

1996

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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THE MORNING HOUR FOR THE CALL OF COMMITTEES

Rule XXIV, clause 4:

"4. After the unfinished business has been disposed of, the Speaker shall call each standing committee in regular order, and then select committees, and each committee when named may call up for consideration any bill reported by it on a previous day and on the House Calendar, and if the Speaker shall not complete the call of the Committees before the House passes to other business, he shall resume the next call where he left off, giving preference to the last bill under consideration: *Provided*, That whenever any committee shall have occupied the morning hour on two days, it shall not be in order to call up any other bill until the other committees have been called in their turn."

NOTE.—**Call rests with the Committee on Agriculture.**

CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS

Rule XXIV, clause 7:

"7. On Wednesday of each week no business shall be in order except as provided by clause 4 of this rule unless the House by a two-thirds vote on motion to dispense therewith shall otherwise determine. On such a motion there may be debate not to exceed five minutes for and against. On a call of committees under this rule bills may be called up from either the House or the Union Calendar, excepting bills which are privileged under the rules; but bills called up from the Union Calendar shall be considered in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. This rule shall not apply during the last two weeks of the session. It shall not be in order for the Speaker to entertain a motion for a recess on any Wednesday except during the last two weeks of the session: *Provided*, That not more than two hours of general debate shall be permitted on any measure called up on Calendar Wednesday, and all debate must be confined to the subject matter of the bill, the time to be equally divided between those for and against the bill: *Provided further*, That whenever any committee shall have occupied one Wednesday it shall not be in order, unless the House by a two-thirds vote shall otherwise determine, to consider any unfinished business previously called up by such committee, unless the previous question had been ordered thereon, upon any succeeding Wednesday until the other committees have been called in their turn under this rule: *Provided*, That when, during any one session of a Congress, all of the committees of the House are not called under the Calendar Wednesday rule, at the next session of that Congress the call shall commence where it left off at the end of the preceding session."

NOTE.—**Call rests with the Committee on Agriculture.**

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE DAYS

Calendar Wednesday	Wednesday of each week, except during the last 2 weeks of a session (clause 7, rule XXIV).
Corrections Calendar	Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (clause 4, rule XIII).
Discharge Calendar	Second and fourth Mondays of each month, except during the last 6 days of a session (clause 3, rule XXVII).
District of Columbia business	Second and fourth Mondays of each month (clause 8, rule XXIV).
Private Calendar	First and third Tuesdays of each month (clause 6, rule XXIV).
Suspension of rules	Mondays and Tuesdays and during the last 6 days of a session (clause 1, rule XXVII).