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For the Week of April 4, 2005

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THIS WEEK IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005

On Monday, the House is not in session.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005

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

Suspensions (3 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. 108 - Commemorating the life of the late Zurab Zhvania, Prime Minister of the Republic of Georgia**
- 2) **H.Res. 120 - Commending the outstanding efforts by members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development in response to the earthquake and tsunami of December 26, 2004**
- 3) **H.Con.Res. 34 - Honoring the life and contributions of Yogi Bhajan, a leader of Sikhs, and expressing condolences to the Sikh community on his passing**

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 6 AND 7, 2005

On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business. The House Floor will be cleared immediately on Wednesday in order to provide time for a security sweep of the House Chamber prior to the Ukraine President's arrival. The House will reconvene at 10:45 a.m. in Joint Meeting with the Senate for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine.

Suspensions (5 bills):

- 1) **H.R. 1077 - Realtime Investor Protection Act:** To improve the access of investors to regulatory records with respect to securities brokers, dealers, and investment advisers.
- 2) **H.R. 1025 - Mortgage Servicing Clarification Act:** To amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to exempt mortgage servicers from certain requirements of the Act with respect to federally related mortgage loans secured by a first lien.

- 3) **H.R. 436 - Increased Capital Access for Growing Business Act:** To amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to provide incentives for small business investment.
- 4) **H.R. 797 - Native American Housing Enhancement Act of 2005:** To amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and other Acts to improve housing programs for Indians.
- 5) **H.Res. 148 - Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month**

S. 256 - Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005:

Amends Federal bankruptcy law to revamp guidelines governing dismissal or conversion of a Chapter 7 liquidation (complete relief in bankruptcy) to one under either Chapter 11 (Reorganization) or Chapter 13 (Adjustment of Debts of an Individual with Regular Income).

* **Possible Motions to go to Conference**

* **Possible Motions to Instruct Conferees**

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005

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

Historical Tidbits

On April 4 ...

1818 - The U.S. flag was declared to have 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars and that a new star would be added for the each new state.

1841 - U.S. President William Henry Harrison, at the age of 68, became the first president to die in office. He had been sworn in only a month before he died of pneumonia.

1917 - The U.S. Senate voted 90-6 to enter World War I on the Allied side.

1984 - U.S. President Reagan proposed an international ban on chemical weapons.

On April 5 ...

1792 - U.S. President George Washington cast the first presidential veto. The measure was for apportioning representatives among the states.

On April 6 ...

1789 - The first U.S. Congress began regular sessions at the Federal Hall in New York City.

1917 - The U.S. House approved a declaration of war on Germany and entered World War I on the Allied side.

On April 7 ...

1980 - The U.S. broke diplomatic relations with Iran and imposed economic sanctions in response to the taking of hostages on November 4, 1979.

2000 - U.S. President Clinton signed the Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act of 2000. The bill reversed a Depression-era law and allows senior citizens to earn money without losing Social Security retirement benefits.

On April 8 ...

1789 - The U.S. House of Representatives held its first meeting.

1913 - The Seventeenth amendment was ratified, requiring direct election of senators.

1935 - The Works Progress Administration was approved by the U.S. Congress.

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