

# THE DAILY WHIP

Thursday, May 1, 2003 | Floor News from Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer

HOUSE MEETS AT...	LAST VOTE PREDICTED...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Number of "One-Minutes" Today: 10 per side	

## FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

**H.R. 1298 – United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003** (Hyde-International Relations)(Subject to a Rule). This bill authorizes \$15 billion over the next five years for the overseas care, treatment, and prevention of AIDS. In addition, it authorizes funds for certain programs to fight tuberculosis and malaria. The bill endorses three approaches to combat the spread of AIDS: abstinence, monogamy, and condom use.

The Rules Committee has recommended a structured rule that provides for one hour of general debate; provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule also makes in order eleven amendments to be considered in the following order:

- **Tauzin/Brown (OH) (20 minutes)** - Establishes priorities for the distribution of resources based on factors such as the size and demographics of specific nations to ensure that the countries that need assistance the most receive it first. Commissions a report by the Institutes of Medicine that compares the success rates of various programs and methods used under the strategy set forth in H.R. 1298. States that if, at any point, administrative expenses within the Global Fund exceed 10 percent of total expenditures of the Fund for any 2-year period, the U.S. shall withhold an equal amount from its contribution the following year. Requires the HIV/AIDS Coordinator to make available to Congress information on the Global Fund, including all financial and accounting statements and reports provided to the Global Fund by organizations contracted to audit recipients of funds and project proposals submitted by applicants and grantees. Encourages the Centers for Disease Control, in coordination with the Global AIDS Coordinator, to develop and implement effective strategies to improve injection safety and improve the education and information provided to the public and to health professionals. Directs the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study on illegal importation into the U.S. of prescription drugs donated or sold for humanitarian efforts.
- **Crowley (10 minutes)** - Requires that the teaching of programs to combat HIV/AIDS should involve a curriculum targeted to men and boys emphasizing gender equality and respect for women and girls.
- **Biggart (10 minutes)** - Expresses the sense of Congress that the President should conduct an outreach campaign to inform the public of the existence of the Global Fund and encourage private contributions to the Global Fund by establishing and operating an Internet website and making public service announcements.
- **Stearns (10 minutes)** - Requires that for every dollar paid to any individual Global Fund staffer that is over the amount of the U.S. Vice President's salary, there be a deduction of the same amount from the next year's appropriation to the Global Fund. All funds would continue to go to HIV/AIDS programs. The President may waive the provision for national security interests.
- **Ballance (10 minutes)** - Expresses the sense of Congress that African nations that object to U.S. food aid on non-scientific grounds should accept this food assistance to improve nutrition, particularly for HIV/AIDS patients in those countries. Findings include discussion of food insecurity among HIV/AIDS infected individuals, the link between malnutrition and the accelerated deterioration of HIV/AIDS patients, as well as the diminished impact of HIV/AIDS drug therapy in malnourished individuals. Makes a technical change, removing an inaccurate reference to nevirapine.

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- **\*\* Smith (MI) (10 minutes)** - Reconciles funding levels with the President's budget and the budget resolution. Authorizes \$2 billion in fiscal year 2004, as called for by the President's budget and the budget resolution. Increases the authorization by \$500 million in each subsequent year until it reaches \$4 billion in fiscal year 2008. Total authorization of \$15 billion over 5 years is maintained.
- **Millender-McDonald (10 minutes)** - Calls for a pilot program of assistance for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS that ensures the inheritance rights of women, particularly women in African countries. Requires that the Presidential report on the pilot program include a description of activities undertaken to carry out the pilot program. Calls for an authorization of appropriations to fund the pilot program.
- **McCollum (10 minutes)** - Ensures that orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS receive not less than 10 percent of the amounts appropriated for HIV/AIDS assistance for fiscal years 2006 through 2008, of which not less than 50 percent of the funding shall be channeled through non-profit, non-governmental organizations, including faith-based organizations that implement programs at the community level.
- **Jackson-Lee (10 minutes)** - Expresses the sense of Congress that U.S. agencies should encourage U.S. businesses and private groups to provide assistance to sub-Saharan African countries to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS. Funds and assistance should be coordinated through a privately funded HIV/AIDS Response Fund.
- **\*\* Smith (NJ)/Hyde/Renzi (20 minutes)** - Clarification of the existing conscience protection language. Ensures that a qualified grantee is not disqualified from receiving HIV/AIDS funds because the grantee has a religious or moral objection to participating in some types of HIV/AIDS prevention or treatment.
- **\*\* Pitts/Hyde (20 minutes)** - Specifies that of the amount set aside for HIV/AIDS prevention in bilateral assistance, 33% should go to abstinence-until-marriage programs.

\*\* Ranking Member Lantos will oppose these amendments.

## REMINDER

- The Republican Leadership has announced that Members should expect votes next Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

## DAILY QUOTE...

"I could be strongly supportive of certain types of tax cuts... If, however, in the process you get significant increases in deficits which induce a rise in long-term interest rates, you will be significantly undercutting the benefits."

-Alan Greenspan, *The Wall Street Journal*, Today

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