

THE DAILY WHIP

Wednesday, March 12, 2003 | Floor News from Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer

HOUSE MEETS AT...	LAST VOTE PREDICTED...
11:00 a.m.: Legislative Business	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Unlimited "One-Minutes"	

***** NOTE THAT ON THURSDAY WE EXPECT CRITICAL VOTES ON MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LEGISLATION. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

The House will meet at 11:00 a.m. for legislative business. Three votes are expected immediately when the House convenes at 11:00 a.m. (a journal vote and the 2 postponed suspension votes from yesterday). Next, the House will debate 6 suspension bills. A series of votes is expected at approximately 1:00-2:00 p.m. when the Official House Photograph will be taken.

Rolled Suspension Votes (2 bills):

- 1) H.Res. 122-** Recognizing the Bicentennial of the admission of Ohio in to the Union and the Contributions of Ohio Residents to the economic, social and cultural development of the United States (Regula- Gov't Reform)
- 2) H.Con.Res. 85-** Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to the need for improved fire safety in nonresidential buildings in the aftermath of the tragic fire on February 20, 2003, at a nightclub in West Warwick, Rhode Island (Langevin- Gov't Reform)

Suspensions (6 Bills):

Then, the House is scheduled to consider 6 Suspension bills. Suspension bills are debatable for 40 minutes each, may not be amended, and require two-thirds majority for passage.

- 1) H.R. 659** - Hospital Mortgage Insurance Act of 2003 (Ney- Financial Services)
- 2) H.R. 389** - Automatic Defibrillation in Adam's Memory Act (Shimkus- Energy and Commerce)
- 3) H.R. 342** - Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health Act (John- Energy and Commerce)
- 4) H.R. 398** - Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Prevention Act (Ferguson- Energy and Commerce)
- 5) H.R. 399** - Organ Donation Improvement Act (Bilirakis- Energy and Commerce)
- 6) H.R. 663-** Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act (Medical Errors Act) (Bilirakis - Energy and Commerce)

REMINDER

- The Republican Leadership has announced that the voting time on 15-minute recorded votes will be strictly enforced.

DAILY QUOTE...

"The result of these [Medicaid] cuts is going to be a skyrocketing number of uninsured. We talk about the nation's 'safety net' having holes. Well, it's being completely tattered."

-Ron Pollack, Executive Director of Families USA, as quoted in today's *USA Today*

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