

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018**

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour</b> <b>12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Fifteen "One Minutes"</b>	<b>1:15 – 2:15 p.m.</b>	<b>5:30 – 6:30 p.m.</b>

**H.Res. 996** – Rule providing for consideration of **H.R. 6147 – Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019 (Rep. Calvert – Appropriations) (One hour of debate)**. The Rules Committee has recommended a structured Rule that provides for one hour of general debate, equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations. The Rule allows for 87 amendments, debatable for 10 minutes each equally divided between the offeror and an opponent.

The Rule also provides that the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to ten pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

The Rules Committee rejected a number of motions made by Democratic Members. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

**Suspensions (14 bills)**

1. **House Amendment to S. 717** – POWER Act, as amended (Sen. Sullivan – Judiciary)
2. **H.Res. 995** – Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Nation now faces a more complex and grave set of threats than at any time since the end of World War II, and that the lack of full, on-time funding related to defense activities puts servicemen and servicewomen at risk, harms national security, and aids the adversaries of the United States (Rep. Cheney – Armed Services)
3. **H.Res.** – Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Marine Corps faces significant readiness challenges and that budgetary uncertainty impedes the Corps' ability to meet ongoing and unexpected national security threats, putting United States national security at risk (Rep. Gallagher – Armed Services)
4. **H.Res.** – Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Navy's total readiness remains in a perilous state due to high operational demands, increased deployment lengths, shortened training periods, and deferred maintenance all while the Navy is asked to "do more with less" as financial support for critical areas waned in the era of sequestration and without consistent Congressional funding (Rep. Wittman – Armed Services)
5. **House Amendment to S. 488** – JOBS and Investor Confidence Act of 2018, as amended (Sen. Toomey – Financial Services)
6. **H.R. 4819** – DELTA Act, as amended (Rep. Fortenberry – Foreign Affairs)
7. **H.R. 3030** – Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocity Prevention Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. Wagner – Foreign Affairs)
8. **H.R. 4989** – Protecting Diplomats from Surveillance Through Consumer Devices Act (Rep. Castro – Foreign Affairs)
9. **H.R. 5105** – BUILD Act, as amended (Rep. Yoho – Foreign Affairs)
10. **H.R. 5480** – Women's Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. Royce – Foreign Affairs)
11. **H.R. 1037** – To authorize the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes, as amended (Rep. Lynch – Natural Resources)
12. **H.R. 3777** – Juab County Conveyance Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. Love – Natural Resources)
13. **H.R. 4032** – Gila River Indian Community Federal Rights-of-Way, Easements and Boundary Clarification Act, as amended (Rep. O'Halleran – Natural Resources)
14. **H.R. 4645** – East Rosebud Creek Wild and Scenic River Act (Rep. Gianforte – Natural Resources)

**H.R. 6147** – **Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019 (Rep. Calvert – Appropriations) (One hour of debate)**. This bill combines two FY19 appropriations bills – Department of Interior, Environment Appropriations Act, and Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act – into one "Minibus" package that fails to fully fund critical

domestic programs and includes controversial policy riders, many of which Democrats have successfully fought to keep out of the enacted appropriations bills in past years.

Neither division in this bill receives an increase from the FY18 enacted level. Republicans have prioritized what little additional funding is available to non-defense appropriations to the Department of Homeland Security, presumably to fund President Trump's border wall and deportation policies. This approach leaves many Democratic priorities virtually flat-funded. Additionally, the Financial Services division does not utilize its full allocation, effectively cutting the bill by 2.5%, undermining the Bipartisan Budget Act passed earlier this year.

The **Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations division** is flat-funded from FY18 and contains numerous problematic provisions. This division:

- **Cuts funding for EPA:** EPA is funded \$100 million below FY18 levels and EPA's operations accounts are cut by \$228 million below the current level.
- **Destroys protections for our environment, natural resources, and wildlife:** Reduces funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) by \$65 million; repeals Waters of the U.S. Rule; and includes several controversial Endangered Species Act provisions.

The **Financial Services and General Government Appropriations division** is riddled with poison-pill policy provisions. This division:

- **Cuts the bill's total discretionary allocation by 2.5% by creating a "Fund for America's Kids and Grandkids:"** \$585 million is appropriated into a special fund at the Treasury Department that cannot be tapped until the federal budget deficit is eliminated, a disingenuous attempt to appear fiscally responsible after Republicans added \$1.8 trillion to the deficit by giving tax cuts to the wealthy. This appropriation comes out of the subcommittee's allocation and effectively cuts the non-defense discretionary spending cap set in February's Bipartisan Budget Act.
- **Zeroes out funding for Election Assistance Commission (EAC) grants:** Less than two years after Russia targeted the election systems of at least twenty-one states – including accessing the Illinois voter database – Congress is shirking its responsibility and is failing to protect our democracy. In committee, not a single Republican voted for Subcommittee Ranking Member Quigley's amendment to provide \$380 million, the amount appropriated in FY18, to help strengthen and improve our outdated voter technology to prevent future intrusions.
- **Subjects the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to the appropriations process:** This has been a longstanding goal of House Republicans so they can zero out or significantly reduce funding for CFPB.

It is essential that this irresponsible bill be defeated and replaced with a bill that protects our democracy by updating our nation's antiquated election systems, adequately funds measures to protect our environment and natural resources, and that stands by the Bipartisan Budget Act that was enacted in February. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

The Rule provides for one hour of debate and makes in order 87 amendments. A full list of amendments can be found [HERE](#).

**\*\*Members are advised that following last votes the House is expected to complete general debate and begin consideration of amendments to H.R. 6147. Any recorded votes requested will be postponed.**

## **TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK**

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, July 18: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to complete consideration of H.R. 6147 – Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019 (Rep. Calvert – Appropriations). The House is also expected to begin consideration of [H.Con.Res. 119](#) – Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy (Rep. Scalise – Ways and Means) (Subject to a Rule).

## The Daily Quote

“There is no question that Russia interfered in our election and continues attempts to undermine democracy here and around the world. That is not just the finding of the American intelligence community but also the House Committee on Intelligence. The president must appreciate that Russia is not our ally. There is no moral equivalence between the United States and Russia, which remains hostile to our most basic values and ideals. The United States must be focused on holding Russia accountable and putting an end to its vile attacks on democracy.”

- Speaker Paul Ryan, (R-WI), 7/16/2018