

THE DAILY WHIP

Thursday, May 15, 2003 | Floor News from Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer

HOUSE MEETS AT...	LAST VOTE PREDICTED...
9:00 a.m.: to receive former Members of Congress	2:00 p.m.
Unlimited "One-Minutes"	

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. and recess immediately to receive former Members of Congress. As soon as the meeting is completed, the House will reconvene for legislative business.

H.R. 1527 - National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization (Don Young - T & I) (Open Rule with one hour of general debate). This bill authorizes \$341 million over four years for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and its training academy. The NTSB is an independent federal agency primarily responsible for investigating accidents in five transportation areas – aviation, railroad, highway, maritime and pipeline. This bill requires the Department of Transportation to report annually on the regulatory status of recommendations made by the NTSB; requires NTSB field inspectors to notify aircraft owners and operators of their right to appeal an inspector's determination concerning non-fatal accidents; and allows the NTSB to transfer to the FBI its responsibilities for caring for the families of aircraft accident victims under certain circumstances.

The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides for one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Similar to the Previous-Question vote taken yesterday on the Rule for the Pension bill, a vote will be called on the Previous Question on the Rule for the NTSB Reauthorization bill. Democrats are strongly urged to VOTE NO on the Previous Question on the Rule to allow consideration of the Rangel-Cardin bill that extends unemployment benefits currently set to expire at the end of the month.

DAILY QUOTE...

"...[A]s the independent Committee for Economic Development reported, the deficit is now increasing at such a rate that we simply may be unable to grow out of it. Like so many termites in the woodwork, these growing deficits will gnaw away at the foundations of our well-being"

- Mortimer B. Zuckerman, *U.S. News and World Report*, May 19, 2003

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