



## The Ehlers e-Newsletter

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### **THIS WEEK IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MONDAY, JULY 18, 2005**

*On Monday, the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30 p.m.*

#### **Suspensions (5 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.Res. 361 - Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Veterans Administration on July 21, 1930**
- 2) **H.Res. 326 - Calling for free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan**
- 3) **H.Res. 328 - Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the workers' strikes in Poland in 1980 that led to the establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union**
- 4) **H.Con.Res. 175 - Acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean**
- 5) **H.Res. XXX - Commending the continuing improvement in relations between the United States and the Republic of India**

### **TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2005**

*On Tuesday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. The House Floor will be cleared immediately thereafter, in order to prepare the House Chamber for the Indian Prime Minister's address. The House will re-convene at 10 a.m. in Joint Meeting with the Senate to receive Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India. Members are asked to please be on the Floor by 9:45 a.m.*

#### **H.R. 2601 - Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007:**

Authorizes funding for the U.S. Department of State, U.S. international broadcasting activities, and security assistance to America's allies. Since September 11, 2001, Congress has endorsed a strong and robust diplomatic effort to protect U.S. national

interests abroad. The bill strengthens the U.S. government's development and coordination of nonproliferation and export control policy to counter proliferation of dangerous missile and nuclear technology, and to assure that export law is integrated with U.S. national security interests in the war on terrorism.

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 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.*

#### **Suspensions (1 bill):**

- 1) **H.Con.Res. 202 - Permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor Constantino Brumidi on the 200th anniversary of his birth:** Brumidi is responsible for much of the original artwork paintings in the Capitol Building.

#### **H.R. 2601 - Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007**

*(Continued consideration – see above)*

**H.R. 3070 - National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2005:** Reauthorizes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for FY06 and FY07. The bill endorses the President's Vision for Space Exploration and it directs NASA to carry out a balanced set of programs in human space flight, space science, earth science, and aeronautics. H.R. 3070 directs NASA to develop a national aeronautics policy, a list of prioritized science missions, and a plan for facilities and agency workforce needed to meet these goals. The measure also authorizes a Hubble servicing mission. The bill authorizes NASA to establish a prize program to stimulate innovation in basic and applied research, technology development, and prototype demonstrations that have the potential for application in space and aeronautics.

#### **H.R. 3199 - USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005:**

A summary of the bill was not available at the time of publication.

*\* Possible Motions to go to Conference*

*\* Possible Motions to Instruct Conferees*

#### **Historical Tidbits**

##### **On July 18 ...**

**1932** - The U.S. and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.

**1947** - U.S. President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

##### **On July 19 ...**

**1974** - The House Judiciary Committee recommended that U.S. President Richard Nixon should stand trial in the Senate for any of the five impeachment charges against him.

##### **On July 20 ...**

**1868** - Legislation that ordered U.S. tax stamps to be placed on all cigarette packs was

passed.

**1944** - U.S. President Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

**1969** - *Apollo 11* astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr. became the first men to walk on the moon.

**1982** - U.S. President Ronald Reagan pulled the U.S. out of comprehensive test ban negotiations indefinitely.

**On July 21 ...**

**1861** - The first major battle of the U.S. Civil War began. It was the Battle of Bull Run at Manassas Junction, VA. The Confederates won the battle.

**1930** - The Veterans' Administration of the United States was established.

**1949** - The U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

**1980** - Draft registration began in the United States for 19 and 20-year-old men.

**2004** - White House officials were briefed on the September 11 commission's final report. The 575-page report concluded that hijackers exploited "deep institutional failings within our government." The report was released to the public the next day.

**On July 22 ...**

**1937** - The U.S. Senate rejected President Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

**1955** - U.S. Vice-President Richard M. Nixon chaired a cabinet meeting in Washington, DC. It was the first time that a Vice-President had carried out the task.

**1975** - Confederate General Robert E. Lee had his U.S. citizenship restored by the U.S. Congress.

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