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House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.Res. 656 - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 444 - Back to Work Incentive Act of 2003 (Rep. Pryce / Rules). The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule with no amendments and one hour of general debate; provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 4444 shall be considered as adopted; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 444, the texts of H.R. 4409 and H.R. 4410 as passed by the House be added at the end of H.R. 444.

H.Res. 657 - Rule providing for consideration of H.J.Res. 83 - Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individuals to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives (Rep. Hastings (WA) / Rules) The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule with no amendments that provides 90 minutes of general debate and one motion to recommit.

Postponed Suspension Votes (1 bill):

1) H.J.Res. 93 - Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Allied landing at Normandy during World War II (*Sponsored by Rep. Smith (NJ) / Armed Services*)

Suspensions (8 bills):

1) H.R. 4409 - To reauthorize title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (*Rep. Gingrey - Education & the Workforce*)

2) H.R. 4411 - To amend title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure graduate opportunities in postsecondary education (*Rep. Burns - Education & the Workforce*)

3) H.R. 3908 - To provide for the conveyance of the real property located at 1081 West Main Street in Ravenna, Ohio (*Rep. Ryan {OH} - Education & the Workforce*)

4) H.Con.Res. 413 - Honoring the contributions of the women, symbolized by "Rosie the Riveter", who served on the homefront during World War II (*Rep. Capito - Education & the Workforce*)

5) H.Res. 656 - Condemning the crackdown on democracy protestors in Tiananmen Square, Beijing, in the People's Republic of China on the 15th anniversary of that tragic massacre (*Reps. Cox/Pelosi / International Relations Committee*)

6) H.R. 4109 - Simple Tax for Seniors Act (*Rep. Burns - Ways & Means*)

7) H.R. 1086 - Standards Development Organization Advancement Act of 2003 (*Rep. Sensenbrenner - Judiciary*)

8) H.R. 3866 - Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004 (*Rep. Sensenbrenner - Judiciary*)

H.J.Res. 83 - Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States regarding the appointment of individuals to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives (Rep. Baird - Judiciary) (Subject to a Rule). This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution regarding the appointment of individuals to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives. It states that if at any time a majority of the whole membership of the House of Representatives is unable to carry out its duties because of death or incapacity,



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the governor of any State represented by a Member who is dead or incapacitated at that time shall appoint an individual to take the Member's place. The appointee is to be selected from a list submitted by each Member, which would be required from the Member prior to taking the oath of office and can be subsequently revised. This Constitutional amendment would require: (1) the appointee to be selected as soon as practicable after the Member's death or incapacity has been certified (but in no event later than seven days); (2) the appointee to serve until the Member regains capacity or until another Member is elected to the vacancy; (3) the State to provide for an election to fill the vacancy according to State law (the appointee can be a candidate in this election). H.J.Res.83 was reported adversely by the Judiciary Committee in a 17-12 vote. A two-thirds majority vote by both the House and the Senate is required to submit the proposal to the states, and three-fourths (38) of the states need to ratify it in order for the proposal to be included in the Constitution.

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 and is expected to consider H.R. 444 - Back to Work Incentive Act of 2003 (*Rep. Porter - Education & the Workforce*) (*Subject to a Rule*). In addition, the House is expected to appoint conferees on H.R. 3550, the Transportation Equity Act, and H.R. 1261, the Workforce Investment Act.

Daily Quote...

"Democrats looking ahead to November got a bounce with the victory of Stephanie Herseth in a special election, marking the party's second straight congressional triumph and snatching a House seat in a heavily GOP-leaning state... [Herseth's] victory gave the Democrats two straight triumphs this year in special elections waged for GOP-held seats, and coincided with Democratic claims that a national tide is running their way ahead of the fall campaign. Recent polling shows support slumping for President Bush as well as for the Republican majority in the House."

- AP, 06/02/04