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THE MORNING HOUR FOR THE CALL OF COMMITTEES

Rule XIV, 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. Each committee when named may call up for consideration a bill or resolution reported by it on a previous day and on the House Calendar. If the Speaker does not complete the call of the committees before the House passes to other business, the next call shall resume at the point it left off, giving preference to the last bill or resolution under consideration. A committee that has occupied the call for two days may not call up another bill or resolution until the other committees have been called in their turn."

NOTE.—Call rests with the Committee on Agriculture.

CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS

Rule XV, clause 6:

"6. (a) On Wednesday of each week, business shall not be in order before completion of the call of those committees (except as provided by clause 4 of rule XIV) whose chair, or other member authorized by the committee, has announced to the House a request for such call on the preceding legislative day.

(b) A bill or resolution on either the House or the Union Calendar, except bills or resolutions that are privileged under the Rules of the House, may be called under this clause. A bill or resolution called up from the Union Calendar shall be considered in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union without motion, subject to clause 3 of rule XVI. General debate on a measure considered under this clause shall be confined to the measure and may not exceed two hours equally divided between a proponent and an opponent.

(c) This clause does not apply during the last two weeks of a session of Congress.

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE DAYS

Calendar Wednesday	Wednesday of each week, when specifically noticed, except during the last 2 weeks of a session (clause 6, rule XV).
Discharge Calendar	Second and fourth Mondays of each month, except during the last 6 days of a session (clause 2, rule XV).
District of Columbia business	Second and fourth Mondays of each month (clause 4, rule XV).
Private Calendar	First and third Tuesdays of each month (clause 5, rule XV).
Suspension of rules	Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and during the last 6 days of a session (clause 1, rule XV).