



The Daily Whip

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2003

| House Meets At... | Last Vote Predicted At... |
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| 10:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Ten "One Minutes" Per Side | 6:00-7:00 p.m. |

FLOOR SCHEDULE

Suspensions (9 bills):

- 1) H.R. 74** - To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Nevada, to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the Washoe Indian Tribe of Nevada and California (*Gibbons - Resources*)
- 2) H.R. 272** - To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries (*Gibbons - Resources*)
- 3) S. 246** - A bill to provide that certain Bureau of Land Management land shall be held in trust for the Pueblo of Santa Clara and the Pueblo of San Ildefonso in the State of New Mexico (*Sen. Domenici - Resources*)
- 4) H.R. 733** - A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House in Oregon City, Oregon, for inclusion in Fort Vancouver Historic Site (*Hooley - Resources*)
- 5) H.Res. 303** - Honoring Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr., former Mayor of the City of Atlanta, and extending the condolences of the House of Representatives on his death (*Lewis (GA) - Government Reform*)
- 6) H.Con.Res. 208** - Supporting National Men's Health Week (*Cummings - Government Reform*)
- 7) H.Con.Res. 6** - Supporting the goals and ideals of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month (*Stearns - Government Reform*)
- 8) H.Res. 194** - Regarding the importance of international efforts to abolish slavery and other human rights abuses in the Sudan (*Capuano - International Relations*)
- 9) H.Con.Res. 80** - Expressing the sense of Congress relating to efforts of the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa to facilitate the establishment and development of transfrontier conservation efforts in southern Africa (*Boehlert - International Relations*)

H.R. 1950 - Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005 (*Rep. Hyde - International Relations*) (*Complete Consideration*)

Postponed vote on the DeLauro Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Child Tax credit. The motion instructs conferees to insist on the Senate-passed Child Tax Credit Measure and is identical to the one that passed in the House on June 12th, 205-201. It also instructs Conferees to report out a conference report by this Friday, July 18th.

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 1588 - National Defense Authorization for FY 2004 – **Motion to Instruct Conferees.**

H.R. 2122 - Project BioShield Act of 2003 (*Rep. Tauzin - Energy & Commerce-Government Reform-Homeland Security*) (*Unanimous consent agreement with 90 minutes of general debate*)

H.R. 2691 - Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Taylor {NC} - Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*)

Michaud Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Child Tax Credit. The motion instructs conferees to insist on the Senate-passed Child Tax Credit Measure and is identical to the one that passed in the House on June 12th, 205-201. It also instructs Conferees to report out a conference report no later than the second legislative day after adoption of this motion.

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.R. 1950 - Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005 (*Rep. Hyde - International Relations*). The House has completed consideration of all amendments to this bill. The House will revote on the Hyde/Lantos amendment that was voiced voted yesterday.

Motion to go to Conference on H.R. 1588 - National Defense Authorization for FY 2004 – **Motion to Instruct Conferees.** The House will consider a motion to go to conference on H.R. 1588 - National Defense Authorization for FY 2004, which was adopted by the House on May 22. Democrats are expected to offer a Motion to instruct conferees.



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Democrats are urged to VOTE YES on the Democratic Motion to Instruct.

H.R. 2122 - Project BioShield Act of 2003 (Rep. Tauzin - Energy & Commerce-Government Reform-Homeland Security) (Unanimous consent agreement with 90 minutes of general debate). This bill authorizes \$5.6 billion over the next 10 years for President Bush's "Project Bioshield" initiative to encourage the development of new countermeasures to treat diseases and conditions caused by bioterrorism attacks, or chemical, radiological, and nuclear agents. This bill also gives the government the authority to promote research and development of bioterrorism countermeasures; and allows the government, in the event of a national emergency, to distribute certain drugs and treatments that have not yet been approved by the Federal Drug Administration.

Under the unanimous consent agreement, no amendments may be offered to the bill.

H.R. 2691 - Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Rep. Taylor {NC} - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule). This bill provides new appropriations of \$19.6 billion for FY04 for the Interior Department, the Agriculture Department's Forest Service, and cultural programs. These funds include: \$1.7 billion for the Bureau of Land Management; \$2.25 billion for the National Park Service; \$1.29 billion for the Fish and Wildlife Service; \$2.3 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; \$4.18 billion for the Forest Service (Agriculture Department); \$2.95 billion for Indian Health (HHS Department); \$1.72 billion for the Energy Department; \$ 545 million for the Smithsonian Institution; \$117.5 million for the National Endowment for the Arts; and \$137 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities. This bill provides \$560 million less than called for by a six-year conservation initiative agreement made during consideration of the FY01 Interior appropriations bill.

The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides for one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; waives points of order against provisions in the bill that fail to comply with the prohibition of unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Under the rule, Democratic amendments that require waivers are not made in order including an amendment by Ranking Member Obey that would add \$569 million in conservation funding. The Obey amendment is paid for by a 3.2% reduction in the tax cut for individuals with incomes above \$1 million.

Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the Previous Question on the Rule in order to allow consideration of the Obey amendment.

Daily Quote...

"We are truly in a structural deficit as it's usually defined, and this is not going to right itself."

- Rudolph G. Penner, a Republican and former Director of the Congressional Budget Office, in the *Washington Post* today after the Office of Management and Budget estimated a record \$455 billion budget deficit this year.