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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" per side	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

*****Democratic Members are commended for their commitment to American working families and for forcing the GOP leadership to pull the GOP Comp Time bill that was to be considered today on the House floor.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

At 4:00 p.m., there will be a Members-Only briefing on the House Floor regarding Iraq. Administration officials attending include Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld and General Richard Myers.

H.R. 1474 - Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act (*Hart - Financial Services*) (Open Rule, One Hour of General Debate)

H.Con.Res. 190 - To establish a joint committee to review House and Senate rules, joint rules, and other matters assuring continuing representation and congressional operations for the American people (*Dreier-Rules*) (Unanimous Consent Agreement, One Hour of General Debate)

H.Res. 258 - Rule providing for consideration of S. 222 - Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2003 and S. 273 - Grand Teton National Park Land Exchange Act (*Hastings (WA) - Rules Committee*)

S. 222 - Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2003 (*Renzi - Resources*) (Subject to a Rule)

S. 273 - Grand Teton National Park Land Exchange Act (*Sen. Thomas - Resources*) Subject to a Rule)

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.R. 1474 - Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act (*Hart - Financial Services*) (Open Rule, One Hour of General Debate). This bill would require banks to accept a paper reproduction, produced through digital means, of original paper checks. This bill promotes the electronic clearing of checks by allowing the reproduction and printing of checks closer to the originating bank and reducing the time and cost of physically returning processed checks to the bank on which the check is drawn. 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.

Members are urged to VOTE NO on the Previous Question on the rule to protest the Republican Leadership refusing to consider the Democratic bill to offer to the millions of low income children and military families the child tax credit relief they were denied under the GOP tax bill.

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H.Con.Res. 190 - To establish a joint committee to review House and Senate rules, joint rules, and other matters assuring continuing representation and congressional operations for the American people (*Dreier - Rules*) (Unanimous Consent Agreement, One Hour of General Debate). This bill establishes a bipartisan 20-member joint committee to review the rules and procedures that should be adopted by the House, Senate, and Congress for the purpose of ensuring the continuity and authority of Congress during times of crisis, improving congressional procedures needed to enact measures affecting homeland security during times of crisis, and enhancing the ability of each chamber to cooperate effectively with the other body on major issues affecting homeland security.

H.Res. 258 - Rule providing for consideration of S. 222 - Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2003 and S. 273 - Grand Teton National Park Land Exchange Act (*Hastings (WA)-Rules Committee*). The Rules committee has recommended a closed rule that provides 40 minutes of debate for both S. 222 and S.273; waives all points of order against consideration of both S.222 and S.273; and provides one motion to with or without instructions for both S.222 and S.273.

Members are urged to VOTE NO on the Previous Question on the rule to protest the Republican Leadership refusing to consider the Democratic bill to offer to the millions of low income children and military families the child tax credit relief they were denied under the GOP tax bill.

S. 222 - Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2003 (*Renzi - Resources*) (Subject to a Rule). This bill approves the settlement agreement entered into by the Zuni Indian tribe in Arizona and neighboring communities who are not American Indians. This bill also authorizes the Interior Department to take legal title and hold such title to certain lands in trust for the benefit of the tribe.

S. 273 - Grand Teton National Park Land Exchange Act (*Sen. Thomas - Resources*) (Subject to a Rule). This bill authorizes the Interior Department to acquire approximately 1,406 acres of state land, within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park.

REMINDERS

- The Republican Leadership has announced that the voting time on 15-minute recorded votes will be strictly enforced.
- Please Notify the Democratic Whip's Office if you will be absent.

Daily Quote...

"A magnetic compass always points north; a moral compass should always point out that heaping billions on the rich while ensuring that one out of six American kids doesn't get a penny is dead wrong. But that's exactly what congressional Republicans did in pushing through tax cut legislation last month, and that's what President Bush signed off on."

-Arianna Huffington in the *Los Angeles Times*, 6/4/03