



# The Daily Whip

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2003**

| House Meets At...  | Last Vote Predicted At... |
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| <b>10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business</b><br><b>Ten "One Minutes" Per Side</b> | <b>5:00-6:00 p.m.</b>     |

**\*\*\* NOTE THAT THIS WEEK WE EXPECT IMPORTANT VOTES ON MEDICARE REFORM. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.**

**\*\*\* MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SIGN THE CONCURRENT RECEIPT DISCHARGE PETITION AVAILABLE ON THE HOUSE FLOOR AT THE CLERK'S DESK. 197 Members have signed on.**

## FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

### Suspensions (8 bills):

- 1) **S. 858** - To extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (*Sen. Durbin - Government Reform*)
- 2) **H.R. 2474** - To require that funds made available for fiscal years 2003 and 2004 for the Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships be administered through the Congressional Hunger Center (*Rep. Emerson - Agriculture*)
- 3) **H.J.Res. 49** - Recognizing the important service to the Nation provided by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary (*Rep. Goodlatte - Agriculture*)
- 4) **H.R. 1511** - To award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair (*Rep. Brown-Waite - Financial Services*)
- 5) **H.Res. 277** - Expressing support for freedom in Hong Kong (*Rep. Cox - International Relations*)
- 6) **H.Con.Res. 49** - Expressing the sense of the Congress that the sharp escalation of anti-Semitic violence within many participating States of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is of profound concern and efforts should be undertaken to prevent future occurrences (*Rep. C. Smith {NJ} - International Relations*)
- 7) **H.Res. 294** - Condemning the terrorism inflicted on Israel since the Aqaba summit, expressing solidarity with the Israeli people, and calling on the Palestinian Authority to take immediate and effective steps to dismantle the terrorist infrastructure on the West Bank and Gaza (*Rep. Lantos - International Relations*)
- 8) **H.Res. 199** - Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China immediately and unconditionally to release Dr. Yang Jianli, calling on the President of the United States to continue working on behalf of Dr. Yang Jianli for his release (*Rep. Frank - International Relations*)

**H.R. 2417 - Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004** (*Rep. Goss - Intelligence*)  
*(Subject to a Rule)*

## BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

**H.R. 2417 - Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004** (*Rep. Goss - Intelligence*) *(Subject to a Rule)*. This bill authorizes classified amounts for fourteen intelligence agencies including the CIA and the National Security Agency (NSA), and foreign



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intelligence activities of the Defense Department, State Department, Homeland Security Department, FBI and other agencies. This bill also requires the CIA director to report to Congress on intelligence lessons learned as a result of the Iraq conflict. This bill was unanimously reported by the Intelligence Committee.

The Rules Committee has recommended a modified open rule that provides for one hour of general debate; provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In addition, the Rule makes in order six amendments to be considered in the following order:

- **Cox Amendment** - Strikes Section 336 of the bill regarding setting state and local pilot programs to collect and transmit information to prevent terrorist attacks.
- **Farr Amendment** - Seeks to improve the foreign language training of the intelligence community by providing: (1) training in the application of standardized foreign language skill assessment mechanisms; (2) development of curriculum for advanced proficiency intelligence community foreign language speakers and interpreters; (3) non-degree training for translators and interpreters; (4) training intelligence community foreign language teachers in the use of technology geared for teaching advanced "critical languages;" (5) intensive on-site foreign language training.
- **Harman Amendment** - Amends section (g)(1) of Section 343 of the bill by requiring the Director of Central Intelligence to report on whether further consolidation or elimination of watch list databases in federal departments and agencies would contribute to the efficacy and effectiveness of the Terrorist Identification Classification System in identifying known or suspected terrorist. If so, it would also require the Director of Central Intelligence to report on steps required to consolidate or eliminate such watch lists.
- **Hastings (FL) Amendment** - Directs the Director of Central Intelligence to establish a pilot project to improve recruitment of ethnic and cultural minorities and women to meet the diversity of skills, language, and expertise required by the current mission.
- **Kucinich Amendment** - Directs the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency to conduct an audit of all telephone and electronic communications between the CIA and the Office of the Vice President that relate to weapons of mass destruction obtained or developed by Iraq preceding Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Inspector General shall submit a report to Congress on the audit conducted no later than 1 year after the date of enactment.
- **Lee Amendment** - Requires the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study to determine the extent of intelligence sharing by the Department of Defense and intelligence community with United Nations inspectors searching for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## Daily Quote...

"Already, some insurance companies are saying that they don't intend to offer the drug benefit [proposed in GOP legislation in the House and Senate], which is supposed to be run by the private sector, and no wonder: One of the current versions requires a \$35 monthly premium, a \$250 deductible and heavy co-payments for what is ultimately incomplete coverage."

-The Washington Post in an editorial today