



The Ehlers e-Newsletter

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News from Congressman Ehlers ...

EHLERS HONORED FOR LEADERSHIP ON NATION'S OCEANS - In recognition of his leadership and longstanding commitment to protecting the nation's ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources, Congressman Vernon Ehlers, R-Grand Rapids, Tuesday was honored with the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF) 2005 Leadership Award during a ceremony at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington.

To read the complete press release, please visit our website:

http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi03_ehlers/060805NMSFAward.html

THIS WEEK IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MONDAY, JUNE 13, 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 (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.R. 1812 - Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005:** Authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to make grants to eligible entities for the development and operation of demonstration programs to provide patient navigator services to improve health care outcomes.
- 2) **S. 643 - A bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize state mediation programs:** Amends the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to extend the authorization of appropriations through FY 2010 for State mediation programs.
- 3) **H.Con.Res. 47 - Commending the establishment in College Point, New York, of the first kindergarten in the United States:** Commends the Poppenhusen Institute and the community of College Point, New York, for establishing the first free kindergarten in the United States. It also supports the strong beginnings kindergartens across the United States provide for the Nation's children.
- 4) **H.Con.Res. 163 - Honoring the Sigma Chi Fraternity on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary:** Resolves that Congress recognizes and honors the Sigma

Chi Fraternity on its 150-year anniversary. The bill commends its founders and all Sigma Chi brothers, past and present, for their bond of friendship, common ideals and beliefs, and service to community. The bill expresses its best wishes to this most respected and cherished of national fraternities for continued success and growth.

- 5) **H.R. 2326 - Floyd Lupton Post Office Designation Act** (*Belhaven, North Carolina*)
- 6) **H.R. 1042 - Net Worth Amendment For Credit Unions Act:** Amends the Federal Credit Union Act relating to the requirement of prompt corrective action to resolve the problems of an insured credit union at the least possible long-term loss to the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund. The bill redefines net worth as the retained earnings balance of a credit union (as determined under generally accepted accounting principles, as under current law), together with any amounts that were previously retained earnings of any other credit union with which the credit union has combined.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for morning hour and 10 a.m. for legislative business.

H.R. 2862 - Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006: Appropriates \$57.45 billion for Fiscal Year 2006, which is nearly \$3 billion less than requested by President Bush's budget (\$60.5 billion) and is \$1.21 billion more than approved by FY 2005.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 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. 2862 - Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Complete Consideration): *See above.*

H.R. 2863 - Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006: Appropriates \$409 billion for FY 2006, which is nearly \$34 billion more than requested by President Bush's budget proposal (\$366.7 billion) and is nearly \$48 billion more than approved by FY 2005. The proposal includes \$363.7 billion in base funds and a \$45.3 billion bridge fund for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

H.R. 2745 - United Nations Reform Act of 2005: *A summary of this legislation was not available at time of publication.*

Historical Tidbits

On June 13 ...

1888 - The U.S. Congress created the Department of Labor.

1920 - The U.S. Post Office Department ruled that children may not be sent by parcel post.

1989 - U.S. President George Bush exercised his first Presidential veto on a bill dealing with minimum wage.

On June 14 ...

1775 - The United States Army was founded by the Continental Congress.

1777 - The Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the "Stars and Stripes" as the national flag of the United States.

1932 - U.S. Representative Edward Eslick died on the floor of the House of Representatives while pleading for the passage of the bonus bill.

1943 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that schoolchildren could not be made to salute the U.S. flag if doing so conflicted with their religious beliefs.

1954 - U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an order adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

1990 - The U.S. Supreme Court upheld police checkpoints that are used to examine drivers for signs of intoxication.

1996 - The FBI released that the White House had done bureau background reports on at least 408 people without justification.

On June 15 ...

1846 - The United States and Britain settled a boundary dispute concerning the boundary between the U.S. and Canada, by signing a treaty.

1916 - U.S. President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill incorporating the Boy Scouts of America.

On June 16 ...

1955 - The U.S. House of Representatives voted to extend Selective Service until 1959.

1978 - U.S. President Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos ratified the Panama Canal treaties.

1992 - U.S. President George Bush welcomed Russian President Boris Yeltsin to a meeting in Washington, DC. The two agreed in principle to reduce strategic weapon arsenals by about two-thirds by the year 2003.

On June 17 ...

1930 - The Smoot-Hawley Tariff Bill became law. It placed the highest tariff on imports to the U.S.

1932 - The U.S. Senate defeated the bonus bill as 10,000 veterans massed around the Capitol.

1972 - Five men were arrested for burglarizing the Democratic Party Headquarters in the Watergate complex in Washington, DC. The men all worked for the reelection of President Nixon. The event was the beginning of the Watergate affair.

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