

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
10:00 a.m. For Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" Per Side	Last Vote: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.

Floor Schedule and Procedure

- **H. Res. 1419–Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3667 - Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008 (Rep. Welch - Rules):** The structured rule provides for one hour of general debate on the bill, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule makes in order the three amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the rule. The rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Debate on the rule will be managed Rep. Welch, and consideration will proceed as follows:
 - One hour of debate on the rule.
 - Possible vote on a Democratic Motion ordering the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes.**
 - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes.**
- **H.R. 3667 - Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008 (Rep. Welch – Natural Resources):** Pursuant to the rule, debate on the bill will be managed by Natural Resources Committee Chair Rep. Nick J. Rahall, or his designee, and will proceed as follows:
 - One hour of debate on the bill.
 - Debate and votes on amendments to the bill.
 - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.
 - Vote on final passage of the bill.

- **Postponed Suspension Votes:**

1. **H.R. 6169** - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building" (Rep. Akin – Oversight and Government Reform)
2. **H.R. 6513** - Securities Act of 2008 (Rep. Kanjorski – Financial Services)
3. **H.Res. 1207** - Directing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to provide individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer by electronic funds transfer with the option of receiving receipts of pay and withholdings electronically (Rep. Foxx – House Administration)
4. **H.R. 6608** - House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2008 (Rep. Brady (PA) – House Administration)
5. **H.R. 6475** - Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2008 (Rep. Lofgren – House Administration)
6. **H.R. 1527** - Rural Veterans Access to Care Act (Rep. Moran (KS) – Veterans' Affairs)
7. **S. 2617** - Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008 (Sen. Akaka – Veterans' Affairs)
8. **H.R. 6832** - Veterans' Construction and Extensions Act of 2008 (Rep. Filner – Veterans' Affairs)
9. **H.R. 4081** - Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2007 (PACT Act) (Rep. Weiner – Judiciary)

Bill Summary and Key Issues

H.R. 3667: Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2008

H.R. 3667, sponsored by Representative Welch (D-VT), amends the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276 (a)) to authorize a study by the National Park Service of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers for potential designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The segments to be studied include the approximately 25-mile segment of the Upper Missisquoi from its headwaters in Lowell, Vermont to the Canadian border; the approximately 25-mile segment from the Canadian border to Enosburg Falls; and approximately 20 miles of the Trout River from its headwaters to its confluence with the Missisquoi.

The Missisquoi River is a tributary of Lake Champlain, located in northern Vermont; the Trout River is a tributary of the Missisquoi. With its headwaters in

Lowell, Vermont, the Missisquoi River extends almost 100 miles, flowing north into Quebec then returning to Vermont to flow west through the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge before draining into the Missisquoi Bay, an arm of Lake Champlain.

The upper part of the Missisquoi River is a remarkable example of a northeastern river ecosystem; it is bordered by the largest and perhaps highest quality silver maple floodplain forest remaining in the state of Vermont. American elm, white ash, white oak, and red maple can also be found on its banks. The river is also home to a diverse range of animal life, including native rainbow and brown trout, rare freshwater mussels, spiny soft-shell turtles and river otter. In addition to these natural qualities, there are numerous Abenaki Indian archeological sites along the floodplain and the Missisquoi possesses outstanding recreational attributes.

Anticipated Amendments to H.R. 3667:

1. **Rahall (WV):** Would amend the bill by requiring that the proposed study analyze any potential impacts on the possession or use of a weapon, trap, or net, including a concealed weapon. (10 minutes)
2. **Bishop, Rob (UT):** Would amend the bill by adding to the proposed study an assessment of any impact a wild and scenic designation in the study area is likely to have on energy production, transmission or conveyance. (10 minutes)
3. **Flake (AZ):** Would amend the bill to provide that nothing in it may be construed as authorizing appropriations for a new designation within the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. (10 minutes)

Quote of the Day

“I always tell people if I am judged, and we always talk about honor thy father and thy mother, that if I am judged on honoring thy father and thy mother, I am probably going to get to heaven... I want to say I am pleased and proud to be the daughter of Andrew and Mary Tubbs and to represent the Congressional Black Caucus and represent the country in the U.S. Congress.”

- Chairwoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones (1949-2008)