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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
9:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	???

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.R. 2862 – Science and Departments of State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY06 (Rep. Wolf – Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule).

This bill provides \$57.45 billion, an amount approximately \$1.2 billion above the FY05 level. Funding highlights of this bill include: \$21.67 billion for the Department of Justice (\$5.76 billion for the FBI; \$1.7 billion for the DEA; \$4.96 billion for the Federal Prison System; \$1 billion for state and local law enforcement; and \$1.62 billion for US District Attorneys); \$5.82 billion for the Department of Commerce (\$3.42 billion for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; \$1.7 billion for the Patent and Trademark Office; \$832 million for the Census Bureau); \$9.66 billion for the Department of State (\$4.43 billion for Diplomatic and Consular Programs; \$1.16 billion for Contributions to International Organizations; \$1.03 billion for Contributions to International Peacekeeping); \$16.47 billion for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; \$5.64 billion for the National Science Foundation; \$863 million for the Securities and Exchange Commission; \$289 million for the Federal Communications Commission; \$589 million for the Small Business Administration; \$331 million for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; \$211 million for the Federal Trade Commission; and \$330 million for the Legal Services Corporation. This bill calls for deep cuts to important programs that help strengthen States and local communities. Compared to last year's levels, the law enforcement grants are cut by \$400 and the Economic Development Assistance program is cut by \$53 million.

The Rules Committee has recommended an open Rule that provides one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Amendments that do not require waivers of points of order will be considered under the five-minute rule. Unfortunately, the Rule does not make in order an amendment by Ranking Member Obey to increase by \$410 million the funding for formula grants to state and local law enforcement agencies and COPS grants for hiring, training and technical assistance, Police Corps, and interoperability. The Obey amendment would have also restored assistance to state and local governments to last year's levels by providing an additional \$53 million for Economic Development Administration grants. These new funds would be offset by reducing the tax benefits of individuals with annual incomes above \$1 million by 1.46% (a \$2053 reduction). Therefore, Democrats are urged to **VOTE NO on the Previous Question** in order to allow consideration of the Obey amendment.

Important Democratic amendments expected to be considered today include: a Velazquez Amendment to restore funding for the Small Business Administration 7(a) program; and a Sanders Amendment to prohibit the FBI from using Section 215 of the Patriot Act to obtain certain library records.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of **H.R. 2862** - Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY06 (*Rep. Wolf - Appropriations Committee*); and will also consider **H.R. 2863** - Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY06 (*Rep. Young (FL) - Appropriations Committee*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

Daily Quote...

"Republicans, increasingly worried that they are being dragged down by antipathy over the tough issues of Iraq and Social Security, are calling on the White House to push harder on more-voter-friendly legislation, with energy and highway bills at the top of their wish list . . . [R]ecent polls underscore dangers ahead for Republicans in Congress. In a Washington Post/ABC News survey last week, majorities of Americans said Mr. Bush and the Republicans weren't concentrating on issues they care about and weren't making progress solving the nation's problems. The survey showed Mr. Bush with negative ratings on Social Security -- the domestic issue receiving the most presidential attention -- and Iraq."

- A story in *The Wall Street Journal* today