

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes"	1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

H.Res. 831 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5444 – Taxpayer First Act (Rep. Jenkins – Ways and Means) and H.R. 5445 – 21st Century IRS Act (Rep. Bishop (MI) – Ways and Means) (One hour of debate). The Rules Committee has recommended one Rule which would provide for consideration of two bills.

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The Rule also directs the Clerk to, in the engrossment of H.R. 5444, add the text of [H.R. 2901](#), [H.R. 5437](#), [H.R. 5438](#), [H.R. 5439](#), [H.R. 5440](#), [H.R. 5443](#), [H.R. 5445](#), [H.R. 5446](#), most of which passed the House under suspension of the Rules earlier this week.

H.R. 5444 – Taxpayer First Act (Rep. Jenkins – Ways and Means) (One hour of debate). This bipartisan legislation redesigns IRS customer service and the IRS appeals process, provides additional taxpayer protections in collections and enforcement, provides flexibility to the agency to restructure its design, and updates Tax Court procedures.

H.R. 5444 also temporarily prevents private debt collectors who are under contract with the IRS from pursuing tax collections against individuals whose incomes fall below 250% of the federal poverty level (FPL), codifies the FreeFile program, and would make the Offer-In-Compromise program more accessible to low-income taxpayers by waiving application and initial payment obligations for those with incomes below 250% of the FPL.

H.R. 5444 passed out of the Ways and Means Committee by a voice vote.

Bill Text for H.R. 5444:

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Background for H.R. 5444:

[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

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H.R. 5445 – 21st Century IRS Act (Rep. Bishop (MI) – Ways and Means) (One hour of debate). This bipartisan legislation helps to reduce identity theft and fraud by enhancing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) cybersecurity measures, providing additional tools to combat identity fraud in the tax system, and modernizing certain IRS information systems. It requires the appointment of a chief information officer to oversee the agency’s IT infrastructure and develop modernization plans. It also requires the creation of online services that allow for electronic payments and electronic communications to be conducted with businesses and individuals.

H.R. 5445 passed out of the Ways and Means Committee by a voice vote.

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Postponed Suspension (1 bill)

1. [H.R. 2905](#) – Justice for Victims of IRS Scams and Identity Theft Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. Young (IA) – Judiciary)

The Daily Quote

"Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell [R-KY] threw cold water on a White House plan to cut previously enacted spending. The Kentucky Republican minced no words in denouncing a Trump administration effort to cut tens of billions of dollars that could come from the 2018 omnibus spending package approved last month. McConnell said the effort would undermine bipartisan negotiations that produced the omnibus. 'We had an agreement with the Democrats,' he said on Fox News. 'You can't make an agreement one month and say, `Okay, we really didn't mean it.'"

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