

## FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Five "One Minutes" per side</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b>

**Complete Consideration of [H.R. 3409](#) – To limit the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to issue regulations before December 31, 2013, under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (Rep. Johnson (OH) – Natural Resources/Energy and Commerce/Transportation and Infrastructure)** H.R. 3409 is combined of five measures — one reported by the Natural Resources Committee and four measures previously passed by the House. The bill prevents the Interior Department from issuing regulations that would adversely affect U.S. coal industry employment or result in reduced government revenues associated with coal production. The measure also creates an interagency committee to review federal clean air regulations; limits federal regulatory oversight of state-level permitting of the storage of coal combustion waste; amends existing federal water pollution laws to transfer authority from the EPA to the states to allow them to make determinations relating to their water quality standards; and bars the EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions to address climate change.

As of last night, the House had completed all general debate and debate on 7 of 13 amendments to H.R. 3409. Today, the House will debate the remaining amendments and take votes on amendments, motion to recommit and passage of H.R. 3409. The following amendments remain to be debated:

**Rep. Jackson Lee Amendment.** Strike section 503 of the bill which would artificially limit agency comment periods on water quality permits to 30 days with no possibility for extension.

**Rep. McKinley Amendment.** Prohibits the EPA from retroactively vetoing a wetlands permit under the Clean Water Act even in cases where the permit was found to allow pollution levels that impact public health and water quality.

**Rep. Markey Amendment #10.** Creates a national renewable electricity and energy efficiency standard of 50% renewable electricity generation by 2035.

**Rep. DeFazio Amendment.** Requires EPA and the Department of Transportation to submit a report to Congress within 6 months on the health, environmental, and public health impacts of fugitive coal dust

**Reps. Berg/Flake/Gosar/Lankford Amendment.** Changes current requirements and allows states to revoke any existing federal implementation plan (PIP) with regard to the regulation of visibility.

**Rep. Gosar Amendment.** Adds language to the end of bill which would limit the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue regulations on the Navajo Generating Station, located near Page, Arizona

The following amendments have recorded votes pending:

**Rep. Markey Amendment #1.** Allows the Secretary of Interior to promulgate rules under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, if such rule would reduce the prevalence of pulmonary diseases, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease or reduce the prevalence of birth defects or reproductive problems in pregnant women or children

**Rep. Waxman Amendment.** Strikes the language that would repeal EPA's scientific finding that carbon pollution endangers the public health and welfare

**Rep. Kelly Amendment.** Requires the Secretary of Transportation to submit a report to Congress estimating the number of jobs, the fatalities and injuries, and the cost to the economy caused by the "2017 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards" rule. Would require that the Secretary shall not consult with the EPA or the California Air Resources Board to complete the report

**Rep. Markey Amendment #5.** Allows the Environmental Protection Agency to take any action using its authority under the Clean Air Act if such action would increase North American energy independence by reducing demand for oil

**Bill Text for H.R. 3409:**

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## The Daily Quote

"Iowa Rep. Tom Latham says Speaker John Boehner wants to bring the farm bill to the floor, but is being stifled by his leadership colleagues... The farm bill has passed the House Agriculture Committee, and has been hanging in limbo ever since. The Senate passed a bill, and rural farm states have been up in arms at Republican leadership, which refuses to bring it to the floor... But Latham's party is in power... He wants the bill brought to the floor, and hashed out there. Latham said on the radio show that leadership is nervous about internal conflict over the bill."

- Politico, 9/19/12

"House Republican leaders are pressuring members to refrain from backing a measure that would force a floor vote on a five-year farm bill. GOP leaders have refused to allow a vote on bipartisan legislation that cleared the House Agriculture Committee, 35-11, in July. Officials in leadership say the bill lacks the support to pass the House, noting conservative members who have balked at its \$900- billion price tag. But lawmakers from farm-heavy districts are furious that the bill has stalled, and are calling for action before the November election. They have joined forces to apply pressure to Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and his lieutenants... Should the petition attract 218 signatures, the farm bill would come to the floor later this year. While that is highly unlikely, it is clear that GOP leaders view the possibility of mounting support for action on the farm measure as a political problem."

- The Hill, 9/19/12