



## The Ehlers e-Newsletter

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### THIS WEEK IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MONDAY, MAY 2, 2005

*On Monday, the House will meet at 2 p.m. in a Pro Forma session.*

### TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

*On Tuesday, 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 (6 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. 218 - Congratulating charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education**
- 2) **H.Res. 216 - To honor the late playwright Arthur Miller and the University of Michigan for its intention of building a theatre in his name**
- 3) **H.Res. 195 - Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and the Liberation of Western Bohemia**
- 4) **H.Res. 233 - Recognizing the 60th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V-E) Day during World War II**
- 5) **H.Con.Res. 127 - Calling on the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to transfer Charles Ghankay Taylor, former President of the Republic of Liberia, to the Special Court for Sierra Leone to be tried for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law**
- 6) **H.Res. 228 - Honoring the contributions of Vietnamese Americans to American Society over the past three decades**

### WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MAY 4 AND 5, 2005

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

#### **Suspensions (2 bills):**

- 1) **H.R. 1082 - Francis C. Goodpaster Post Office Building Designation Act (Vinita, Oklahoma)**

- 2) **H.R. 1542** - Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building Designation Act (*New Bedford, Massachusetts*)

**H.R. 1185 - Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005:** Addresses three major issues: (1) merging the Bank Insurance Fund (BIF) and Savings Association Insurance Fund (SAIF); (2) enhancing the flexibility of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to manage the deposit insurance system according to risk and economic conditions; and (3) updating deposit insurance coverage levels for the first time in 25 years.

**H.R. 366 - Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act:** Seeks to help states better utilize federal funds for secondary and postsecondary vocational education programs, increase accountability and emphasize student achievement, and strengthen opportunities for coordination between secondary and postsecondary vocational and technical education.

#### **FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2005**

*On Friday, there are no votes expected in the House.*

#### **Historical Tidbits**

##### **On May 2 ...**

**1926** - U.S. Marines landed in Nicaragua to put down a revolt and to protect U.S. interests. They did not depart until 1933.

##### **On May 3 ...**

**1802** - Washington, DC, was incorporated as a city.

**1948** - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to blacks and other minorities were legally unenforceable.

##### **On May 4 ...**

**1942** - The United States began food rationing.

##### **On May 5 ...**

**1865** - The Thirteenth Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the U.S.

**1892** - The U.S. Congress extended the Geary Chinese Exclusion Act for 10 more years. The act required Chinese in the U.S. to be registered or face deportation.

**1987** - The U.S. congressional Iran-Contra hearings opened.

##### **On May 6 ...**

**1882** - The U.S. Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act. The act barred Chinese immigrants from the U.S. for 10 years.

**1957** - U.S. Senator John Fitzgerald Kennedy was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his book "Profiles in Courage".

**1960** - U.S. President Eisenhower signed the Civil Rights Act of 1960.

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