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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
9:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

*** TODAY WE EXPECT AN IMPORTANT VOTE ON THE MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON THE HOUSE BUDGET RESOLUTION REGARDING "PAY-AS-YOU-GO" BUDGET ENFORCEMENT. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Motion to go to Conference on S.Con.Res 95 – Budget Resolution for FY05 - Democrats will offer a motion to instruct conferees to recede to the Senate bipartisan provisions that would extend "pay-as-you-go" budget enforcement to both mandatory spending and tax cuts.
Democrats are urged to VOTE YES.

Suspensions (7 bills):

- 1) **H.Res. 558** - Welcoming the accession of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) (*Rep. Bereuter - International Relations*)
- 2) **H.R. 3036** - Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 through 2006 (*Rep. Sensenbrenner - Judiciary*)
- 3) **S. 2231** - A bill to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2004 (*Sen. Grassley - Ways and Means/Energy and Commerce*)
- 4) **S. 2241** - To reauthorize certain school lunch and child nutrition programs through June 30, 2004. (*Sen. Cochran - Education and the Workforce*)
- 5) **S. 2057** - To require the Secretary of Defense to reimburse members of the United States Armed Forces for certain transportation expenses incurred by the members in connection with leave under the Central Command Rest and Recuperation Leave Program before the program was expanded to include domestic travel (*Sen. Coleman - Armed Services*)
- 6) **H.R. 3104** - To provide for the establishment of campaign medals to be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who participate in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom (*Rep. Snyder - Armed Services*)
- 7) **H.Con.Res. 386** - Congratulating the United States Air Force Academy on its 50th Anniversary and recognizing its contributions to the Nation (*Rep. Wilson {NM} - Armed Services*)

H.R. 3966 - ROTC and Military Recruiter Equal Access to Campus Act of 2004 (*Rep. Rogers - Armed Services/Education & Workforce*) (Subject to a Rule). This bill amends the so-called Solomon Law, which prohibits schools from receiving funding from the departments of Defense, Homeland Security, Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services if they ban Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) programs from campus. Specifically, this bill would: 1) require colleges and universities to give military recruiters access to campus and to students that is equal in quality and scope as that provided to any other employer; 2) require

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an annual verification from colleges and universities who already support ROTC that they will continue to do so in the upcoming academic year; and 3) add two additional defense-related funding sources, the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Nuclear Security Administration of the Department of Energy, to the list of covered funds that potentially could be terminated. In addition, H.R. 3966 restores Department of Transportation grants to the list of funds that might be terminated, which were inadvertently deleted as a result of conforming changes to the Solomon Law generated by the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Republicans continue to refuse to allow consideration of legislation that would extend unemployment benefits which expired at the end of last year. Therefore, **Democrats are urged to OPPOSE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION on the Rule in order to allow the House to consider a six-month extension of unemployment benefits.**

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: On Wednesday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. and is expected to consider:

H.Res. 581 - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding rates of compensation for civilian employees and members of the uniformed services of the United States (*Rep. Tom Davis / Government Reform Committee*) (*Subject to a Rule*)

H.R. 3550 - Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (*Rep. Young {AK} - Transportation & Infrastructure*) (*Subject to a Rule*)

Daily Quote...

"I don't like deficits, I don't want deficits, and I won't pretend deficits don't matter."

- Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle (R-IA), during the budget debate last year (CongressDaily, 3/12/03). Note: House Republicans' FY05 Budget Resolution would *increase* the deficit by \$247 billion over the next five years and \$1.6 trillion over the next decade.