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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2005

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

**** THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE REPUBLICAN RECONCILIATION BILL WILL BE CONSIDERED THIS WEEK. MEMBER ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL. PLEASE CALL THE WHIP'S OFFICE IF A MEMBER ANTICIPATES NOT BEING IN ATTENDANCE.**

**** IN ADDITION, THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP HAS ANNOUNCED TO ITS MEMBERS THAT A SATURDAY SESSION IS POSSIBLE THIS WEEK.**

**** MEMBERS ARE URGED TO SIGN ONTO THE EDWARDS DISCHARGE PETITION (AVAILABLE TODAY), THAT WOULD FORCE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 808 TO ELIMINATE THE MILITARY FAMILY'S TAX. H.R. 808 ELIMINATES THE PROVISION IN CURRENT LAW THAT FORCES WIDOWS TO LOSE THEIR SURVIVOR BENEFITS IF THEY RECEIVE DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION BENEFITS BECAUSE THEIR SPOUSE DIED OF A SERVICE-CONNECTED INJURY.**

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

Suspensions (15 bills):

- 1) **H.R. 3975** - Hurricane Regulatory Relief Act of 2005 (*Rep. Jindal - Education and the Workforce*)
- 2) **H.R. 3647** - To render nationals of Denmark eligible to enter the United States as nonimmigrant traders and investors (*Rep. Sensenbrenner - Judiciary*)
- 3) **H.R. 1036** - To amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to copyright royalty judges (*Rep. Smith (TX) - Judiciary*)
- 4) **H.R. 866** - To make technical corrections to the United States Code (*Rep. Sensenbrenner - Judiciary*)
- 5) **H.R. 1442** - To complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, "Shipping", as positive law (*Rep. Sensenbrenner - Judiciary*)
- 6) **H.Res. 547** - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit deplorably infringed on parental rights in *Fields v. Palmdale School District* (*Rep. Murphy - Judiciary*)
- 7) **H.R. 3351** - Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2005 (*Rep. Pombo - Resources*)
- 8) **H.R. 562** - To authorize the Government of Ukraine to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the victims of the manmade famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932-1933 (*Rep. Levin - Resources*)
- 9) **H.R. 1492** - To provide for the preservation of the historic confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II (*Rep. Thomas - Resources*)
- 10) **H.Con.Res. 230** - Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation must protect intellectual property rights (*Rep. Issa - Ways and Means*)
- 11) **H.Res. 500** - Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the disappearance of the 5 naval Avenger torpedo bombers of Flight 19 and the naval Mariner rescue aircraft sent to search for Flight 19 (*Rep. Shaw - Armed Services*)
- 12) **H.R. 4326** - To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a contract for the nuclear refueling and complex overhaul of the U.S.S. Carl Vinson (CVN-70) (*Rep. Jo Ann Davis - Armed Services*)
- 13) **H.Con.Res. 268** - Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding oversight of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (*Rep. Doolittle - Energy and Commerce*)
- 14) **H.R. 4133** - National Flood Insurance Program Further Enhanced Borrowing Authority Act of 2005 (*Rep. Fitzpatrick - Financial Services*)
- 15) **H.Res. 546** - Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks that occurred on November 9, 2005, in Amman, Jordan (*Rep. Ros-Lehtinen - International Relations*)

H.R. 1065 – United States Boxing Commission Act (*Rep. Stearns – Energy & Commerce*) (*Subject to a Rule*). This bill creates a national, three-member commission to regulate boxing. The commission is to be located at the Department of Commerce and charged with: protecting the general interests of boxers; ensuring uniformity, fairness, and integrity in professional boxing; overseeing all professional boxing matches in the United States; ensuring that federal and state laws applicable to professional boxing matches are vigorously, effectively, and fairly enforced; assisting state boxing commissions in meeting minimum standards prescribed by the federal commission; and taking any action that is "necessary and proper" to accomplish the purposes of



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the Act. HR1065 prohibits the commission from promoting boxing events or ranking professional boxers; requires that all boxers, managers, promoters, match-makers, judges, referees, and sanctioning organizations be licensed by the federal commission; and grants the commission broad powers to suspend or revoke a license for violations of the federal law and standards established under the law. This bill was reported out of the Energy and Commerce Committee on July 28th by a 25-16 vote (with all Democrats present voting in favor); and by the Judiciary Committee by voice vote on September 29th.

The Rules Committee has recommended a restrictive rule that provides one hour of general debate, makes in order five amendments debatable for 10 minutes each, and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The five amendments made in order by the rule are:

- **Sterns Manager's Amendment.** To clarify that the fees authorized to be collected shall be available to fund the operations of the Commission and the administration of the Act; and to clarify that offsetting collections are available to the Commission subject to appropriation.
- **Filner Amendment.** To add responsibilities to the Commission's core functions including: requiring a copy of any contract for a boxing match; establishing minimum standards for the availability of medical services at professional boxing matches; encouraging insurance and pension benefits for people in the boxing industry; and establishing minimum standards for fights conducted overseas.
- **Sodrel Amendment.** To specify that funds for the operation of the Commission and administration of the Act are to be raised through licensing fees.
- **Filner Amendment.** To require that the Commission develop a consistent and objective ratings system, and then requiring boxing sanctioning organizations to adopt this system.
- **Sodrel Amendment.** To strike section 14 of the bill, which authorizes appropriations for the Commission.

Postponed Suspension Votes (1 bill):

- 1) **H.R. 1790** – Child Medication Safety Act of 2005 (*Rep. Kline – Education and the Workforce*)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider: **Conference Report on H.R. 2528** – Military Quality of Life & Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for FY06 (*Walsh – Appropriations*); and **Conference Report on H.R. 3058** – Transportation, Treasury, HUD, Judiciary, District of Columbia Appropriations Act for FY06 (*Knollenberg – Appropriations*). In addition, the House may also consider tomorrow, or any day this week, **H.R. 4241** – GOP Reconciliation Bill (*Rep. Nussle – Budget*) (*Subject to a Rule*).

Daily Quote...

"This year's budget resolution calls for two reconciliation bills -- a spending cut bill of \$35 billion and a tax cut bill of \$70 billion. Simple arithmetic dispels the notion that this combination is aimed at deficit reduction. It is hard to rally support for a spending cut labeled the 'Deficit Reduction Act of 2005' when it will be followed by a tax cut that, by the same logic, should be labeled the 'Deficit Increase Act of 2005.'"

- Robert Bixby, the Executive Director of the Concord Coalition, in a statement on 11/14/05