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### THIS WEEK IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2005

*On Monday, the House is not in session.*

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2005

*On Tuesday, the House will meet at 2 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.*

#### **Suspensions (4 bills):**

*(Bills on suspension are generally considered non-controversial and have reduced debate time, but require a two-thirds majority vote to be passed.)*

- 1) **H.R. 1490 - To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the National Defense University to award the degree of Master of Science in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy, and for other purposes**
- 2) **H.Res. 169 - Recognizing the importance of sun safety:** Resolves that the House of Representatives: (1) recognizes the importance of sun safety; (2) recognizes the need for school-based sun safety education programs; (3) encourages all Americans to protect themselves and their children from the dangers of excessive sun exposure; (4) congratulates the Sun Safety Alliance for its efforts to promote sun safety and prevent skin cancer; and (5) supports the goals and ideas of National Sun Safety Week.
- 3) **H.Con.Res 44 - Recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo:** Resolves that Congress recognizes the historical struggle for independence and freedom of the Mexican people and requests the President to issue a proclamation recognizing that struggle and calling upon the people of the United States to observe Cinco de Mayo with appropriate ceremonies and activities.
- 4) **H.Res. 282 - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding manifestations of anti-Semitism by United Nations member states and urging action against anti-Semitism by United Nations officials, United Nations member states, and the Government of the United States**

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2005 AND THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK**

*On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business. On Friday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business.*

**H.R. 2744 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006:** Provides nearly \$17 billion in total discretionary resources. This level represents an increase of \$93 million over the President's request and the same as the FY05 enacted level.

**H.J.Res. 27 - Withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization:** Would withdraw Congressional approval of the agreement establishing the World Trade Organization. Sections 124-125 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (P.L. 103-465) require the President to submit a special report on U.S. participation in the World Trade Organization (WTO) every five years from the date the U.S. first joined the WTO. Congress received the first of these five-year reports on March 2, 2000 and the second report on March 1, 2005. Following receipt of the report, any Member of either House of Congress can introduce a joint resolution to withdraw Congressional approval of the WTO agreement. Congress then has 90 session days from receipt of the report to act on the joint resolution. The resolution is privileged and cannot be amended. Additionally, the Committee on Ways and Means has 45 session days after introduction of the resolution within which to act on it or be automatically discharged. If the resolution is passed and vetoed by the President, each House can vote to override the veto before the end of the 90-day period or within 15 days from the date on which Congress receives the President's veto message, whichever is later.

**H.R. 2475 - Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006:** Authorizes appropriations for the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of these elements of the United States Government: The Office of the Director of National Intelligence (including the National Counterterrorism Center), the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force, the Department of State, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Reconnaissance Office, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, the Coast Guard, and the Department of Homeland Security.

### **Historical Tidbits**

#### **On June 6 ...**

**1813** - The U.S. invasion of Canada during the War of 1812 was halted at Stony Creek, Ontario.

**1932** - In the U.S., the first federal tax on gasoline went into effect. It was a penny per gallon.

**1934** - U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Securities Exchange Act, which established the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

**1941** - The U.S. government authorized the seizure of foreign ships in U.S. ports.

**1944** - The D-Day invasion of Europe took place on the beaches of Normandy, France. 400,000 Allied American, British and Canadian troops were involved.

**On June 7 ...**

**1775** - The United Colonies changed their name to the United States.

**1776** - Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution calling for a Declaration of Independence.

**1932** - Over 7,000 war veterans marched on Washington, DC, demanding their bonuses.

**On June 8 ...**

**1790** - The first loan for the U.S. was repaid. The Temporary Loan of 1789 was negotiated and secured on September 18, 1789 by Alexander Hamilton.

**1872** - The penny postcard was authorized by the U.S. Congress.

**1904** - U.S. Marines landed in Tangiers, Morocco, to protect U.S. citizens.

**1915** - U.S. Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan resigned in a disagreement over U.S. handling of the sinking of the *Lusitania*.

**1953** - The U.S. Supreme Court outlawed segregated restaurants in Washington, DC.

**1982** - U.S. President Reagan became the first American chief executive to address a joint session of the British Parliament.

**1991** - A victory parade was held in Washington, DC, to honor veterans of the Persian Gulf War.

**On June 9 ...**

**1943** - The withholding tax on payrolls was authorized by the U.S. Congress.

**2000** - The U.S. House of Representatives voted to repeal gift and estate taxes. The bill called for the taxes to be phased out over 10 years.

**On June 10 ...**

**1776** - The Continental Congress appointed a committee to write a Declaration of Independence.

**1801** - The North African State of Tripoli declared war on the U.S. The dispute was over merchant vessels being able to travel safely through the Mediterranean.

**1898** - U.S. Marines landed in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

**1971** - The U.S. ended a 21-year trade embargo of China.

**1994** - U.S. President Clinton intensified sanctions against Haiti's military leaders. U.S. commercial air travel was suspended along with most financial transactions between Haiti and the U.S.

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