

THE DAILY WHIP

Tuesday, April 1, 2003 | Floor News from Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer

HOUSE MEETS AT...	LAST VOTE PREDICTED...
10:30 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Unlimited "One-Minutes"	

***** TODAY WE EXPECT AN IMPORTANT VOTE ON THE DEMOCRATIC MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON THE FY04 BUDGET RESOLUTION. ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP'S FLOOR STAFF IF YOU WILL BE ABSENT.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

The House will meet at 10:30 a.m. for Morning Hour and at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business.

Suspensions (6 bills):

Suspension bills are debatable for 40 minutes each, may not be amended, and require two-thirds majority for passage.

- 1) H.R. 1412** - The Higher Education Relief Opportunities for Students Act of 2003 (HEROES) (Kline - Ed & Work)
- 2) H.R. 758** - Business Checking Freedom Act of 2003 (Kelly - Financial Services)
- 3) H.R. 622** - Coconino/Tonto National Forest Land Exchange (Renzi - Resources)
- 4) H.R. 762** - To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Mineral Leasing Act to clarify the method by which the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture determine the fair marked value of certain rights of way granted, issued, or renewed under these Acts (Cubin - Resources)
- 5) H.R. 289** - To expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (Kaptur/Dingell - Resources)
- 6) H.Con.Res. 109** - Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Blue Star Banner and the Gold Star (Shadegg - Armed Services)

Motion to go to Conference on H.Con.Res. 95 – Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY2004

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BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

Motion to go to Conference on H.Con.Res. 95 – Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY2004. The House will consider a motion to go to conference on H.Con.Res. 95, which was adopted by the House on March 20th (the Senate approved its version of the Budget Resolution on March 26th). Mr. Spratt, Ranking Member of the Budget Committee, will offer a Motion to Instruct Conferees to: reject House Republicans' cuts to Medicaid and Medicare; reject House Republicans' cuts of \$9.4 billion to key education programs; reject House Republicans' \$14.6 billion cuts in Veterans' benefits; reject House Republicans' cuts to railroad retirees' pensions; reject House Republicans' \$61.5 billion cut in aid for working families and the disabled; and reject House Republicans' cuts of \$18.6 billion to agriculture programs, in a deficit neutral way.

Democrats are strongly urged to VOTE YES on the Spratt Motion to Instruct.

REMINDER

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

DAILY QUOTE...

"The federal government, if it used an accounting method preferred by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, would have turned in a deficit of \$365 billion in 2002, twice as big as the official budget deficit number for last year: \$158 billion."

-- Associated Press

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