enables the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to establish a national standard for food safety and warning requirements; prohibits states from establishing any food safety labeling notification requirements on food packaging; and prohibits states from continuing any current food safety notification label warning requirements after a grace period of 180 days from enactment. Currently, states have the ability to establish and enforce food safety labeling requirements over and above any standards set by the FDA. HR 4167 would allow states to petition the FDA within the 180-day grace period, for a waiver to allow any labeling requirements that are already in place to remain in place; and to request the establishment of additional federal regulations. This bill was reported out of the Energy and Commerce Committee without a hearing on December 15, 2006 by a vote of 30-18 (with 4 Democrats voting Yes and 17 voting No).

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Friday, no votes are expected in the House.

Daily Quote...

"It's a hollow budget and I can't understand it because I've watched the press conferences where the administration has said it's committed to border security and domestic defense, and yet, this budget isn't going to get there."

–Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg (R-NH), on the Bush Administration's FY07 budget request for the Department of Homeland Security, from *The Washington Times* yesterday