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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" Per Side	5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.R. 3010 - Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), and Education Appropriations Act for FY06 (*Rep. Regula - Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*). This bill provides \$142.8 billion for FY06 --- \$1.6 billion less than the comparable FY05 level. In comparison with FY05, this bill cuts the Department of Labor by \$393 million, cuts the Department of Health and Human Services by \$1.2 billion, and gives the Department of Education a \$118 million increase.

Funding highlights of this bill include:

- **Department of Labor - \$11.66 billion (\$393 million below FY05 / a 3.3% cut):** \$9.23 billion for employment training programs (3.6% cut) --- \$865 million for adult training grants (3.4% cut), \$1.4 billion for Dislocated Workers (4% increase), \$2.63 billion for the Unemployment Insurance Office (1.5% cut); \$1.54 billion for Job Corps (0.6% cut); \$1.3 billion for Worker Protection Programs (2.8% increase); \$27 million for the Office of Disability Employment Policy (40.8% cut); and \$12.4 million for International Labor Affairs (86.7% cut).
- **Department of Health and Human Services – \$63.14 billion (\$1.2 billion below FY05 / a 1.9% cut):** \$28.41 billion for NIH (0.5% increase) but eliminates a \$100 million contribution to the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS and other diseases; \$6.47 billion for the Health Resources and Services Administration (11.9% cut) --- \$1.83 billion for Community Health Centers (5.8% increase), \$2.08 billion for Ryan White AIDS programs (0.5% increase), \$47 million for Health professions programs (non-nursing) (84% cut), \$472 million for hospital emergency preparedness grants (3% cut); \$6.1 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (4.6% cut); \$3.35 billion for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; \$14.8 billion for Human Services (3% cut) --- \$1.98 billion for LIHEAP (9.1% cut), \$6.89 billion for Head Start (0.7% increase), \$2.08 billion for Child Care and Development Block Grants (a freeze).
- **Department of Education - \$56.69 billion (a \$118 million increase):** \$23.71 billion for No Child Left Behind (3.3% cut / \$13.2 billion below its FY06 authorization level and a \$40 billion cumulative shortfall since the enactment of NCLB); \$10.73 billion for IDEA Part B Grants (1.4% increase); Education Technology grants (39.5% cut); \$836 million for TRIO (a freeze); \$306 million for GEAR UP (a freeze); \$95.9 million for Hispanic Serving Institutions (0.8% increase); \$240 million for Historically Black Colleges (0.8% increase); \$66.1 million for Perkins Loans (a freeze); \$13.4 billion for the Pell Grant program (and increases the maximum Pell Grant from \$4,050 to \$4,100).
- **Related agencies - \$11.37 billion:** \$9.27 billion for the Social Security Administration, \$300 million for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (including a rescission of \$100 million previously appropriated totaling a cut of as much as 46% for FY06).

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



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does not make in order an amendment by Ranking Member Obey that would have added an additional \$11.8 billion for priority job training, and education and health programs --- this increase is offset by reducing the tax cut for individuals making more than one million dollars from approximately \$140,000 to \$36,500 for the next year.

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Friday, the House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business and is expected to complete consideration of **H.R. 3010** - Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act for FY06 (*Rep. Regula - Appropriations*).

Daily Quote...

"Mr. Bush has reacted by railing against Democrats for obstruction - as if Democrats are duty-bound to breathe life into his agenda and, even sillier, as if opposing a [Social Security privatization] plan that the people do not want is an illegitimate tactic for an opposition party.

Rather than accept defeat and consider alternatives, Mr. Bush is becoming even more feckless as public and political opposition mounts. On Tuesday, in a lame ploy to draw the Democrats to the table, he gave tepid approval to a proposal by Robert Bennett, the stalwart conservative senator from Utah, to restore the system's solvency in a way that would not include private accounts - all the while saying that he was not prepared to give up private accounts. . . . A group of four Republican representatives have meanwhile offered a proposal that would, in effect, abandon efforts to restore solvency in order to resuscitate those doomed, unwanted, unwise private accounts. Enough is enough. Mr. Bush must either put forth a complete plan - including details of the risks, benefit cuts and borrowing costs that privatization would entail - or abandon his quest. Anything other than that is wasting his own and, by extension, the American people's time."

- *The New York Times*, in an editorial today