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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" Per Side	4:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

***SIGN BARROW DISCHARGE PETITION (#11).** The Barrow Discharge Petition would force consideration of the Miller (CA)-Owens bill (HR2429) to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over two years. 89 members have signed on:

<http://clerk.house.gov/109/lrc/pd/petitions/Dis11.htm>

BIPARTISAN MEMBERS ONLY BRIEFING ON IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. There will be a members-only meeting on Iraq and Afghanistan at 1:30 p.m. in 2118 Rayburn. Officials attending include: Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld; General Peter Pace, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; General John Abizaid, US Central Command Commander; and General George Casey, Commanding General of the Multinational Forces in Iraq.

H.Res.713 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2829 – Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule that provides one hour of general debate, provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions, and makes in order 15 amendments (all but one of these amendments are debatable for 10 minutes).

Democrats are urged to oppose the Previous Question on the Rule in order to allow consideration of an amendment that would: 1) stop the Dubai Ports World deal; and 2) provide an enhanced version of the bipartisan King (NY) / Thompson (MS) bill (HR4807) that includes expedited procedures to ensure a congressional vote on future port acquisition transactions. **VOTE NO on the Previous Question on the Rule.**

H.R. 2829 – Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Rep. Souder – Government Reform) (Subject to a Rule). This bill reauthorizes through FY11 the Office of National Drug Control Policy and its associated programs, including the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program and the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. HR2829 authorizes HIDTA at \$280 million for FY07, \$290 million in FY08 and FY09, and \$300 million in FY10 and FY11 -- \$15 million are authorized annually to combat methamphetamine trafficking in high-intensity drug trafficking areas. This bill also reauthorizes the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign for \$195 million in FY07 and FY08 and \$210 million for each FY09 through FY11. The bill requires the ONDCP to submit to Congress an annual drug control strategy with components that include: comprehensive goals for reducing drug use; annual objectives and targets to evaluate progress made towards reducing drug use; an assessment of the effectiveness of the previous year's strategy; and a review of local, state, federal and international drug control efforts to ensure coordination. The Government Reform Committee ordered this bill to be reported by voice vote on June 16, 2005; the Energy and Commerce Committee ordered this bill to be reported by voice vote on February 16, 2006; and the Judiciary Committee ordered this bill to be reported by voice vote on March 2, 2006.

The 15 amendments made in order by the rule are:

- **Souder Manager's Amendment.** To make technical and conforming changes to account for changes in law within the jurisdiction of those Committees that waived formal business meetings on the bill; and to strike the mandatory restrictions on certification of budgets related to enforcement in certain contexts of the "Drug Free Student Loan" provision.
- **Baird /Hooley/Cardoza Amendment.** To direct the Director of ONDCP, to convene an international summit within 12 months from the enactment of the bill on the threat of methamphetamine and synthetic drug precursor chemicals. The Director shall do so to intensify and coordinate an effective international response along with other affected countries in order to prevent methamphetamine production and precursor diversion. \$1 million is authorized for this purpose.
- **Boozman Amendment.** To ensure that the effects of illicit drug abuse on children of substance abusers are considered in the annual National Drug Control Strategy; and to require ONDCP to conduct a study and the President to report to Congress on drug court programs that conduct hearings in nontraditional public places, such as schools.
- **Chabot /Cannon /Boswell /Calvert /Larsen Amendment (20 minutes).** To Commission studies on: State Drug Endangered Children programs focusing on methamphetamine and report back to Congress within 6 months with recommendations for a National Drug Endangered Children policy; and comparing state precursor control laws and



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report back to Congress within 6 months with a list of best practices with respect to such laws. To create an Internet Meth Clearing House to provide current info to, and to facilitate info sharing among, Federal, state, and local agencies about methamphetamine trafficking, abuse, treatment, and abuse prevention. To commission a report on: what schools have initiated drug testing among those schools attending ONDCP conferences on drug testing; the methamphetamine epidemic, detailing the spread of methamphetamine usage broken down by three-digit zip code based on industrial and school drug tests and clandestine lab seizures; who received performance bonuses at ONDCP and for how much from October 2004 until the present. It mandates the ONDCP Synthetic Drug Action Plan be reported to Congress by 3/31/06.

- **Cuellar Amendment.** To direct the ONDCP to conduct a study of the incidences of kidnapped, killed, and missing Americans along the US-Mexico border and report to Congress on how to prevent such crimes.
- **Filner Amendment.** To instruct the ONDCP to develop a strategy to combat border tunnels for drug trafficking and to recommend to Congress a criminal penalty for digging or using border tunnels for such acts.
- **Graves Amendment.** To require the ONDCP to submit a report to Congress explaining its participation in and support of a conference addressing harm reduction in methamphetamine abuse, not prevention. Additionally, ONDCP must explain what management and reporting systems ONDCP will change to ensure that the Administration is more supportive of efforts fighting the methamphetamine epidemic.
- **Hooley Amendment.** To require ONDCP to submit to Congress a comprehensive strategy that addresses the increased threat from methamphetamine and includes interdiction and precursor chemical controls, demand reduction, treatment and efforts to prevent the diversion of precursor chemicals on an international level.
- **Jackson-Lee Amendment.** To require the ONDCP to perform an assessment of illicit drug and alcohol use by children, and appropriate intervention methods; and to require ONDCP to report to Congress on its assessment. The amendment specifies items to assess that were not considered by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, such as the role of Federal, state, and local criminal justice systems in providing intervention.
- **Lungren Amendment.** To require the Director of ONDCP to provide for a program that advises states on establishing laws and policies to address alcohol and other drug issues, as well as drafting and revising model state drug laws. It authorizes \$1.5 million for each of FY07 through FY11 for that purpose.
- **Lynch Amendment.** To direct the ONDCP to request the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences to enter into an agreement under which the Institute agrees to conduct a study on iatrogenic addiction associated with oxycodone hydrochloride controlled-release tablets and directs the ONDCP to report to Congress on the study.
- **Paul Amendment.** To provide that the act shall not be in effect after September 30, 2011.
- **Rehberg/Boozman/King/Capito /Souder /Graves Amendment.** To ensure that no less than 10% of national media campaign funds will be expended on advertisements specifically intended to reduce methamphetamine use. It grants the Director the authority to award grants to private entities producing research-based public service messages, with the goal of reducing first-time methamphetamine use among young people.
- **Renzi Amendment.** To direct the ONDCP to report to Congress on the representation of tribal governments in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program and in high intensity drug trafficking areas designated under that program. The report shall include a list of tribal governments represented, an explanation of the rationale for the level of representation, and recommendations by the director for the methods for increasing the number of tribal governments represented in the Program.
- **Terry Amendment.** To direct the ONDCP to consult with the head of each major national organization that represents law enforcement officers, agencies, or associations, prior to making recommendations to the President on the national budget for drug control and enforcement each year.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

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

Daily Quote...

"This is probably the worst administration ever in getting Congress's opinion on anything,"

- Rep. Thomas M. Davis III (R-VA) in a story in *The Washington Post*, today